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The Monthly Newsletter of the
Timaru Presbyterian Parish



TP Kids Playgroup has returned



TP Kids Playgroup enjoyed a wonderful warm morning for the restart on Thursday. We are so thankful for the enthusiasm of Rhythm Kids mum, Stacey Keen, to see it get started again. This photo shows Stacey's son Jonathan, and Evi Franks' grandson Manasseh looking curiously toward all the Syrian Refugees who were outside the foyer on the ramp having their coffee break.

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Church Life



Some extra garments knitted by Linda, went to Family Works recently!
They were thrilled to receive such a surprise.



Editorial

It's hard to believe that it has been seven years since I wrote "The Beginning" - my children's book that tells the story of God's love for his beautiful creation.



"The Beginning" was the fruition of a dream that I'd held in my heart since Oliver and Jonathan were little boys, and my study leave was the perfect opportunity to spend the time to make this dream a reality.

Seven years later, and it is time for me to take study leave again. This is a time of reflection, restoration and creativity. This time around, however, I didn't have the dream sitting there, waiting to be born. This time, I've had to do some soul-searching: "What spacious place is God calling me into?" There is a tension between wanting to "achieve" something, and seeking refreshment. How do I balance the goals of "study" and "leave"?

When I was away at the Coracle weekend in Hanmer Springs recently, I had the opportunity to spend some time with Tamihana and Honey Thrupp. Tamihana is the moderator of Te Aka Puaho, the Maori Synod of the PCANZ. They invited me to come and stay at Te Maungarongo, **our national marae in Ōhope, near Whakatane. So that is what I am going to do.**

Whatever our background, te Ao Maori is a unique part of our identity in Aotearoa. I believe that there is an exciting space for us to grow, together, as followers of Christ in this whenua. I'm not sure exactly where this will lead, but I'm sure that this is only the beginning.

Nga manaakinui (many blessings),

Rory

September Parish Council Report

Hermann led us in devotions, sharing with us a photograph of his father leading his flock of sheep through a village in Germany. He talked about how Jesus used the analogy of how his sheep hear his voice and follow him. He reminded us we can hear Christ's voice through scripture, prayer, fellowship and enriching study.

Our order of the day was a discussion around where to now after adopting our budget and considering our financial challenges. The Council is mindful that there are no easy solutions and will need to keep chipping away at this. The order of the day at the next meeting will centre around our next steps. Whatever the solution, we know that something needs to change to ensure our parish is on stable financial ground in the future.

The Council set the date for the AGM as 26 November at Trinity, which will **follow our annual 'Stir up Sunday' service. After the meeting, everyone is invited to a shared lunch.**

Rory is heading off on study leave after 22 September and will be returning on 4 December. This is a great opportunity for Rory, and he is hoping to take some more time to explore more of our church's bicultural story and what it means for us to be Christians in Aotearoa New Zealand.

In a few weeks, Brent will be attending the General assembly. Luke will also attend along with the other ministry interns from around the country as part of their training.

Brent reported that the ministry team is considering adding some more topical preaching to the programme in the New Year. This may be an opportunity to engage with hot-topic issues or work through a particular book together as a community of faith.

The Council is also calling for new members and invites you to consider if God is calling you to serve our parish in this way.

Luke

SNIPPETS from the Mission Group Meeting

At our recent meeting the various recipients for our bucket mission collections were organised for the next few months.

They are :

September - Vanuatu Cyclone Relief

October - Postage for Christmas Boxes.

The cost of transport for these special Christmas Boxes has increased, and in October we will be helping with that.

November - Christmas Angels

Last year we participated in Family Works' Christmas Angel Scheme for the first time, raising approximately \$500 for gifts for a needy family. (There is a full page article describing the scheme in both last month and this month's Link).

The Bucket Mission collection in August was for CWS - Food for Life .

Thank you for your support for this worthy cause - we raised \$265.10.

You may have noticed in our papers and on TV that New World are again having a coupon scheme - one coupon equates to \$20 spent. Once a certain number of coupons are gathered you are able to purchase luxury cookware as featured in the 'Master Chef' TV programme. **In each church foyer there are labelled boxes to place the accumulated coupons which we will redeem for Family Works' families.**

Stir-Up Sunday will be on 26th. November this year, and we are planning to have a pot-luck lunch to follow.

Buy and Supply will be up and running again soon. It will start on Sunday 1st. October and will run for 6 weeks raising for Riding for the Disabled. Any surplus fruit, vegetables or plants always sell well, so please keep Buy and Supply in mind.

