

PRESBYTERIAN LINK

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The Monthly Newsletter of the
Timaru Presbyterian Parish



Welcome to the Blackbeard family



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Luke's commissioning

On Sunday the 19th of February, at a combined service at Trinity Church, we had the very great pleasure of commissioning Luke Blackbeard as our new Ministry Intern, and welcoming his family Teresa, Sophie, and Johnny into our midst. Luke will be working alongside Brent and Rory, and studying towards his ordination as he serves among us until November 2024.

We were joined by Rev. Alistair McNaughton (St. Andrews Geraldine) who brought us greetings from Alpine Presbytery and licensed Luke to lead us in the sacraments of Communion and Baptism. We also heard, online, from Rev. Dr. Geoff New who encouraged us to pray for Luke and his family, especially around the disruptive times of block courses. Rory preached on Colossians 1:24-29 and invited us to reflect on three things at the beginning of this journey:

- This is a Partnership
- This is a Calling
- This is God's Story

**Welcome Luke! We look forward to learning with you
and from you in the months ahead!**



Rory



Editorial

Welcome to this edition of the Link. By the time you read this Catherine and I will be on the far side of the planet in the UK. We will be gone for 3 months, a combination of annual leave and study leave. We leave for Singapore on the 29th March where we will have a 3 day stopover then onto London where we will meet up with our kids, Emma and Kit and do some touristy things including a trip to Ireland to check out **Catherine's ancestral roots. We also plan to do a road trip to Scotland** for about a week. We return via Toronto and LA in early July.



My study leave is in Cambridge hosted by Westminster College, which is the theological college of the United Reformed Church (picture below). We will be based there from the end of April until the term ends in mid-June. My accommodation is sponsored by the Cheshunt foundation which makes the endeavour more affordable. Catherine also has relatives we will stay with along the way as well. She is planning to do a 5-day silent retreat as well as visit some hospices in the area.

There is no set course for study leave- it is self-directed. However, the expectation is that robust study will be undertaken and a report produced which is evaluated by the presbytery. I will be doing some deep thinking and reflecting on beliefs I have held to be central to the Christian life but that **have come under closer scrutiny as I've got older. This is a phenomenon** known as faith deconstruction and is quite common, especially in middle age. Many who go through deconstruction abandon their faith altogether but I am interested in ways to reconstruct faith that accommodates new ways of seeing our relationship with God and lead us into renewal. Watch this space as I will send regular updates of our trip.

I'm very aware of the wonderful privilege I have to travel and study at Cambridge and I am very thankful to be taking this time away to refresh and rejuvenate my soul. I'm also very thankful to be part of this wonderful and supportive parish; your prayers and interest in what we are doing mean a lot to us.

God bless; we'll see you in July.

Brent and Catherine

March Parish Council Report

Margaret Littler opened the meeting with a devotion inspired by Lions District Governor Jules Ellis' appeal for support for areas in New Zealand and beyond that are affected by natural disasters at the moment. Margaret led us in prayer for those affected by cyclones, floods and earthquakes.

We updated the first aid officers for St. Stephens - thank you Margaret Walker and Steph Holland! We will update the Trinity officers in the coming month.

Our order of the day was reflecting on the Parish Council / Admin retreat held at Trinity Temuka on Saturday 25th February. The purpose of this retreat was to consider the financial position of the parish, and how we might improve our long term outlook.

This meeting produced several long term and short term suggestions to move towards long term financial sustainability. We have initiated work on some of these suggestions, and more information will be shared with the congregation in due course.

We're looking forward to sharing in worship with other churches from the Timaru Christian Ministers' Association on Good Friday, 10 am at Craighead Auditorium.

Mission Group are working on an appropriate response to support the victims of Cyclone Gabrielle.

Eat Well are having to change suppliers at the end of March, and there may be other changes related to this, but the good work and the good food will continue.

From the ministry team, it was good to welcome Luke aboard for his first meeting, Rory shared some pastoral matters - including the upcoming baptism service for Sarah MacKillop on Sunday 26th of March at St. Stephens. That same day we will have a shared lunch to celebrate with Sarah, and to say fare-thee-well to Brent and Catherine as they head off on their OE. Brent will keep the Link updated with an occasional travelogue during his time away. Brent will be on study leave at Cambridge University in England from the end of March until early July.

