

PRESBYTERIAN LINK

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The Monthly Newsletter of the
Timaru Presbyterian Parish



Church Life

On Sunday 17 September we bid a fond farewell to Ken and Alison Linscott, who have given so much, and enriched our church lives for 42 years.

As a small token of our appreciation we presented them with the gift of a "label mould" from St. Paul's Church. These were the carved decorations at the bottom corners of each window in St. Paul's - each one of them a unique design. The label moulds were preserved for the church by Kevin Pateman, and have been in the care of Dawn Ussher. Most have now been sold to raise funds. Here are a couple of photos showing the making of a presentation plinth for the Linscott's mould.

Each Spring a loyal group of ladies enjoys fun, fellowship and morning tea with Pat Cartwright while picking, bunching and selling daffodils on behalf of our parish.

This year approximately \$1,044 was raised for the cancer society.



Editorial

It's good to be back in Timaru after three weeks

away at my block course and then General Assembly. While time away is disruptive, it is certainly worthwhile. A highlight from the block course for me and my fellow interns was the morning we spent in conversation with Otago

University's lecturer in Māori theology and

Presbyterian Minister, Rev Dr Wayne Te Kaawa. Wayne shared from his wide and varied experiences in life and in ministry and helped us all deepen our appreciation of the significance of our special bicultural relationship. This was a wonderful example of the different types of learning we all do. There is learning from lectures and books but there is also learning through conversation and entering the experiences of others.



Our block course also introduced us to some different preaching **models, so don't be surprised if you find me trying out something** different from my usual approach in the future. Let me know if you notice, I always welcome feedback about what people find interesting or not.

General Assembly was a special experience and I'm looking forward to going again in the future. It was great to see many Young Adult Commissioners attending and participating. It takes a lot of courage **to stand up in a room full of people you don't know and contribute** to the discussion and our church is all the richer for it. We often talk about the PCANZ being a broad church, and it was interesting to see this in action on the floor in the Assembly but also great to see how we are all one in Christ and can worship together. Though our world is being increasingly polarised, seeing and experiencing this unity in our church gives me great hope for the future.

Kia tau te rangimarie (peace be with you)

Luke

October Parish Council Report

Devotions were held by Brent. He read from Paul's letter to the Philippians, chapter 3 verses 4 – 14. Paul writes about forgetting what is behind him. He has changed dramatically. He moved from dependence on the Law to dependence on grace, from a zeal for the Law to a zeal for following Christ, from self righteousness to righteousness in Christ. To finish Brent read a poem by Martin Stewart which reflected on our senses. While our senses deteriorate with age, the sense of humour and sense of wonder can still grow. The AGM was confirmed for the 26 November. The service before the AGM **will have the 'Stir up' format and possibly will be joined by the Fijian** congregation who use our church every Sunday. The AGM will be followed by a shared lunch in the hall.

We had a lengthy discussion about "Where to from here?" as we cannot continue the way we are used to. There has not been much progress so far, but it needs to involve the Presbytery. It was decided to invite the Presbytery Executive Officer to our next meeting, also the Admin group and the group working on future projects. Luke will prepare a summary of the ideas and suggestions from the retreat in Temuka earlier this year.

Admin has decided that we subscribe to 'Infodoodle' for the initial cost of \$1,300 as a replacement for our 'Pastoral Care 12' database which is now several years out of date. The new programme should make several tasks easier and more efficient, also allows better access.

Treasurer's report was presented. The income and expenditure is in line with expectations. This month the insurance premium of about \$ 30 000 is due which is a substantial part of our costs.

Aside from the usual worship schedule Christmas services were discussed (yes, it is this time of the year already). Christmas Eve is on a Sunday. It was decided not to have a morning service on that day, but two evening services: the Heiligabend service at 6pm and a candle service at 11.30pm. The Christmas service will be combined at St Stephens at 10am.

Services during the holidays will be combined at Trinity at 10am, starting on 31 December. The last combined holiday service will be on 28 January.

The Trinity Community Center is well used with various activities going on. Helen Carter who is involved in most of those programmes urgently needs more helpers. Parish Council encourages people to consider making themselves available for one those important outreach programmes.

The parish has received the Ministry Development Plan for Brent from Knox Centre for Ministry and Learning. Brent briefly talked about this. Brent is still involved with the Temuka Parish, though his role has changed to an **'enabling minister'**. **This is a role to help their local ministry team in the** place of a minister. Rory will be on study leave until early December.

