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The Monthly Newsletter of the
Timaru Presbyterian Parish



Easter sunrise service



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Church Life

Sharing communion in Holy Week with our Lenten study group.

Rory



Sand on our feet.

On Easter Sunday, 7.30am, we had our “Sunrise” service on the bay. 30 people attended, including some from outside the Parish, and Luke, our Ministry Intern, took the service. The sky was clear, the ocean calm. We were enriched by our surroundings, the occasion, and the delivery.

At the end of this joyful service, we were fortified appropriately by fish and bread rolls, making the overall event a lovely spiritual experience.

Ken



Editorial

This week I've been preparing a sermon about Thomas the Disciple. It's the first in our new series "Ordinary People, Extraordinary God", which will run until after King's Birthday weekend. We may think of many of the people in the Bible as 'giants of the faith'. Among them were great leaders and thinkers, gifted poets and miracle workers. There are many sermons and books about how we can be more like some of these people in the Bible. Yet when we take an honest look at each of them, we find the varnish is pretty thin.



In a world often driven by competition for resources and experiences, we are constantly told we should be extraordinary, or different. A simple **Google search for books with the words "extraordinary life" in the title** returns a plethora of titles. Either documenting the lives of people we consider to be extraordinary or providing steps on how we can live an **extraordinary life**. A **Google search for books about "ordinary life"** returns many fewer titles, often with a subtext of how to make an ordinary life extraordinary.

When it comes down to it, we can depend on being extraordinary for part, even just a small part, of our identity. The Dutch Catholic theologian, Henri **Nouwen, writes that "the temptation ... to let yourself be drowned in the praise ... of the world always remains". Only when we remember in our** deepest being our true identity as a dearly loved child of God can we find rest from this drive to be extraordinary.

The story of the Bible is not about extraordinary people doing extraordinary things for God. Rather it is about an extraordinary God embracing people in their ordinariness, working with them as they are, and transforming **them into the image of God's son, Jesus. That's a story open to all of us. A story that leads us to peace and rest in God's unquenchable divine love.** We hope you can join us for this series either in person or online as we explore and discover together the ways our extraordinary God embraces ordinary people.

Luke

Parish Council Report

Devotions were led by Murray Facer on Genesis 1:20-23.

God said let the water teem with living creatures and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky. And there was evening, and there was morning - the fifth day.

Archerfish are a fairly large growing fish and have a mouth that shoots water with deadly force in order to catch an insect. They are a tropical fish and live in Asia.

Murray then led us in prayer.

We had a short discussion about when the service at College Road will change to being held in the chapel and this will probably be at Kings Birthday Weekend. We are consulting with the Trinity congregation,

Brent, Rory, and Helen Carter attended the Presbytery Gathering held at **the new facility St Margaret's, Bishopdale, Christchurch. Brent reported that the attendance was low. Andrea Grant attended the elders' evening** taken by Andrew Nicol which she found very encouraging.

Luke led us lead us on a discussion entitled "The Roller Coaster of Change".

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Fascia boards and flashings over repairs needed at Trinity Hall.

Repairs to the Manse deck to be attended to.

Guttering cleaned at both sites.

MISSION GROUP

There will be a pizza lunch held after the St Stephen's service on 21 April. A donation is to be asked for to cover costs.

HARVEST TABLE

Continues at both churches supporting the 24/7 programme at Mountain View College and Ocean View Heights Primary School.

Buyers and suppliers are always needed.

KNITTERS

Slippers, beanies, and doll clothes are needed for Ranui, Kowhai and Hanan kindergartens.

Family Works would appreciate slippers, knitted toys and garments to fit up to a 12 year old, but no HATS or BABY CLOTHES please.

GIRLS BRIGADE

Luke, Lois and Brent have been helping Fiona Blissett with the Pioneer girls work through their spiritual badge requirements.

LENT STUDIES

Attended by 12 folk each week who enjoyed a simple format. This was led by the Ministers.

EASTER SERVICES

Rory preached at Life Church on Good Friday, Luke led the sunrise service at Caroline Bay on Easter Sunday and the Easter Day service **at St Stephen's was well attended.**

Rory officiated at a wedding at Lindisfarne Camp which was a wonderful occasion.

Margaret

SNIPPETS from the Mission Group Meeting

Our first item on our agenda was to organise topics for our forthcoming month's **Bucket Mission collections. They are:**

- Gifts of Love - a Christian World Service initiative .

This has been delayed a week because of Easter. It will now be held on the 2nd Sunday in April 14/4.

- **Mattresses for Ōhope** - We have been asked to help with the funding of **mattresses for our "home" marae at Ōhope. This marae situated on Ōhope** beach front hosts a lot of church gatherings including a recent assembly. This is the place where Rory spent his study leave. This collection will be held on Sunday 5th May.

40 hour Famine - This collection will be held on Sunday 2nd. June.

The last 6 weeks has been most successful for our two Harvest Tables where we raised \$521.70. This money has gone to Family Works to help **pay for their recent very successful initiative called "Children on the Bay"**. It was encouraging to read a letter to the editor in a recent Timaru Herald (19/3) expressing the grateful thanks of a local family whose children really enjoyed the opportunity of free rides and fun activities that Family Works provided.