The little photo of baby knitting for our knitting programme was a kind donation from a friend from the Aoraki Embroiderer's Guild.



PLANT SALE

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH,
349 WAI-ITI ROAD



Wide variety of plants ~
Cake stall ~ Morning tea



9AM SATURDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER



**Bring a bag for
your purchases**

SHARE THE GIFT OF GIVING THIS CHRISTMAS

THE FAMILY WORKS CHRISTMAS

Angel project will enable your staff/group or school to buy gifts/gift vouchers, experiences etc for a local family in need this Christmas. Many local families are really **struggling and providing Christmas for their children seems so unattainable...** just a dream—you can help their dreams come true.

HOW IT WORKS

Family Works will identify the families most in need in our community and will give you a profile of this family (e.g Mum & 3 kids, their ages and interests). You and your staff then shop for the family based on the profile (presents, Supermarket and petrol vouchers, warehouse vouchers, movie tickets, swim passes, edible treats, books, board games, puzzles). Family works will collect the gifts from you or you can drop off on designated delivery dates. These gifts will then be delivered to your family just before Christmas —anonymity is the key to this **project and everyone's privacy is protected.**

You can decide how this would work best for your business, group or school and how involved your staff/ group will become in the project. Support some of South Canterbury's most vulnerable families and become a Christmas Angel today.

We are taking registrations now for the Christmas Angel Project that supported 180 local families last year and with the cost of living crisis this will increase for 2023.



EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF GIVING

Christmas can be a joyous time, it can also be a time of extreme struggle and stress for some South Canterbury Families. With your help these families can have a magical Christmas.

LET'S CHANGE LIVES TOGETHER

Family Works - Sponsor a family for Christmas project.



Go on line to register at:

pssc.org.nz/the-christmas-angel-project
or email ChristmasAngels@pssc.co.nz

World Vision Sponsored Children

Titri's sponsorship has now finished, and we have a new child to sponsor, Naem. We also sponsor Sraboni.

Look how much I've grown!



13 years old



14 years old



19 years old



15 years old



18 years old



17 years old



16 years old

Titri's life has forever been impacted by the love you have shown her.
Thank you Friends!

Namaskar Friends!

Thank you for starting this journey with me!



Hello Friends, I'm Naem!

I'm a 6-year-old boy,

and my birthday is on 8 November 2017.

I have no siblings. I live in Nilphamari Sadar community,

in Bangladesh and I speak Bengali.

My favourite thing to do is watch TV.



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29 August 2023

Timaru Presbyterian Parish
349 Wai-iti Road
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Dear Timaru Presbyterian Parish

Thank you for your donation of \$265.10 received on 25/08/2023 to our Autumn Family Food Gardens Appeal.

You are helping people who are paying the price of climate change. People like Wilson who are observing the effects of rising sea levels and more intense weather patterns. Your gift is an investment in their future.

Wilson has begun to expand his garden in preparation – a task that gives him joy and a sense of security. He is happier because he can 'provide and share with his family and with others' on Tabon Island in the Philippines.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in supporting families to invest in their own future and deal with rising living costs today.

Yours sincerely

Nadine Wells
Administration Co-ordinator

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

You're Invited

To

Nosh & Natter

When: 6.30pm on Monday Nights

Where: 349 Wai-iti Road, Timaru
St Stephen's Presbyterian Church
Lounge

Why: It's good to meet with others for food & conversation

What: Bring yourself
The Nosh - Your evening meal
The Natter - Join the conversation.

Contact: Janie ph 021 0279 3076

A text is better than leaving
a phone message.



WORSHIP @ TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Live streaming every Sunday

17 September	9.00am Journey 21 C-Bay car park 9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
24 September	9.30am Worship & Communion @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
1 October	9.30am Combined Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd
8 October	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship & Communion @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd

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

TP Kids Playgroup: Thursdays, 10-11am, Trinity Hall, College Rd.
Contact: Helen 684 6403 or 021768 973

Regular Events:

Nosh & Natter: Monday 6.30pm, 349 Wai-iti Road, bring your own meal.
Janie 021 0279 3076 (text is better than phone message)

Prayer Group: Tuesday 9.00am, College Rd, Brent **686-1382**

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 17 September.

