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Easter Services

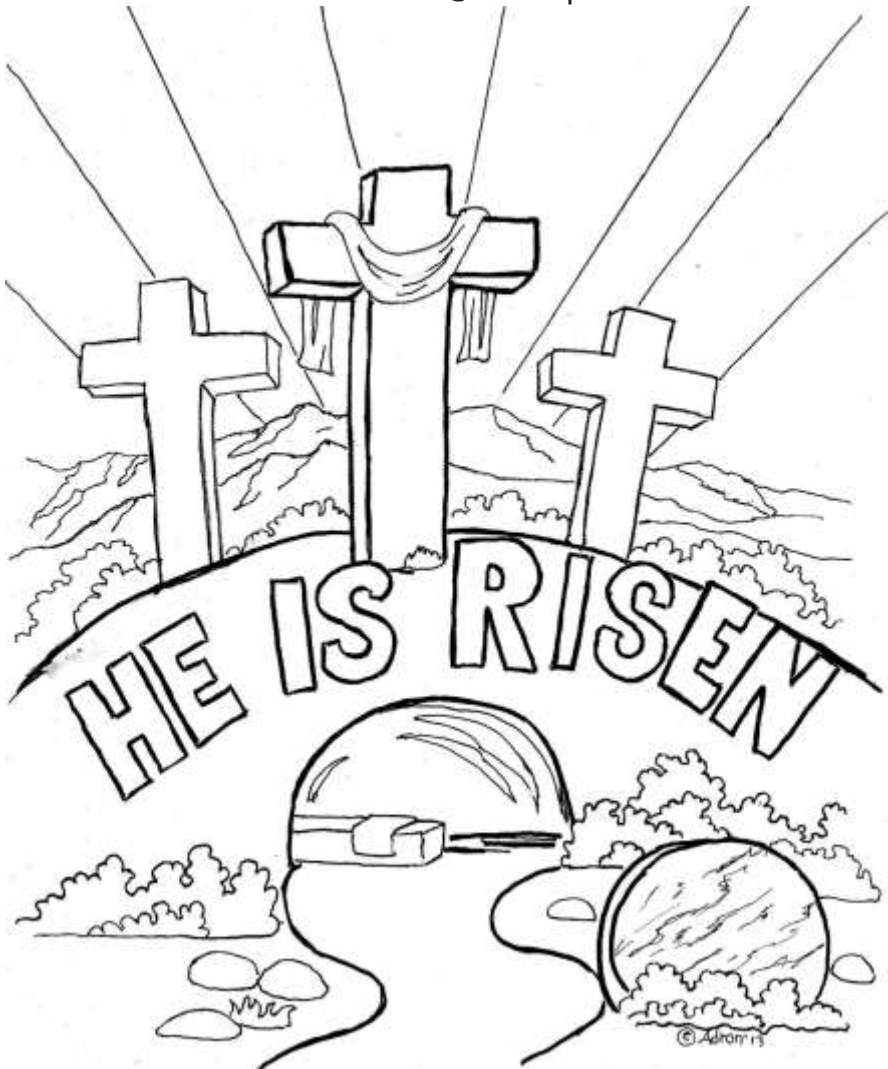
29 March Good Friday

10.00am TCMA Combined @ Life Church, Morgans Road
Alternative services at St Davids or St Marys

31 March Easter Sunday

7.30am Sunrise Service, in front of the Observation Deck
@ Caroline Bay

10.30am Combined Service @ St Stephens



Editorial & Parish Council Report



Hermann led our devotions on the wonder and beauty of creation that points to our loving Creator. Psalm 19:1 puts it like this “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.”, and in Romans 1:20 “For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.”

Throughout his life Hermann has been engaged in conservation efforts, and he shared with us some photographs of owl’s feathers that he took as part of a study in the 1980s, with the amazing, intricate details and adaptations of the feathers that allow for smooth and silent flight. These tiny, intricate details are amazing and surely point to the Creator’s hand. So many things point us towards God’s handiwork, the world around us points to our Creator.

