

PRESBYTERIAN LINK

December 2023-February 2024 No 157

The Monthly Newsletter of the
Timaru Presbyterian Parish



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CWS Christmas appeal flyer inside

Christmas service details inside front cover



*May God bless
you this Christmas*
Timaru Presbyterian Parish
Living & Sharing God's love



Christmas Eve

Heiligabend (Holy Night), 6pm, Trinity Chapel
Candlelit Carols, 11:30pm, Trinity, 22 College Rd



Christmas Day

10am, Worship at St Stephens
349 Wai-iti Rd



Summer Worship Series

Sundays 31st December—28th January at 10.00am
Combined at Trinity, 22 College Road

In Memoriam

Isabel Mason

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

Matthew 5:8



Editorial

Kia ora te whānau!

It's good to be home!

For the past couple of months I have been on study leave, with the bulk of that time spent staying on our national PCANZ Marae at Ōhope in the Bay of Plenty (just over the hill from Whakatāne).

This marae is a special place, a sacred space that is **dedicated to bringing us all together, Māori and Pākehā, in the arms of Īhu Karaiti, Jesus Christ.**

It has been an enriching time, spiritually, culturally, and personally, and I look forward to sharing some of the ways that God has been shaping me through this time.



My thanks and gratitude go to our brothers and sisters in Te Aka Puahou (the new **vine**), the **Māori synod of the PCANZ**. We are blessed by their grace-filled presence in our lives, even if the Bay of Plenty feels like a long way from Timaru.

I'm looking forward to our summer series, combined at Trinity, where I will have the opportunity of sharing my experiences with you, and how they can be an encouragement to us in the life of our parish.

As we come into the Christmas season, I encourage you to reflect on the life of Jesus, and the difference he has made in your life, and in our world. Perhaps there is an Advent study series that can be an encouragement to you at this time? Andrea and I have been reading a Chapter of Luke's Gospel every day in December, 24 chapters leading us through to Christmas itself. We have also been following the Bible Project Advent reflections. If you're interested, you can find them here:

<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/22462>

This Christmas we have the following opportunities to worship together:

- December 17, 2pm - Remembrance service, Trinity Chapel
- December 24, 6pm - Heiligabend service, Trinity Chapel
- December 24, 11:30pm - Candlelit service, Trinity Church
- December 25, 10am - Family Christmas service, St. Stephens
- December 31 - January 28, 10am - Summer series, Trinity

Whatever your plans this summer, I wish you a rich and fulfilling Christmas, that draws you closer to God, and to those you love.

Ngā Manaakinui,
Many blessings,

Rory

December Parish Council Report

Judith spoke of ‘Miracles in the Mundane’. What strengths do we find in ourselves in doing mundane tasks?

We welcomed Rev Rory back from Study Leave and welcomed Janie Hart to her first meeting as a member of Parish Council.

We congratulate Grant Holland in obtaining a position on the Council of Assembly, the governance team of the National Church.

The annual Performance Report for the year ending June 2023 arrived too late for the Annual General Meeting. It will be presented at a congregational meeting following the Combined Church Service at Trinity on the 28th January 2024.

The next Presbytery Gathering will be held in Christchurch on 5th-6th April 2024. More details to follow.

Rev Rory gave a short verbal report on his Study Leave. More will be shared at a future time.

Our Order of the Day was “What is God calling Timaru Presbyterian Parish into in the future? Parish Council will be praying and reflecting on this individually over the summer break, and will continue discussing this when they reconvene in February.

Church services will be combined at Trinity at 10am from 31st December 2023 to the 28th January 2024 inclusive.

Christmas blessings to you all.

Lois

SNIPPETS from the Mission Group Meeting

The last Sunday in November we had our annual “Stir - Up” service where our Christmas cake was prepared with members of the congregation bringing up the necessary ingredients, and as you can see in the photo we had a lot of “stirrers” and wish makers! Following the cake making we all enjoyed a delicious pizza lunch, with the addition of salads made by the Mission Group members. Fortunately our precious cake didn’t object to the 2/12 hour delay before reaching the oven! You’ll have an opportunity to taste our combined effort at the Christmas services.