Many blessings,

Rory

SNIPPETS from the Mission Group Meeting

At the first meeting of the year for the Mission Group, a thank-you letter from the Christmas Angels (PSSC) team was read. The organisers thanked us for our generous response, and also asked for our feedback regarding the organisation of the scheme.

To jog your memory we raised approximately \$500 for our allotted family (a grandmother raising 3 children 15, 8, and 6), and this money was spent on generous vouchers from businesses of their choice along with lovely gifts.

Buy and Supply has been flourishing over the holiday season with a **total of \$232.00 raised for "Bike Helmets for Refugees"**.

For the next 6 weeks until Sunday 26th March we will be collecting for **Cyclone Gabrielle assistance. Let's make it a bumper donation for this** devastating event in our own backyard by either buying or supplying items for / from our tables.

The dreadful devastation in Syria/Turkey is our theme for our next philanthropic Bucket Mission on Sunday 5th. Multiple earthquakes have caused incomprehensible destruction along the border of these 2 countries. The following month (2nd. April) the Bucket Mission will be for Blind Low Vision NZ.

Finally, can you help?

When we have a large function in Trinity Hall we are short of supper cloths for the small tables we have round the perimeter of the room. If you can help by donating one please phone Elaine : 686 0870

Elaine.



Trinity Community Garden

The garden is flourishing in all respects except for one thing.....we really need to have some more help from our church family. Please can you offer one hour a month either on a Tuesday 3.30pm or Saturday morning at 9.30am until the end of May?

The tomatoes are growing well and need to be thinned; the pumpkins are growing and need to have some runners cut back; there are hoses connected to water the gardens if no rain has fallen!! The herbs are growing well, the kale and runner beans are growing well. Just One Hour! Call Helen 021 768 973 or 684 6403 and leave a message.

Rhythm Kids

Rhythm Kids has got off to a great start. Many new families with their little people are attending. It is wonderful to see these new faces and witness the friendly interactions amongst them and the RK team. We have some new team members too and appreciate the ongoing commitment from everyone. It is a wonderful Community Outreach to be part of.

Helen Carter



Every Tuesday morning
during school term
10-11am Trinity Hall College Rd
Gold Coin Donation
Morning Tea Supplied
Helen 021 768 973

Eat Well Fruit & Vege Co-op 22 College Rd & 349 Wai-iti Road



Family pack

\$15

Small pack

\$10

Orders

022-123-3663



or Email: eatwell@timarupres.org.nz



Working hard on the community garden at Trinity.

Feedback from the recent parish council retreat held in Temuka, Saturday 25th Feb

The parish council held a special retreat last month to discuss the financial situation of our parish and to begin the conversation around how to address the long term sustainability of our church. Participants included the Admin ministry group, active elders and key leaders. We also had input from David Dally who is the recently retired parish manager from Hope Christchurch.

We have been running deficit budgets (that is, spending more than we earn) since 2015. This has been funded by the return on our capital funds which came from the sale of various properties over the years. This **'easy money' will likely be depleted by Dec 2024. When that happens we** will be relying solely on our revenue from our faithful donors but this will not be sufficient to cover our current operations.

One obvious solution is to simply cut our costs. Our biggest costs are staff (2 ministers, 1 FTE office position, cleaner and gardener) and operating 2 worship/mission centres. Cutting costs also means cutting services and it becomes challenging to know what to stop doing in order to rationalize our work.

The other option was to look at ways in which we can raise revenue. This led to some creative and energising conversation as ideas were shared and played with. We have significant capital we can spend on buildings

which has potential to generate new income streams. For example:

We could install solar panels on our roofs at Trinity and St Stephens.

This would save electricity costs but also generate more power than we would use, the surplus being sold back to the grid.

We could use the land behind St Stephens to build some houses for rent thus providing a regular income stream.

We could relocate to one site and rent or sell the other site.

Some of these ideas will be investigated further to assess their feasibility and no decisions can be made without due process involving the **congregation and presbytery**. I'm also reminded that this is the Lord's work and while we must be careful stewards of the resources we have been given, God is our ultimate provider and I am confident the God will make a way for us.