We considered our reports en bloc so that we could devote most of our time to our task of discernment. Some highlights of the abbreviated reports:

- This year’s TCMA Good Friday service will be held at 10am on Friday 29 March at Life Church in Morgans Road. We are being hosted by Life Church as they celebrate the completion of their renovations. Brent and I encourage you to join us at Life Church. For those who prefer a more contemplative style of worship, St. Davids will be hosting a Good Friday service at Enliven, and St. Mary’s will also be holding services across the Easter Week.
- Our Easter morning “Son-Rise” service will be held at the slightly later time of 7:30am this year as we will still be on Daylight Savings time.
- From Easter to Kings’ Birthday we will be preaching through a series on the heroes of faith from scripture.

Our discernment process is still very much at an enquiry/exploratory stage. Some key themes that are coming through so far:

- We need to be led by God’s Spirit of mission, rather than reacting to financial circumstances

- At the same time we need to be realistic about our needs and our resources.
- Three parables of Jesus have emerged as guiding principles for us:
 - The parable of the lost sheep (Luke 15:3-7)
 - The parable of the new wine skins (Luke 5:37-39)
 - The parable of the sower (Matthew 13)
 - The parable of the lost sheep calls us to reach out to those beyond the fold. We need courage, imagination and vision to step beyond our comfort zone to connect with those around us and bring them the hope of the Gospel. As we do so, we cannot forget to provide for the faithful flock
 - The parable of the wineskins challenges us that our existing forms of church will not be fit for a new season of the Spirit's fruit. It humbles us as it holds up a mirror to our reluctance to change.
 - The parable of the sower encourages us to sow Gospel seeds, knowing that even though only a few will bear fruit, those few will be abundant.

We do not know the path ahead. We do know that there are things we can take with us that will strengthen us for the journey - prayer, discipleship, fellowship together. At the same time there are things we have enjoyed that will be too heavy of a burden to carry forward. When we go tramping, we cannot take the kitchen sink!

One of our members shared about her recent tramping trip. She was hoping for a time of relaxation, inspiration and enjoyment of God's good creation. Instead she ended up with her head down, just placing one foot ahead of another. It seems to me that we have been in a similar place as a church - carrying heavy burdens, putting one foot ahead of another. Getting there. Just. Perhaps God is calling us to pause in wonder at the goodness of his creation. Perhaps God is calling us to lighten our load. What might that look like?

Arohanui,
Rory

SNIPPETS from the Mission Group Meeting

Thumbing through a recent Timaru Herald I noticed that Riding for the Disabled we're celebrating their 50th. anniversary. Our previous total of \$435.40 from our Harvest Tables sales certainly arrived at a convenient time for them as they continue with their wonderful work.

After a break over the festive season Eatwell was up and running again by mid January. Lovely seasonal fruit are a feature of our 'fruit and mixed' bags at present.

If you haven't tried an Eatwell bag now is the time to try one!

The first Sunday in March (3rd.) was 'Children's Day', and to celebrate this New Zealand wide event, Family Works arranged a special fun day for children held down on the Bay. For the last 5 weeks our Harvest Tables have been raising funds to help with expenses for this special event.

Coming Up:

- 7th. April - Bucket Mission. - CWS Gifts of Love
- 21st. April. - **Inside / Pizza Lunch at St. Stephen's**
Cost - a donation.

Elaine.

In Memoriam



Sid Lockhart Glenys Grant
Lionel Suter Jean Gee

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

Matthew 5:8

One of our Parish people



Murray Facer, has been involved in a very worthwhile community service activity in Makikihi for many years. It is a success story worth telling and we have asked Murray to give us some background and history.

Here is his reply below:

Since 2009 I have been privileged to have run the school vegetable garden at Makikihi School. I go there every week – I try to pick a day when the weather is good.