Normally the recipients of the funds raised on the Harvest Table (formerly Buy and Supply) would change every 6 weeks. It was decided at our November meeting that we would continue raising funds for Riding for the Disabled until the end of January.

Over the last few years Family Works have initiated a scheme to help struggling families at Christmas time to ensure the children **actually get a gift. This year “our family” is made up of two parents and 3 children aged 9, 6 and 3.** The recipients are asked to produce a list of suggestions to help our buyers with the shopping. Once the gifts are wrapped, and a special numbered sticker placed on them, they are then taken to Hopkinson’s building in Washdyke ready for delivery. This is done by the family’s social worker, and then ready for opening on Christmas Day.

The Mission Group would like to thank all those that supported the various Bucket Mission projects throughout this year when we raised funds for various charities. **Women’s Refuge was the recipient of our December collection and we raised an amazing \$361.80.**

Elaine.



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This was the last day for 2024 for the RK programme. While small in number for this photo it was big on energy and laughter with everyone enjoying decorating the Christmas Tree prior to the programme starting. More mums and kids arrived with everyone enjoying participating in their favourite music and movement action songs. We enjoyed a fabulous morning tea together with fruit kebabs for the children along with Ginger Kisses, Afghans and Shortbread for the adults. It was wonderful to have Aileen join us after her leave of absence. A sincere thank you to Robyn, Lyn, Carol, Cynthia, Linda, Margaret, Neville, Sarah McKillop, Brent, Luke and Rory for continuing to make the outreach activity so much fun. Merry Christmas to you all.

Helen Carter



A couple of photos from TPP playgroup.

The group has now finished for the year.



Family Works Food Bank



Christmas time is always a hard time of the year for those families on a low income but this year especially with the cost of living crisis is seeing the Family Works Foodbank take a bigger hit than usual.

The festive time will see the Foodbank deplete their stock of food and supplies to ensure that families do not go without this year.

This means that going into the New Year and the start of 2024 our Foodbank needs to fill its tummy once again.

We would love people to consider our Family Works services after the silly season is over as the need sadly does not go away.

Food and grocery items can be dropped into North Street at Family Works or to New World where they have a trolley by the self-serve check out for our Foodbank. Please help us to replenish our supplies for the New Year.



Above: Cindy Lewis our Food co-ordinator and Deidre Dahlberg our General Manager for Family Works.





Have Faith

God is always
with you.

Have Hope

God's love
surrounds you.

Have Peace

God has a
plan for you.

Have Joy

God will see
you through.

Christmas Carols

THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER
7 PM
FREE ADMISSION

JOIN US AT THE ROTUNDA
TIMARU BOTANIC GARDENS
BYO SEATING
WET WEATHER VENUE:
TRINITY HALL, 22 COLLEGE ROAD

in the Gardens

TIMARU
CHRISTIAN
MINISTERS
ASSOCIATION

Girls and Boys Brigade



Girls and Boys Brigade took part in the Christmas parade and received 1st prize for their efforts. The girls decided on the theme 'winter wonderland' and they made the decorations that were on the tree. The senior girls printed the tee shirts.

Fiona



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Timaru Presbyterian Parish
Parish Office
349 Wai-iti Road
Timaru 7910
New Zealand



Supporter No: 5249010
Date: 27 November 2023

Tēnā koe Rose

Thank you for your donation.

Each time you give, you directly support people affected by cancer in your community.

Your gift means we can continue our work to ensure all New Zealanders have equal access to cancer care and treatment. No matter who they are or where they live.

On behalf of all those who have benefitted from your generosity, thank you for your continued support.

Please contact us if you have questions or would like to discuss the impact of your giving. We couldn't do what we do without you. Thank you!

Ngā mihi and best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicola Coom".

