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The Monthly Newsletter of the
Timaru Presbyterian Parish



Kings Birthday



Recently Girls Brigade celebrated the King's coronation with a dress up supper. We were joined by Margaret Littler, Lois Shipley and Helen Carter. Supper was cream sponge, marmalade sandwiches, cucumber sandwiches, quiche and chocolate eclairs.

Fiona

Rev. Martin in full flight.

Church life.



The Parish has benefitted from **outside assistance during Brent's absence in the UK.** We have been spoilt by the variety and richness of outside ministers and lay preachers giving our "Sunday Message." **This has also been a help to Rory as he holds the Parish together and also fulfils his outside commitments.** We have had Rev. Anne Stewart, Rev. Martin Stewart, Intern - Luke Blackbeard, and lay person - Lois Shipley.

The Fijian Congregation (who worship in the Trinity Chapel) gave us a beautiful renditioning of one of their hymns, unaccompanied, and in wonderful harmony.



What's coming up?

20-22 July — Presbytery retreat in Hanmer Springs.

10-11 August — Coracle Hanmer Springs.



Service at Trinity on Sunday 11 June

Editorial

Well folks,

I think winter has arrived!

Last Sunday we had our first winter worship service in the Trinity Chapel. I think everyone must have been curious because we had around 65 people turn out! The service went well, with one or two small teething issues. Thanks to everyone who came to the working bee, helped set up for Sunday, and volunteered for the roster to switch the heaters on early on Sunday mornings!



I had a catch up with Brent on Zoom last week, and he has been thoroughly enjoying his time in Cambridge, and the collegiality of having three ministers from Alpine Presbytery in residence together. Luke headed away today for his second block course at Knox. Just between you and me, I think he's made an admirable start to his internship - we are blessed to have him.

Coming up, there are a few things on our horizon. On the 25th of June we have a congregational meeting to discuss our insurance costs. Parish Council and Admin have put a proposal together for the congregation's approval. We have prepared an information sheet for the congregation, and you can pick this up by email from the office, or a printed copy in the office or at worship on Sunday.

We are very much looking forward to the Moderator's visit on July the 9th. The Right Reverend Hamish Galloway was ordained into the Presbyterian Ministry at St. Stephens in Timaru, his first parish. It will be a wonderful celebration to have him "home" with us, and we will plant a trio of kowhai trees to mark the occasion. This will also be Brent's first Sunday home with us.

While we are celebrating, we also celebrate the work of Presbyterian Women of Aotearoa New Zealand, who recently announced that they will be winding up their organisation after over a century of work. Next month we will have a special issue of the Link to celebrate the work and leadership of women in our church.

Nga manaakinui,

Rory

June Parish Council Report

This month's meeting started early with coffee and cake. There was a lot of ground to cover due to a special order of the day about our insurance.

Steph Holland shared a devotion about how only God can fill us with Hope in a world filled with despair. Through faithful endurance and the **encouragement of scripture, we find rest in God's ability to redeem us and our stories.** It was an apt reflection given the financial and insurance issues we are facing.

There are handrails on their way for the front of St Stephens and an additional handrail for the pulpit side of the front at Trinity. These are being paid for by funds from the winding up of the Meals on Wheels Christmas basket initiative and will make it easier for those going up and down the stairs at the front of both churches.

After funding for programmes at the Trinity Community Centre, fell through (like the community garden and the cooking for families programme), it was decided to apply to the Tindall Foundation for funding. We look forward to being able to grow the community use of our space in the community centre in these ways.

It was great to share the landscaping concept plan for St Stephens recently and it was decided to accept the concept plan as a basis for future landscaping work at St Stephens. There is no work planned for the near future, except for the planting of three Kowhai trees after a combined service on 9 July when the Moderator, Hamish Galloway is visiting. This will be followed by a shared lunch.

The Admin team joined the Parish Council partway through the meeting to consider our upcoming insurance renewal. The insurance market continues to become more challenging with premiums climbing steeply. Many parishes, including ours, are facing significant increases in premiums for the next year. It is a tricky balancing act between what we can afford and the level of risk we are comfortable accepting. We greatly appreciated working closely on this difficult issue with the Admin group. The collective wisdom of the group meant the discussion was helpful and productive. We have a recommendation to bring to a congregational meeting after a combined worship service on 25 June, where we look forward to your input.