It was heavy going at the start, but now we have slightly raised gardens with Redruth compost, supplemented by our own compost.

A Coffee and Dessert evening with A Kiwi's time in India



23rd March 2024

7pm at Church Street Chapel.

Cnr Church Street and Avenue Road, Timaru.

Cost: \$10 per person, \$25 family

**This is a fundraising event for the Bible Society Timaru action group.
Funding is for "Empowering Widows & Suffering women of India"**



Carl Wright was invited to speak in India on his research of the hidden prophecies of Jesus in the Old Testament. Resulting in growth and transformation of those who heard.

Come and join us for a great evening learning about these prophecies and the impact this has had on the Church in India.

Contact: Alistair 03 688 3817 or Evi 03 684 5399

A highlight each year is our Banquet usually held in the first week of March to accommodate fresh corn, we harvest what is available, cook it, and eat it. The Banquet involves the children, parents, some grandparents, and often some preschool children. This year our vegetables included potatoes, carrots, corn, tomatoes, beans, zucchini, parsnips, yams and pumpkins.

The children are always keen to help with planting and harvesting. Digging for potatoes is similar to gold mining!

We also have a variety of fruit – feijoas, cranberries, pears, apples, strawberries, and a new peach tree. Most weeks when I am there, we roast some potatoes and when possible yams, parsnips and even artichokes. This is as a lunchtime supplement.

Our aim is “Healthy Eating” – but my main motivation is the hope that children will want to have a vegetable garden when they are adults.

Murray.





LENT STUDIES

**11am Wednesdays in the
Church at St Stephens. Start
14 February till 27 March.
All Welcome**

As we approach the season of Lent leading into Easter we will be drawing inspiration for our Sunday services from Tear Fund's Seeds of hope lenten study, beginning on Sunday 18th Feb. Each service will include a video introduction followed by reflection from Rev's Brent, Rory and intern Luke. Remember, if you can't be there in person at Trinity or St Stephens you can access the live stream from YouTube (search for Timaru Presbyterian) or from our church website. The live stream is available to watch anytime from Sunday 10:30 am.

Week 4 Keeping hope alive. Things we do to build our hope: prayer, community and action.

Week 5 A People of calling. God invites partnership so we are agents of Hope.

Week 6 A hope embodied. A practical way to live out our calling.



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Girls Brigade

(Photos on left) As part of our physical activities we have been working out at the new play ground going on the flying fox, climbing on the ropes, playing tennis, volley ball and using the exercise equipment.

Fiona



Easter Story

WORD SEARCH

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

Apostles

Betrayal

Cave

Church

Cross

Crown

Crucifixion

Disciples

Faith

Good Friday

Jesus Christ

Judas

Lamb

Last Supper

Lent

Mary

Miracle

Passover

Penance

Pentecost

Prayer

Redemption

Rejoice

Resurrection

Risen

Savior

Son

Thorns

Tomb



Simnel Cake

Ingredients:

250g mixed dried fruit (a mixture of sultanas, currants, raisins & candied mixed peel)

1 orange, zested and juiced

500g pack marzipan

250g pack butter, softened

200g light brown soft sugar

4 eggs, plus 1 beaten to glaze

100g ground almonds

1 lemon, zested

1 tsp vanilla extract

3 tbsp apricot jam

175g plain flour

1 tsp baking powder

2 tsp mixed spice

100g glacé cherries, halved



Method:

Step 1 - Put the mixed dried fruit in a bowl with the orange juice and zest and 2 tbsp water. Cover and microwave for 2 mins, then leave to cool completely. Alternatively, heat gently in a pan, stirring now and then until the liquid has been absorbed and leave to cool.