Nicola Coom
Chief Executive
Cancer Society of New Zealand Canterbury-West Coast Division (Inc)

Timaru Presbyterian Parish

*Thank-you very much for
your support this year. It
is really appreciated.*

*Erin Russell
Board Chairman*

Wishing you a
Merry Christmas and best
wishes for the holidays and
New Year

*From All at
Presbyterian
Support
South Canterbury*

1 November 2023



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349 Wai-iti Road
TIMARU 7910

PO Box 22652
Christchurch 8140
Aotearoa New Zealand
0800 74 73 72
cws@cwsi.org.nz
cws.org.nz

Supporter Number:
21505

Dear Timaru Presbyterian Parish

Thank you for your generous donation of \$292.00 received on 24/10/2023 to the Vanuatu Cyclone Appeal.

The Vanuatu Christian Council is responding to some of the many people affected by Cyclones Judy and Kevin. The Council has trained and supported local committees to respond to the frequent disasters. Communities work together to clean up the debris and look after each other. Church buildings are being used as shelter.

The Council plans to assist communities with shelter, clean water, psycho-social support and other recovery. It is finalising community assessments and coordinating with the government and others. Whatever happens, its members are part of the community and best able to assess who needs help first.

Thank you again for your gift, which will mean more families will get the help they want and need.

Yours sincerely

Nadine Wells
Administration Co-ordinator



Hazelnut Trifle

- 200grms trifle sponge
- 1/4 cup of hazelnut flavoured liqueur, Frangelica
- 100grms cooking chocolate
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup of roasted ground hazelnuts
- 3 Tbsp of cornflour
- 3 Tbsp of sugar
- 1 Tbsp of hazelnut flavoured liqueur
- 1 Tbsp icing sugar
- 1/2 cup cream
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 Tbsp cocoa
- 300mls cream
- Roasted hazelnuts

Break the sponge into small pieces and place them in the bottom of a serving bowl. Sprinkle the first measure of liqueur over the sponge. Set aside.

Melt chocolate over hot water.

Separate eggs. Add yolks and first measure of cream to the chocolate. Stir to combine. Fold in the ground hazelnuts. Spread the hazelnut mixture over the sponge.

Into a saucepan put milk, cornflour, cocoa and sugar. Gently heat, stirring constantly until mixture boils and thickens. Remove from the heat. Cover and set aside until cooled slightly.