SNIPPETS from the Mission Group Meeting

The mission group met on Monday 19 September.

October's Bucket Mission, was for postage expenses for the Operation Christmas Child boxes. A total of \$277.50 was raised which will be a welcome boost for this wonderful venture.

The November Bucket Mission is to raise funds to enable our Parish to be a Christmas Angel for a Timaru family. This project is managed by Family Works. The Buy and Supply Table is now to be known as The Harvest Table. For the weeks up until Christmas we will raise funds to support the local Riding for Disabled group.

The final day to hand in New World stickers is Sunday 29 October.

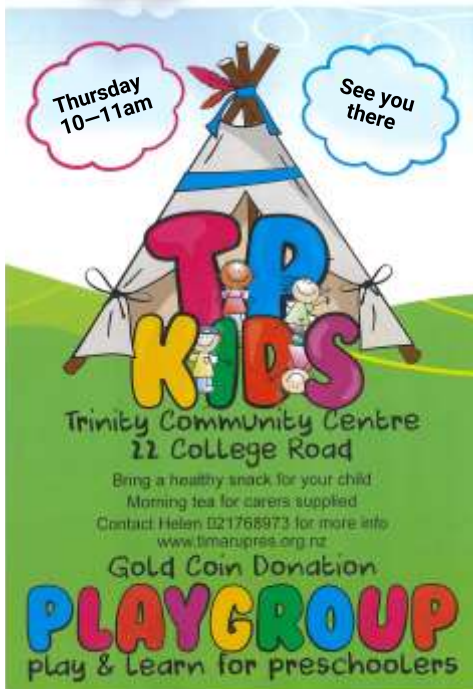
Eatwell has a growth in orders at present. We are pleased that our supplier, Bidfood, has developed good communication lines with us, in order to provide the good quality produce we expect for our customers.

Planning is underway for this years Stir-up Sunday when a delicious Christmas cake will be prepared during the Service on 26 November.

After this combined service we plan to enjoy bbq/pot luck lunch together.

The next Mission group meeting will be held on Monday 6 November in the lounge at St Stephens.

Joy



Thursday
10-11am

See you
there

**TP
KIDS**

Trinity Community Centre
22 College Road

Bring a healthy snack for your child
Morning tea for carers supplied
Contact Helen 021768973 for more info
www.timarupress.org.nz

Gold Coin Donation

PLAYGROUP
play & Learn for preschoolers



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

Sister Eveleen Retreat

In preparation for my upcoming study leave, I had the opportunity to spend two days in silent retreat at the Sister Eveleen retreat centre in Sumner. This was a wonderful opportunity to slow down, unplug and spend reflective time in God's presence in a beautiful corner of His creation.

These few photos don't really do it justice. It was a truly blessed time for me.

Rory



St. Stephens Plant Sale 2023



Timaru Host Lions Club celebrates 60 years



In 1963 (when I was still in nappies) the first Lions club was established in Timaru. A celebration to mark the occasion was had at the Phar Lap racecourse attended by the mayor and various Lion's club dignitaries. Our very own John Steven gave a wonderful speech recounting the history of the club focusing on **4 C's; compassion, comradery, community and courage**. Well done John and other members of our parish who help make this club a positive force for good in our community.

Brent



Another year and another fantastic Plant sale.



A Call to Action!



We need you!

Rhythm Kids, TP Kids Playgroup and the Trinity Community Garden need your help. Are you a kind and cheerful person? What can you offer in the way of time and or expertise to help with these fantastic Timaru Presbyterian Parish Community Outreach groups?



- ◆ Do you enjoy being around pre-schoolers and their mums?
- ◆ Do you like being alongside pre-schoolers helping with puzzles?

- ◆ Have you got time on a Tuesday

morning to help set up for morning tea?

- ◆ Could you spare two hours on a Tuesday or Thursday morning on a Roster basis to help?
- ◆ Are you a tech savvy person to assist putting programmes together?



- ◆ Could you offer to provide a vege planting plan?
- ◆ Some time to water the plants?
- ◆ Some time to weed the gardens?
- ◆ Some time to prepare the ground for more planting?

To ensure these groups continue and to ease the load on the current teams, Helen and Brent would really like to hear from you. PLEASE pray how you might be able to *give a little* of your time to connect with the people who attend these groups.