You pick me up when I fall,
Hug me when I hurt, and
Love me when I'm unlovable.
Thank you God for always being
There for me!

SNIPPETS from the Mission Group Meeting



MORE KNITTING NEWS

There has been such a wonderful response to this year's Knitting Project with an amazing variety of garments produced. The third delivery has already been made, and winter has only started!

The Mission Group really appreciate the fact that these garments have been made early in the season, allowing the children full benefit of their new woollies when the weather breaks.

In photo number two is a display of lovely knitting from Aoraki Embroiderer's Guild.

They heard about our knitting project and decided to help. I was blown away by their kindness.

Just this week I received 3 bags of lovely fancy buttons (bunnies, stars, hearts, butterflies etc) suitable for little children's garments. These have been put in both church foyers. Hope you will dip into these bags and find something to decorate your knitting. A little request: If you are knitting slippers, mitts or bootees please sew them together with some waste wool - this avoids losing one half!



The Mission Group decided on the Mission Project/ Bucket Mission topics for July, August and September when they met on 22 May.

2 July will be raising funds for Radio Rhema,

6 August we will collect for The Christian World Service, **Food For Life** project and

3 September our chosen mission is Cyclone Relief for Vanuatu.

A SNIPPET FROM the PAST

Some of you were involved in the delivery of Meals on Wheels, and also the making of special Christmas baskets in past years. As you are probably aware the number of recipients has dropped substantially, with most people getting good quality frozen meals from various outlets around town. This option was not available previously.

A Group of 4 Anglican women initiated the Meals on Wheels service in 1955 with only 2 deliveries per week. This increased to 3, and finally 5. At Christmas time these recipients also received a lovely gift basket containing a myriad of things – chocolate, pens, notebooks, biscuits, tins of salmon, Christmas cake, fruit juice etc. beautifully wrapped in cellophane. These baskets were funded from an initial donation of \$5,000 from the Kerr Charitable Trust, also Rotary and the South Canterbury Saving Bank here in Timaru. Frequently the baskets contained biscuits made by church ladies, but in recent times this was changed to biscuits and Christmas cake from Couplands, (this made packing a lot easier). The makers of these baskets had huge shopping lists.

To give you an idea of the numbers – in 1995 25,455 people received meals during that year. In recent years the hospital has organised this service, making our efforts unnecessary.

The Meals on Wheels committee have recently met and decided to distribute the remaining funds to Timaru Presbyterian Church, and the Anglican churches as well as Family Works with the proviso that the funds are spent on services to assist the elderly.

Elaine F.

MEMORIES

Many of you will have clear memories of the time you did those Meals on Wheels deliveries!

Mine goes back at least 40 years when I would drive to Parkside Hospital in South Dunedin to collect several stainless-steel canisters, each holding about 6 meals. As you travelled along, they emitted a horrible smell of over cooked cabbage. It took quite some time for that lingering smell to go!

Over time these containers were changed to polystyrene boxes which are now considered to be not environmentally friendly.

What are your recollections of the time when you delivered Meals on Wheels?

How about sending your memory to the church office for inclusion in the next LINK?

We would love to read them!

Elaine F.

News from abroad

15 May 2023



Greetings from Cambridge! As I write this we have been in Cambridge for just over 2 weeks and are settling into a nice routine of reading, writing and exploring the city. We have a lovely 2 room cottage and eat lunch with the staff, students and other guests at Westminster college. It has been wonderful to slow down and be located in one place after so much traveling around. We have also borrowed a couple of bikes which is the best way to get around Cambridge as even buses give way to bikes! We also have really enjoyed the fellowship of Jon Parkes and Darryl Tempero and their wives having had several meals together. It makes us less homesick when we have our own kiwi enclave.

After leaving Ireland we picked up our borrowed car from Catherine's cousin and proceeded north east towards another cousin who lives in Whitby. On the way we stopped at York for a look. Unfortunately, we couldn't visit the glorious cathedral as it was closed for filming a scene for the Netflix series The Crown. We found our accommodation in the village of Grosmont, not far from Whitby. This is a village that could be straight out of Thomas the Tank engine with a regular steam train plying the line (Luke would love it!).