Rev Brent Richardson

18 January 2023

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Dear Members

On behalf of Family Works, we would like to thank you for your generous support throughout 2022.

We appreciate the weekly donations to our foodbank, enabling us to continue supporting families we work with as well as requests for food from the community. Requests for food parcels have continued to increase throughout the year as living costs rise and we anticipate this will continue into 2023. Other agencies are also experiencing this, and we continue to work with them in supporting their clients with food.

We are also grateful for the knitted clothing for children which parents appreciate, especially during the winter months. It is wonderful for our Family Start service to be able to give mothers warm woollen clothing and blankets for their newborn babies.

The Refugee Settlement Service is moving forward with new families arriving, after a slow start due to the pandemic. We are thankful for the use of your storage area in Trinity Hall and the other ways the Parish has supported this service.

Thank you for the wonderful work you do.

Yours sincerely



Nancy McGregor
Acting General Manager

Cancer Society



Relay for Life



Saturday 11 March 2023

10.00am to 10.00pm

**Join us now to form another
'Timaru Presbyterian Team'**

Neil ph 021 038 9229 or Murray ph 686 1629

Hello from Murray and Neil
Your relay for life team Captains

Just a reminder that you need to register for the team to take part.
This will cost you \$15.

And you will get a free candle bag and a battery operated candle
The candlelight ceremony to remember those who have passed
on takes place at 8.30pm.

If you are not a team member you can obtain the candle bag and
battery from the tent next to the admin tent which is close to our
tent at site number 4.

There is a facility for decorating the bag at the tent.

If you are unable to be at the ceremony volunteers will place your
candle bag and respectfully dispose of it afterwards.

A lap of remembrance in silence will take place after the
ceremony at 8.30pm.

So far our team has raised more than \$300.

Good luck with sponsorship

Murray Facer and Neil McKinnon



**Christian
World Service**

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Supporter Number:
21905

27 January 2023

Timaru Presbyterian Parish
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Dear Timaru Presbyterian Parish

Thank you for your generous donation of \$204.20 received on 17/01/2023 to this year's Christmas Appeal.

Too many people live with the danger that comes with unclean water and unrelenting poverty. People like Caleb and his grandmother cannot afford to lose hope. Thank you for sharing your concern for people who are missing out on the basics of life in a very real way.

The Christmas Appeal funds the equipment and training so families can build and repair rainwater tanks. It supports training programmes and materials for small farmers adapting to less rainfall and communities preparing for major disasters like flooding and hurricanes and much more. Your support means more people will have clean water and be able to meet their needs despite the climate crisis.

Thank you for sharing our hope that the world can be transformed when we work together to make sure everyone has water, food and a say in matters that affect them.

Yours sincerely

Murray Overton
National Director

This is an acknowledgement of your donation. An annual tax receipt will be emailed or posted to you after the end of the financial year, March 31.

If you require more regular receipting, please contact us.

Thank you for supporting Christian World Service

Christian World Service works to overcome poverty and injustice around the world
Christian World Service is listed on the Charities Register. The registration number is CC22288



PETER DORAN TOUR AOTEAROA FUNDRAISER

Biking from Queen Charlotte Sound to Milford Sound -
1500km's raising \$\$ for Family Works



<https://pssc.org.nz/peterdoran/>

Follow Peter on his journey to raise funds for Family Works child and family psychologist, Catherine Feely, to have more hours available for the children and families in South Canterbury.

www.pssc.org.nz/donate

Easter Activities

Word Find

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Life	Love	Miracle	S	A	C	R	I	F	I	C	E	T
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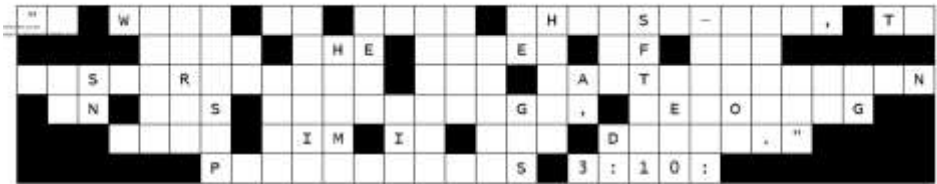


Plant Sale coming up on the 16th September:

Do you have time to help with potting up plants for the Plant Sale? Can you help by growing or giving a plant to pot up?