"We are an outward looking church. We will engage with the people of Timaru with passion, enthusiasm and energy. Living and sharing God's love; Listening to and caring for community needs,

so people find meaning through knowing God and move forward in faith"

Contact: Helen ph 021 768 973 or Brent ph 0274221892

RE: Your membership with Volunteering Mid & South Canterbury

Kia ora koutou,

We are delighted to provide your membership certificate 2023/24. Thank you for your support and membership with Volunteering Mid & South Canterbury. Your membership demonstrates your commitment to our aspirations, values and purpose, and to:

- Increasing the impact of volunteering across Mid & South Canterbury
- Promoting volunteering and the benefits of volunteering to individuals and communities
- Enhancing the value and status of volunteering

We will be continuing to deliver support and assistance in all your volunteer engagements, and offer you with workshops, networking events, recognition events and other professional development opportunities in the region.

Your membership is highly valued and we thank you once again for your continued support. Should you need to connect with the Manager in your area, please feel free to get in touch with:

Dellwyn Moylan (Mid Canterbury) – manager-midc@vmisc.org.nz

Haidee Woods (South Canterbury) – manager-sc@vmisc.org.nz

Sincerely,




Stacey Blissett
Chairperson
Volunteering Mid & South Canterbury

Timaru Presbyterian Parish

is a contributing
Volunteering Mid & South Canterbury member
2023 - 2024

Our members include organisations who are involved in and support volunteering within Mid & South Canterbury.

Members commit to the aspirations, purpose and values of Volunteering Mid & South Canterbury, promoting the benefits of volunteering to people and communities.



Stacey Blissett
Chairperson



Haidee Woods
South Canterbury Manager

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

WORSHIP @ TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Live streaming every Sunday

<i>15 October</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>22 October</i>	9.30am Worship & Communion @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>29 October</i>	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>5 November</i>	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>12 November</i>	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

Eat Well Co-op Packing: Tues, 10.30am, Wai-iti Rd.

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

TIMARU PARISH EVENTS

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 15 October.

The theme for October "Nature – An Act of Divinity"

All welcome. Contact: Ellen ph 027 7723 146

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCH GROUP: The monthly meeting of the Lunch Group will be held on Wednesday 18 October at St Stephens Worship Centre, 349 Wai-iti Road at 12.30pm commencing with a shared lunch.

Sales Table. Guest Speakers: Valarie Watkinson (Team Leader) Therapy Pets Service with Volunteer Sue and dog Ruby. The Pets Service is of great benefit to those in Residential Care, Hospitals, Healthcare Facilities and Schools etc. Pets have a very calming manner for both young and old.

Apologies or rides please contact Dianne 686 0440, Dawn 686 0595, Robyn 688 1948

Jam Session taking a break this month.

Bible Society Safari: We will have our Safari on Saturday **28 October 2023**, starting at **1.30pm** at Connect Church in Redruth, then going to the Tongan Wesleyan Church in Oti-pua Rd, to the Basilica and finish at St Mary's, where we will have afternoon tea.

THE COMMUNITY LUNCH - *CHRISTMAS FEAST.*

Our final lunch for the year will be held 28th November. St Stephens Hall starting at 12 noon. This will be our final lunch for the year.

We extend a welcome to all our diners and welcome **any that wish to join us...**

COST \$12 payable at the door.

To confirm your place at the table, Contact Bev Ph 686.0858
or Church office Ph 686.0981

TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Worship Centres

349 Wai-iti Rd, Glenwood, Timaru

22 College Rd, Timaru South

www.timarupres.org.nz

Parish Office

349 Wai-iti Rd Phone: 686-0981

email: oneoffice@timarupres.org.nz

Financial matters: finance@timarupres.org.nz

Office hours: Tuesday to Friday 9am - 3pm

Closed 12-1pm Tuesday & Wednesday

PARISH CONTACTS

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Not available Fridays

Minister

Rory Grant 686-1575, 0275705156 rory@timarupres.org.nz

Not available Fridays

Parish Clerk

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

LINK DEADLINE

Copy for the October-November LINK should be emailed to link@timarupres.org.nz or sent to the Church Office by Friday 3 November.

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

This Sunday 15 October is the last day for leaving items for the boxes.



Please note the travel costs for these are \$12.50 per box. We did raise \$277.50 from the Bucket Mission this month to help cover the cost of transport for these boxes as well.

In Memoriam



Terry Stagg
Alwyn Robertson

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God”

Matthew 5:8

Boys Brigade



Above is Lincoln doing CPR

Below Charlie is bandaging up Jake .



Above is Jacob learning to put Andre in recovery position
Below everyone enjoying some hot chips.



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