From there we travelled north to Edinburgh stopping at Alnwick castle, home of the Duke of Northumbria and the movie location for the first 2 Harry Potter films. A very grand place that is still lived in and used by royals and state visits. We had a night and day in Edinburgh which is a bit of an insult really as there is so much to see and do there. Highlight was the Mary Kings close tour **and hearing about the bubonic plague in the 1600's and how they treated it.** There were lots of similarities to our own Covid plague- putting people in isolation, protective clothing for the plague doctors. We also spent a similar amount of time in Glasgow and I was struck by how modern the city was. We arrived late in the day and spent a few hours at the transport museum before getting back on the road south again to Cheshire.

One last highlight was going to Farnborough to the Fully Charged Live show (a geek fest for EV enthusiasts). We had a beautiful day there which included a ride in a Kia Niro from a couple who were staying at the same guest house and a ride in a Tesla put on by local Tesla owners transporting folk to and from the train station. I loved looking around at the shiny new cars and even Catherine enjoyed it!

We trust you are all well and staying warm.

Blessings, Brent and Catherine.



Our Cambridge cottage.
Grosmont village



Evensong, Trinity Chapel, Cambridge
(a little bit fancy!)



Going around Edinburgh in an
open top bus- best way to see
the city.

7 June 2023

It's amazing how time flies when you're having fun! As I write

this we have just 8 days left in Cambridge before Catherine and I head to Rome for 4 days with a friend before we head for home via Toronto and Los Angeles, visiting relatives and Disneyland of course. I have found the time and space to read, reflect and write about my faith journey over the past 40 years deeply beneficial and I am so appreciative of the opportunity I have been given.

One highlight from the past month was travelling with John and Vivian Parkes to Wales for a week. We stopped at Coventry Cathedral along the way which was interesting to me as in the wake of the Christchurch earthquakes the suggestion was made that the Cathedral could be rebuilt in a new style but retaining some of the ruins, as they did for the bombed out Coventry **cathedral. The new structure, built in the 1960's, is stunning and tells the** story of resurrection and forgiveness- death and destruction do not have the last word!

The next highlight was Bodnant Gardens in Conway. A beautiful day and a lovely space we have visited before. I have a new appreciation for landscape designers and gardeners who create spaces of natural beauty. After that we **experienced the train ride up Snowden, the highest peak in Wales. It's not a** fast train though as one young fellow jogged up the walking track and arrived at the same time as us.

Wales is a lovely country- much quieter than England- with many reminders of home such as rolling hills, stunning coastlines and sheep. We spent a day on Skoma Island off the Pembrokeshire coast looking at a wide variety of birds, the stars of which are the puffins who can be viewed very close as they wander about almost within reach.

Back in Cambridge we finally got around to having a punt on the Cam and a walking tour. The English summer is a little patchy but with plenty of nice 20 degree days. It will be a shock to return to the depths of winter (as I write my pc tells me its 0 degrees in Timaru!)

Blessings to all

Brent and Catherine.



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28 April 2023

Timaru Presbyterian Parish
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Dear Timaru Presbyterian Parish

Thank you for your generous donation of \$319.40 received on 21/04/2023 to families affected by the severe earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

Your gift will help people survive. Local members of ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together) are distributing food, water, and blankets – whatever they can to people who have been left with nothing. They know who needs help first and will coordinate with others in the area to help as many people as possible.

In cities and towns, ACT Alliance will do all they can to help families get through this bitter winter, aftershocks and the possibility of attack.

For people who have already fled conflict – sometimes more than once – your donation is also a gift of hope.

Thank you for sharing what you can to people living on a Faultline.

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

Thank you!



Tika

Here's an update on the amazing difference you're making for me and my community.



Watch my update
video.

Thank you for believing in me

I am 18 years old.

Currently, I am in secondary school studying grade 10.

Some children may have grade retained in this academic year due to COVID-19. Grade range for different educational levels may vary across countries, which depends on the education system of the country.

World Vision is constantly monitoring my well-being. Currently, my health is good.

This year me and my family participated in and benefited from:



Nutrition training

We learned which foods we need to eat to make sure we are well-nourished and our children are growing healthy and strong.



Parenting and children's workshops

We learned more about how to raise happy, healthy children and how to support child development.



Children's clubs

I learned about my rights and worked together with my friends to make things better in our community.



Cultural celebrations

I had fun with my friends, family and community. We learned more about how to respect, care for and protect children.