Do you have any potting or seed mix to spare?

Try to rebuild this Bible verse using the letters below



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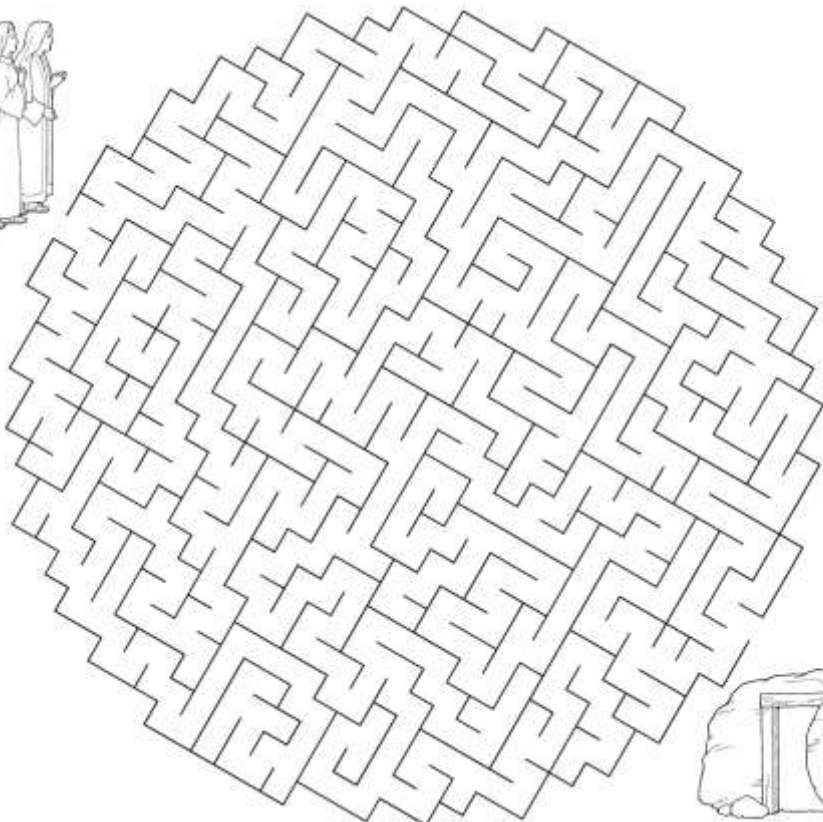
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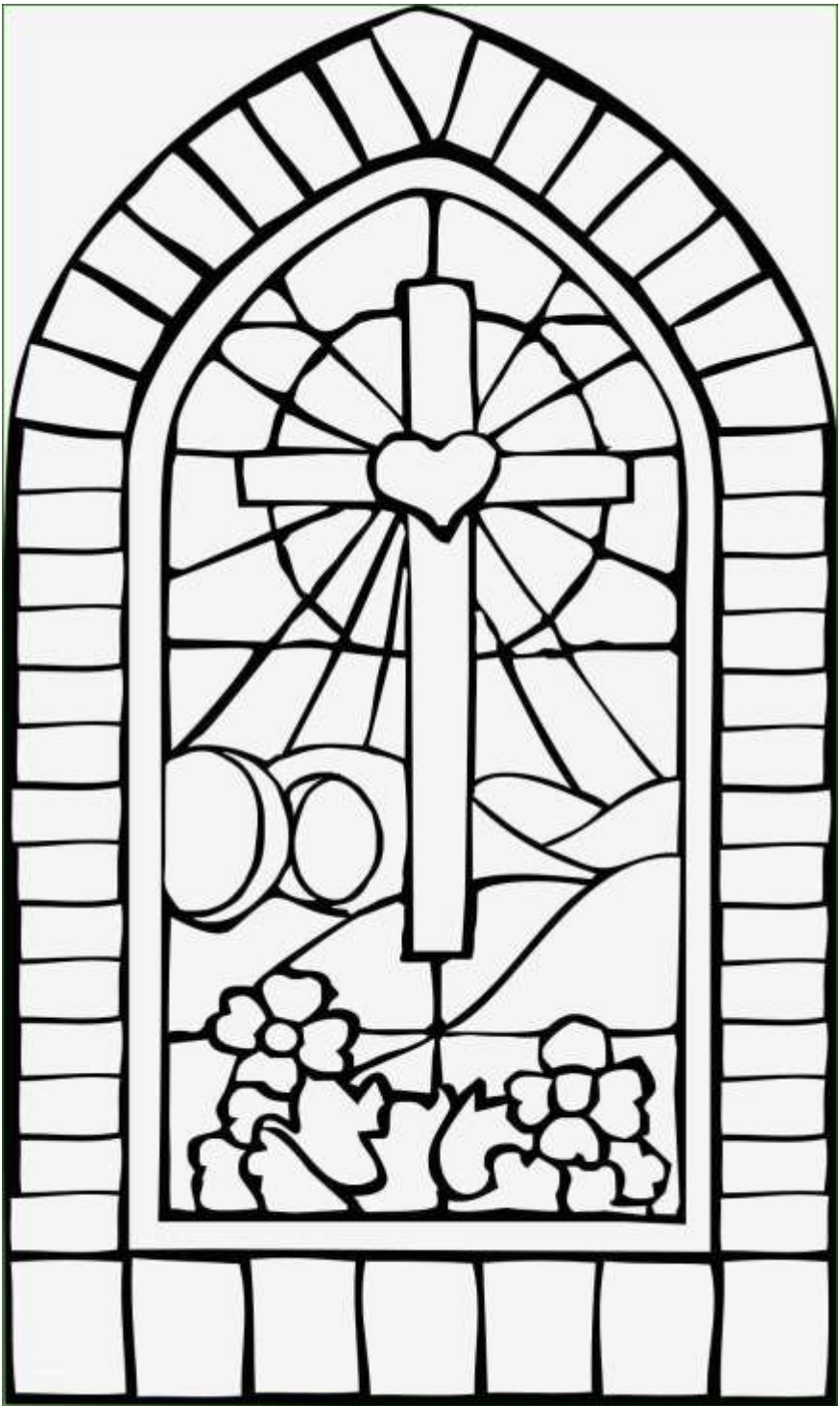
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R I L H K O C T I O K E P W N C S R O B T C I S I N I O O