The theme for September "Let us Celebrate the Bees "

All welcome. Contact: Ellen ph 027 7723 146

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCH GROUP: The monthly meeting of the Lunch Group will be held on Wednesday 20 September 2023 at St Stephens Worship Centre, 349 Wai-iti Road at 12.30pm commencing with a shared lunch. Sales Table. **Guest Speaker:** Dawn Ussher speaking on her very recent Australian Outback Tour from Darwin to Broome.

Apologies or rides please contact Dianne 6860440, Dawn 6860595, Robyn 6881948

Jam Session 20 September 7 pm Contact: Brent for more information.

THE COMMUNITY LUNCH

We will be taking a break September and October. We will return on Tuesday 28th November for our Christmas special.



Tuesday Mornings 10 to 11am

During School term

Trinity Community Centre, 22 College Road

Gold Coin Donation

Morning Tea supplied for Adults.

Bring your own morning tea for your children

Come along for a fun time!

Contact: Helen Carter Ph 021 768 973

TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Worship Centres

349 Wai-iti Rd, Glenwood, Timaru

22 College Rd, Timaru South

www.timarupres.org.nz

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Closed 12-1pm Tuesday & Wednesday

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Not available Fridays

Parish Clerk

Judith Begg 688-6004, parishclerk@timarupres.org.nz

LINK DEADLINE

Copy for the September-October LINK should be emailed to link@timarupres.org.nz or sent to the Church Office by Friday 6 October.

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**



Operation Christmas Child Boxes

Thank you once again to those who supported this last year.

Just imagine bringing joy to a young person on Christmas day when they receive an Operation Christmas Box. This may be the first gift a child has received.



This Parish will once again be supporting the project this year. Each box is to contain for boys and girls aged from 2-14 years old

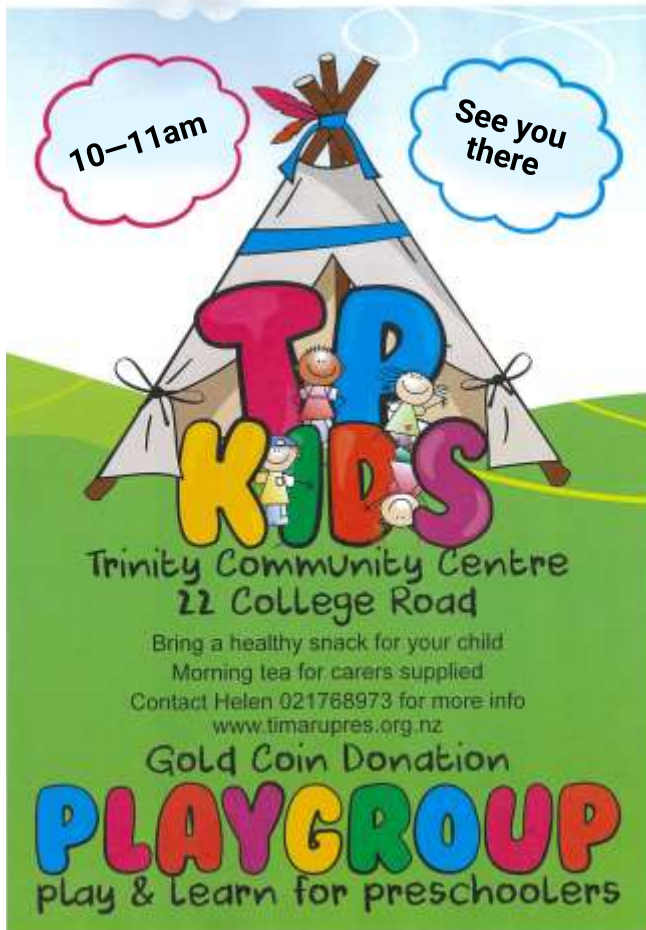


- "wow" item or toy
- clothing item
- Personal care items
- School supplies
- Accessories ie hair accessories, jewellery, flashlights

The boxes from New Zealand generally go to Asia or Pacific Island country.

You are all invited to support this by providing items as above or make a contribution towards travel costs which is \$12.50 per box. If you wish to fill your own box please remember to include the transport cost of \$12.50. A box will be in each foyer for you to put in the items or leave the donation.

For further information contact Judith Begg 036886004.



We were joined by Liezel who looks after 11 month old Syrian, Melach, while her parents attend English lessons; Philippino's Rizza with her son Alro and Noreen with Lukas. We look forward to more fun mornings together.

If you could make a cup of tea or coffee and engage with these families on a roster basis then we would really welcome you to be part of this TPP Outreach.

Helen

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