There's more to tell, see photos and videos at www.wvindia.org/in



To learn or hear from me, send me an email at www.wvindia.org/india@wv.org

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Blankets

I received new blankets to keep me and my family warm.



Children's clubs

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Child rights education

I learned my rights and who to talk to if they are not respected.



Child/early marriage prevention workshop/training

I am more aware of the harmful effects of early marriage.



Child protection awareness

I know how to protect myself and what kind of behaviour is not acceptable from others towards me.



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A Prayer for Others on Pentecost Sunday 28th May

Living God, thank You for the greatness of Your power to us who believe. Because You came to dwell in us on Pentecost, we have Your mighty strength with which You raised Christ from the dead. Strengthen us in our inner being, so that we can know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge and be filled with all the fullness of God.

Living God, on this Pentecost Sunday, we ask that You breathe on us once again. Make our consciences tender to Your touch. We hunger for the life-changing power that Your Holy Spirit brings. May our lives exemplify the fruit of Your Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. May we use the gifts of the Spirit that You have distributed to bless the church and build Your Kingdom on earth.

Living God of **love**, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live.

Living God of **peace**, whose will is to restore all things through your beloved Son, Jesus; guide the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of power and war to be subject to his just and gentle rule. We pray your peace among nations, peace in our dwellings, and peace in our hearts, through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Living God of **kindness**, your love for humanity was revealed in Jesus, whose earthly life began in the poverty of a stable and ended in the pain and isolation of the cross: we hold before you those who are homeless and cold especially in the winter weather. Draw near and comfort them in spirit and bless those who work to provide them with shelter, food and friendship.

Living God of **gentleness**, we pray for the families whose hearts ache for their loved ones who are suffering from ill health. We pray for the families who are grieving the death of a loved family member. Give them the strength to keep strong and to know your gentle healing spirit is upon them.

Living God of **self-control**, free us from a world without justice and a future without mercy; Protect the innocent from family violence and anger, the employed from unfair work hours and financial hardship. In your mercy, establish justice and remember the mercy revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Living God of **joy, patience and faithfulness**, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty.

Praise be to you! In Jesus name

Amen.

WORSHIP @ TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

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<i>18 June</i>	9.00am Journey 21 C-Bay car park 9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>25 June</i>	10.30am Combined Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd Congregation meeting for insurance
<i>2 July</i>	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd—Girls Brigade Parade 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>9 July</i>	10.30am Combined Worship & Communion @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd Moderator's Visit Rt Rev Hamish Galloway

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

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

Regular Events:

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

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

TIMARU PARISH EVENTS

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 18 June.

The theme for June "Good Vibrations: Tuning in to God"

All welcome. Contact: Ellen ph 027 7723 146

Jam Session Wednesday 21 June at St Stephens, 7.30 to 9pm. Contact: Rory for more information.

THE COMMUNITY LUNCH Our next Community lunch will be June the 27th at St Stephens Church Hall. Time 12 noon, Cost \$12 payable at the Door.

50 meals were served at our May lunch and it was a happy time seeing familiar faces and welcoming new diners.

We serve a 2 course meal followed by that cuppa and a Biscuit. Contacts: Bev 686-0858 Sid 684-43478 or church office 686-0981

Bible Society: It is cheese-roll time again. Our second lot of cheese-rolls will be made on Saturday 1 July for delivery on Sunday 2 July. Prices are the same as last year: white and brown bread: \$7 per dozen and \$25 for 4 dozen, Molenberg \$8 per dozen and \$30 for 4 dozen.

Please order from the order form in church or from Evi Frank at mama@newfrankland.org or ring 684 5399 by Sunday 25 June at the latest.

TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

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Not available Fridays

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LINK DEADLINE

Copy for the June-July LINK should be emailed to link@timarupres.org.nz or sent to the Church Office by Friday 7 July.

Boys Brigade



Our boys have been learning how to make a meal. Here is Miles Hutt sharing his favourite meal; Butter Chicken. Well done to all the boys. I'm sure you can cook a meal for yourself now.

Fiona.



A photo from Brent of Coventry Cathedral

At Girls Brigade

We have been busy making patch work Blankets. This is a big undertaking many thanks to Cindy for helping us out.

We are closing in on finishing our blankets in the next 2 weeks. Every girl will have completed this task.



We are hoping to bring them along to church to show off our talents.

Well done girls!

Fiona



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