Help the Marys find their way to Jesus' tomb.





Italian Easter Bread



Ingredients :

- 1 ¼ cups milk
- ½ cup unsalted butter, cut into small cubes
- 2 ¼ teaspoons rapid rise instant yeast, 1 package
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 4 cups all-purpose flour, divided, plus more for kneading
- 1 large egg, beaten plus 1 teaspoon water
- 3 dyed easter eggs, raw or hard boiled
- colored sprinkles

Instructions :

- 1 -In a small saucepan, add milk and butter. Heat to 120 to 130° F (49 to 54°C), stirring until the butter melts. Do not allow the milk to go above 130° F (54°C).
- 2-In a large mixing bowl, combine yeast, salt, and sugar. Add the eggs and whisk together. Add the warmed milk and butter mixture. Add 2 cups of flour.
- 3-Attach a dough hook to a stand mixer and combine on medium speed until smooth, about 2 minutes. Scrape the sides with a spatula as needed to incorporate the flour.
- 4-Slowly add the remaining 2 cups of flour to the mixer on medium-low speed and scrape the sides as needed. Knead until the dough is stiff and slightly sticky, about 12 minutes.
- 5-Place the dough on a lightly floured board and hand knead for about 3 to 4 minutes, adding a little more flour to prevent sticking. Do not use more than ¼ cup of flour.
- 6-Shape dough into a ball, cover with a dish towel and allow to rest for 10 minutes
- 7-Divide into 6 pieces. Roll each piece to form a 1-inch wide rope, about 14-inches long.
- 8-Taking 2 pieces, braid the rope, pinching the ends together and then loop into a circle. Make sure the ends are securely joined together.
- 9-Place on a parchment-lined baking sheet (2 per sheet), providing enough room to rise.
- 10-Loosely cover the baking sheet with plastic wrap or a dish towel and allow to rise in a warm area, like a proofing box, until it doubles in size, 45 to 60 minutes.
- 11-Preheat the oven to 350° F (177°C). Set the rack in the middle position.
- 12-Whisk together the large egg and 1 teaspoon water. Brush each braided bread with the egg wash.
- 13-If desired, top the bread with sprinkles.
- 14-Gently place one dyed egg in the center of each braided ring. Do not press into the dough, it will sink as it bakes.
- 15-Bake one tray at a time until golden brown, approximately 15 to 18 minutes.
- 16-Quickly transfer the baked bread to a cooling rack.