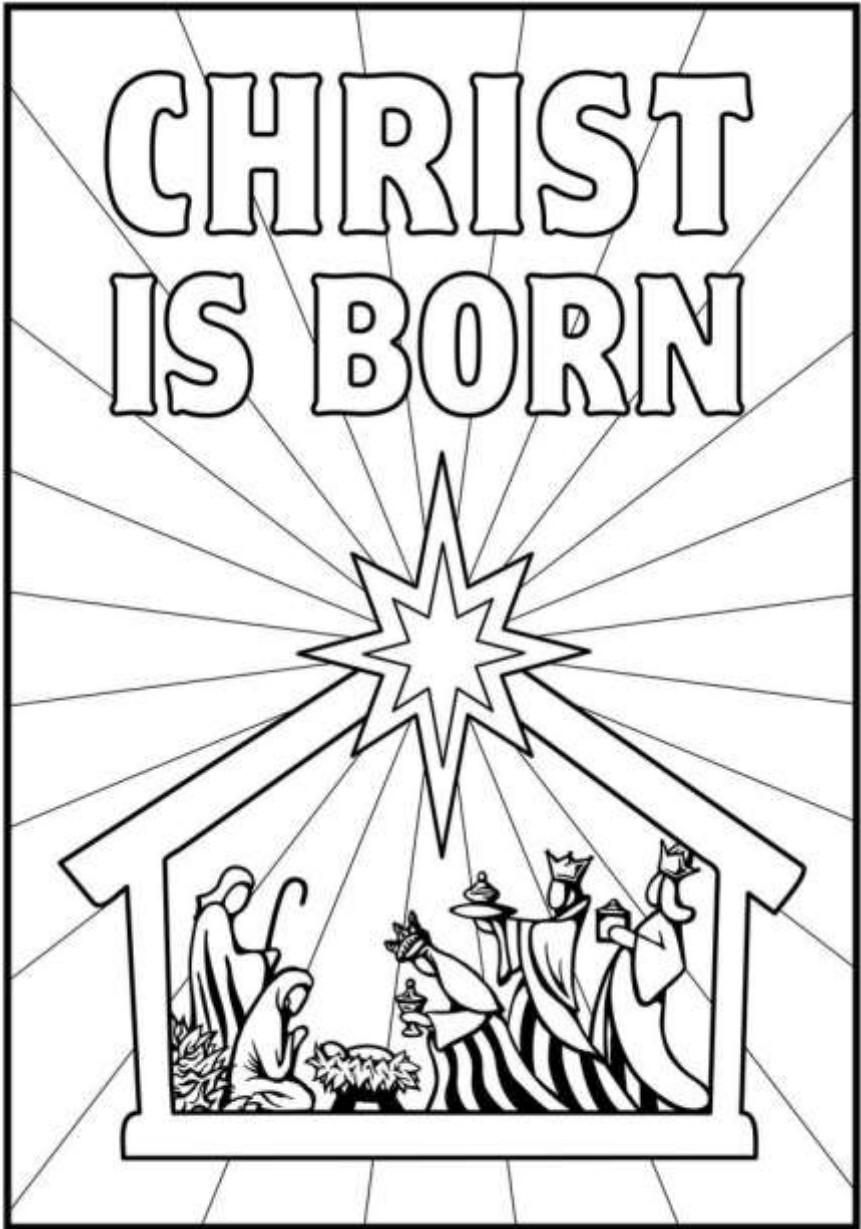
Whip egg whites until stiff peaks form. Fold into custard mixture. Spread custard mixture over the hazelnut mixture. Refrigerate until cold and set. Beat second measure of cream until thick and fold in second measure of liqueur and icing sugar. Spread or pipe on top of trifle. Garnish with hazelnuts.

CHRISTMAS SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the letters to find the Christmas words.

★	LNEO	_____	★
	SEIW	_____	
	RAMY	_____	
	YOLH	_____	
★	OPESHJ	_____	★
	LBTEAS	_____	
	MTSHCISRA	_____	
	ESUJS	_____	

Homemade
GIFTS MADE EASY



Make-a-Word

How many words can you make from :
Christmas

Eg Trim

Christmas Lights



Please do not go on to the properties unless stated below and do not touch any of the lights or displays without permission of the owners. Use common sense and everyone can have a safe, happy, and magical time!

Timaru

102 Andrew Street *Small display 1st of December . Best displayed after 7.30pm*

20 Canada Street

37 Cross Street *Lights on 1st December until New Year. From around 9.00pm till around 11.00-11.30 pm.
All outside front of house roof and grounds.??*

51A Evans Street *Inflatables will not be up if windy, however the lights will be*

255 Fairview Road *Small white lights so needs to be dark when visiting.*

14 Godley Place *Lights are on after 9pm*

11 Hillsden Place,
Glenwood *Come just after dusk, and welcome to walk up to gate to see down driveway.*

4 June Street High-
field Timaru *Come see at night :)*

24 Kauri Street *Lights will be running from the 8th December*

St Philip and All
Saints Church *Lights on 8pm to 1am nightly during Advent.*

124 Luxmoore
Road

10 Maple Crescent

23 Maple Crescent

Life Church *On Thursday 21st to Saturday 23 December we have activities for the kids, carol singing, free milo and treats between 8.30 pm and 10.30 pm. It's all free, and we would love for you to come on in!*