Step 2 - Heat oven to 150C/130C fan/gas 2. Roll out a third of the marzipan and use the base of a deep 20cm cake tin as a template to cut out a circle. Wrap any offcuts and the remaining two-thirds of marzipan and set aside for later. Butter and line the cake tin with a double layer of parchment. Beat the butter and sugar together until creamy. Add the eggs, flour, almonds, baking powder, lemon zest, mixed spice and vanilla (all in one go) and mix until well combined. Mix in the cooled soaked dried fruit and fold in the cherries.

Step 3 - Scrape half the cake mixture into the tin. Top with the disc of marzipan, then the remaining cake mixture, and level the top with a spatula. Bake for 2 hrs. Check it's cooked by inserting a skewer to the centre of the cake, if any wet mixture clings to the skewer, return to the oven for another 10 mins, then check again. Cool in the tin for 15 mins,

then turn out onto a wire rack and leave to cool completely.

Step 4 - Brush the top of the cake with apricot jam. Roll out half of the remaining marzipan and use the base of the cake as a template to cut out another disc. Place it on top of the cake and crimp the edges, if you like. Roll the remaining marzipan into 11 equal-sized balls for the apostles. Brush the marzipan with beaten egg and arrange the apostles in a circle on top around the outside, and brush them with a little egg too. Put under a hot grill for a minute or two until just starting to caramelise – be very careful as the marzipan will burn easily. Leave to cool and wrap a ribbon around the cake, if you like. *Will keep for up to a week in a sealed tin.*



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Rose Hill
Timaru Presbyterian Church

1 March 2024

Dear Supporters

Thank you for your kind donation of \$213.70 to the Global Disaster Fund.

Over recent years, the frequency and intensity of emergencies and disasters have grown exponentially. Floods, fires, and earthquakes have devastated communities on almost every continent. And with this, the humanitarian needs of people across the globe have also risen.

Whether it's a warm meal, a shoulder to lean on, or a safe place to sleep that night, by supporting the Global Disaster Fund, you are making a difference to the lives of people around the world who have lost their homes, livelihoods, and even loved ones, in a disaster.

Humanity is at the heart of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement. It's thanks to the generosity of our supporters like you that our humanitarian work is possible, helping people in the most need around the world.

Thank you!

Ngā mihi

Sarah Stuart-Black
Secretary General

WORSHIP @ TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Live streaming every Sunday

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

<i>17 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>24 March</i>	9.30am Worship & Communion @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>Good Friday 29 March</i>	10.00am TCMA Combined @ Life Church, Morgans Road <i>Alternative services at St Davids or St Marys</i>
<i>Easter Sunday 31 March</i>	7.30am Sunrise Service, in front of the Observation Deck, Caroline Bay 10.30am Combined Communion & Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>7 April</i>	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>14 April</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: Trinity Hall, College Rd.
Contact: Helen 021 768 973 or Robyn 027 251 8474

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 021 768 973 or Robyn 027 251 8474

TIMARU PARISH EVENTS

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: 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 021 768 973 or Robyn 027 251 8474

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: Marian Sawers ph 684 4351
Dorothy Richardson ph 686 2265

Journey 21: Meets at C-Bay carpark. 9am, Sunday 17 March 2024

The theme for March is: 'Jesus sets us Free to save ourselves'.

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 March 2024 at St Stephens Worship Centre, 349 Wai-iti Road at 12.30pm commencing with a shared lunch. Sales Table.

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

Bible Society Dessert Evening: Our Dessert Evening will be on **Saturday 23 March 2024 at 7pm** at the Bible Chapel in Church St. Our speaker is Carl Wright who is now living in Dunedin, but is originally from Timaru. He speaks about "A Kiwi's time in India". Cost \$10pp and \$25 per family. Come and join us for a great evening with yummy food. Bring your friends!

TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

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Small pack
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Bring your own morning tea for
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Come along for a fun time!



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Helen Carter
Ph 021 768 973

Thursday
10-11am

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Boys Brigade

Korbyn earning his hard man badge by mowing lawns. Other jobs the boys did included moving firewood, weeding and washing windows.

Mr Richardson flying his kite.

Fiona



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