WORSHIP @ TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Live streaming every Sunday

<i>12 March</i>	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship & Communion @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>19 March</i>	9.00am Journey 21, C-Bay carpark. 9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>26 March</i>	9.30am Worship & Communion, Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>2 April</i>	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>7 April</i> <i>Good Friday</i>	10.00am Combined TCMA Service at Craighead Auditorium
<i>9 April</i>	7.00am Dawn Service @ Caroline Bay 10.30am Combined Worship & Communion at St Stephens

TIMARU PARISH EVENTS

Youth & Children's Events:

Boys' Brigade 6.00pm—7.30pm Mondays at 22 College Rd
Contact : Fiona 688-0375 or 021-1702930

Rhythm Kids: Tuesdays, 10-11am, Trinity Hall, College Rd.
Contact: Helen 684 6403 or 021768 973

Girls' Brigade Juniors and Seniors

6.00pm—7.30pm Tuesdays at 22 College Rd
Contact : Fiona 688 0375 or 021 170 2930

TIMARU PARISH EVENTS

Regular Events:

Prayer Group: Tuesday 9.00am, College Rd, Rory 686 1575

Community Club: Tuesdays, 1.30-3.30pm at Wai-iti Rd

Eat Well Co-op Packing: Tues, 11.30am, Wai-iti Rd.

Eat Well Co-op Pickups: Tues, 3-4 pm at College Rd & Wai-iti Rd

Yoga for Seniors on chairs: 2pm on Thurs in the hall at Trinity.

Leigh Marsden takes this 'not on the floor' exercise programme . This is for men and women. \$3 per session. Would you like to attend these classes? Or for more information, please contact Helen ph 684 6403 or 021 768 973.

Coming Up

Eatwell - Bags \$15 large and \$10 small. Place your order Thursdays by 8pm, pick up Tuesdays 3-4pm from Trinity Community Centre, 22 College Road or St Stephens Church, 349 Wai-iti Road.
Ph 022 123 3663 .

The Community Club: Tuesdays, 1.30-3.30pm at St Stephens for Cards 500. New members welcome. Contact: Sid & Hazel 684 3478.

Journey 21: Meets at C-Bay carpark. 9am, Sunday 19 March.

The theme for March 'The Spirituality of Water "

All welcome. Contact: Ellen ph 027 7723 146

Jam Session Wednesday 15 March at St Stephens, 7.00 to 8.30pm.

Contact: Brent for more information.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCH GROUP: The monthly meeting of Lunch Group will be held on Wednesday 15 March at the Worship Centre, Wai-iti Road at 12.30pm commencing with a shared lunch. Sales Table.

Guest Speaker: Mr John Demmer will be giving a presentation on his Milford Track walk with his Daughter Marj just prior to NZ shutdown.

All Ladies of the Parish welcome. Apologies or rides please contact Dianne 6860440, Dawn 6860595, Robyn 6881948.

Information

Brent Richardson starts his Study Leave at the end of March to the beginning of July.

TP Kids Playgroup is on hold in the meantime as we are looking for someone who likes working with children and is creative.

TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

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Not available Fridays

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LINK DEADLINE

Copy for the April-May LINK should be emailed to link@timarupres.org.nz or sent to the Church Office by Thursday 6 April.



Girls brigade have been out and about down the bay having a lot of fun.



Boys Brigade checking out the garden and discussing how to use the plants.



Amythest Carson having fun.

Fun was had when girls and Boys Brigade had some fun at Anzac Square in the zombie balls.

Mr Richardson.



This issue of "PRESBYTERIAN LINK" is delivered to you

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