134 Morgans Road

38 Mowbray street

6 Mueller Drive	<i>Lots of solar so after dark is best</i>
143 North Street	<i>Welcome to come through the gate for a better view of the window.</i>
70 Old North Road	<i>Best viewed after dark, some solars. Not a walk in display, please view from the street.</i>
Radius Elloughton Gardens 1 Pages Road	<i>Light on from Wednesday 13th to Tuesday 26th December, 9.30pm till midnight. Come up the driveway to enjoy the display.</i>
377 Pages Road	<i>Lights on 8.30 till late every day, park up and check out the big shed walkthrough open Sunday to Thursday 7pm until 10pm, Friday and Saturday 7pm until 11pm.</i>
11 Pringle Street	<i>Combination of lights - majority plug in but some solar. Alongside some inflatables!</i>
19 Rosebrook Road	<i>Our lights dance to music we also have other Christmas displays and we are best viewed when dark. Please walk down the drive</i>
Mike Pero Mortgages 197A Wai-Iti Road	<i>Lights on 8pm to midnight</i>

Pleasant Point

58 Kabul Street

12 Shere Street *Corner of Shere & Ameer Street - dusk until 12.30am*

Temuka

30 Birkett Street

27 Factory Road *From Dec 9. Best viewed when it is getting dark due to having mainly solar lights. Lights will be on from 9pm til late.*

60 Hayhurst Street North *Manger and miniature lighted village. 3rd Dec to 24th Dec. 7.30pm til late*

66 John Street Lane *After 9pm*

2 McNair Road *Mostly solar so come on after dark*

1 North Town Belt *Can view day or night. Only has solar lighting. Mostly hand made*

43 Wallingford Road *Come when it's dark lights out at 12 o'clock*

11 Wood Street *Lights turn on around 830-9pm*

WORSHIP @ TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Live streaming every Sunday

Type **Timaru Presbyterian Parish** in the Search bar.

<i>17 December</i>	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>24 December</i>	6.00pm Heiligabend Service, Chapel Trinity, 22 College Rd 11.30 pm Candle lit Service, Trinity, 22 College Rd
<i>25 December</i>	10.00am Family Christmas @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>31 December</i>	10.00am Combined Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd
<i>7 January</i>	10.00am Combined Summer Season @ Trinity, 22 College Rd
<i>14 January</i>	10.00am Combined Summer Season @ Trinity, 22 College Rd
<i>21 January</i>	10.00am Combined Summer Season @ Trinity, 22 College Rd
<i>28 January</i>	10.00am Combined Summer Season @ Trinity, 22 College Rd Congregational Meeting to follow service.
<i>4 February</i>	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>11 February</i>	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship & Communion @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>18 February</i>	9.00am Journey 21 9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd

TIMARU PARISH EVENTS

Youth & Children's Events—All Finished for 2023

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

Rhythm Kids: 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: 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

Yoga for Seniors on chairs: *Finished for the year* 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 - *Finished for the year*—Restart Tues 23 January. 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: Marian Sawers ph 684 4351
Dorothy Richardson ph 686 2265

Journey 21: Meets at C-Bay carpark. 9am, Sunday 18 February 2024
All welcome. Contact: Ellen ph 027 7723 146

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCH GROUP: The monthly meeting of the Lunch Group is held on the third Wednesday of each month.

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

Jam Session No Jam Session in December

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

The Church Office will close for Christmas break on the afternoon of Friday 22 December, re-opening on Tuesday 23 January 2024 at 9am.

PARISH CONTACTS

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Not available Fridays

Minister

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Not available Fridays

Parish Clerk

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

LINK DEADLINE

Copy for the February-March LINK should be emailed to link@timarupres.org.nz or sent to the Church Office by Friday 9 February.

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

Finished for the year 12 December restarting 23 January 2024



Girls and Boys Brigade

Recently Girls Brigade and Boys Brigade brought their nativity play to church. Some girls learned to play songs on their guitars. The girls sang silent night in Maori then in English. Fiona



This issue of "PRESBYTERIAN LINK" is delivered to you

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