At present our Harvest tables are raising funds for 24/7 programme being

held at Mountain View College and Ocean View primary school. 24/7 has a team of 3 dedicated youth workers that help students struggling with identity issues, mental health, poverty and tough home environments.

The collection of funds for the Harvest Table changes every 6 weeks, and the next change at the beginning of June will be raising funds for Family Works food bank's meat supplies.

Our autumn pizza lunch will take place on Sunday April 21st following a **combined service at St.Stephen's. Keep this date free! Come along and enjoy** a pizza lunch with your church friends.
Cost - a donation.

It's KNITTING TIME again!

This year we are knitting slippers, beanies (please watch the size!) and doll's clothes for Ranui, Kowhai and Hanan kindergartens. A doll will be on display soon at St.Stephen's for measuring purposes.

FAMILY WORK'S would appreciate slippers, knitted toys and garments (vests etc) to fit up to a 12 years old, but NO HATS or BABY CLOTHES.

Elaine.

In Memoriam



Rose Macauley

Ronald Crump

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

Matthew 5:8

Alpine Presbytery gathering held at St Margaret's Bishopdale new facilities

St Margaret's hosted the first gathering of our Presbytery for the year in their recently opened new facilities in Farrington Ave, ChCh on Thursday 25 - Saturday 27 April. Their original building was destroyed by arson around 7 years ago and it has been a very long journey to rebuild. The design is simple and fresh and they have achieved a rare thing; a multipurpose space that has the right ambience for worship but is flexible for other users.

The gathering was an opportunity to approve the financial report from the previous year, set the budget for the current year, hear progress reports from the various initiatives of the presbytery and to be inspired and encouraged in our life together. There were many encouraging stories told of lives being impacted in various ways through new initiatives such as a new work arising out of the old Iona church in **Aranui which uses Māori culture such as wood carving and taiaha (a form of martial art) to connect the gospel to locals in this community; the work of local chaplains from St Andrews College, Christchurch men's prison and Burwood hospital; and some interesting work happening from Te Whare Awhero (Hope house) in Hei Hei as they seek to provide long term help to households in need.**

Another highlight was the commissioning of Rev Dan Spragg to the role of Kaihautu Whakatipu (Ministries Coordinator) which is a new role



established to boost the work of presbytery especially in the new mission seedling space. It is vital to the ongoing life of our church that new initiatives are supported and resourced and Dan brings a wealth of expertise to this area.

Rory Grant and Dan Spragg presenting the Resourcing Committee report.

Thank you



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Deidre
Deidre Dahlberg, General Manager
Family Works South Canterbury

Cynthia
Cynthia Cooper, Chief Executive Officer
Presbyterian Support South Canterbury

(December 2023)

2023

2023

I hope you are now a great Christmas and are way too much!

I hope to get us in a better position over the next few years and help a family of our own.

Thank you again & sending you lots of love & best wishes for 2024.

With love from a very grateful Family

Dear Christmas Angel

Wants and express my families gratitude for the amazing amount of effort & expense you have to make our lives so much better. (It's not even as that was very good English sorry!)

The boys are really looking forward to going on a day to the movies pool & 'Jumps' and the rock pillars are super comfy!

John & Michelle Thank you so much for our gifts we loved them so much and hope you had a happy Christmas too

Hello Christmas Angels many thanks for all you do. We opened on Christmas morning with so much excitement & laughter. The girls had had a really nice Christmas as well as us adults. Merry Thanks

Thank you for your kindness and generosity. We have never had a Christmas like this one. We have decided as a family to also buy and give back for our community annually by finding ways to contribute when we can. My daughter has already been by with her gifts for the angels.

Thank you for blessing us this Christmas. We have all of our wonderful gifts but little boys only to get the Big Toys in his new pool. So from the bottom of all our hearts we thank you. Merry Christmas

Dear Christmas Angel

We are overwhelmed with the generosity poured out on our family. After a very challenging year with so much sadness, your gift brightened our Year!

My kids smiles and tears of joy warmed my heart. Thank you so much for the joy you have brought. Bless you always Family

To the kind gift givers from F Works

My Daughter and I had a wonderful day thanks to the gifts we received.

I'd like to let you know my Christmas would have been close to non-existent without your help and your generosity.

Thank you x All the best for 2024

Thank you so much Angels for making our Christmas amazing. With out you our Christmas was lacking quite bad.

We say you Genuis & Co

What we received was mint.



People like you are true Angels

I want to thank our Great. So much gratitude for your gift for a magical and best Christmas. The presents were so thoughtful and we all loved them. My daughter is a born supporter and she loved her gift. I feel very happy and thank you for your thoughtful and caring gift. Merry Christmas

Dear Christmas Angel, thank you for your thoughtful and caring gift. Merry Christmas. I feel very happy and thank you for your thoughtful and caring gift. Merry Christmas.

To our Christmas Angels
 Wow!!! Thank you so much for your generosity, we were totally blown away. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! ❤️
 The girls absolutely loved their gifts & it was so lovely to see the excitement in their faces. My gift was awesome too & what a wonderful surprise! We were totally gobs smacked! So very kind & generous.

We need also get ourselves down, then I found the gift cards! In still stunned at the generosity of you all. We felt really special & that we matter to total strangers. Thank you so much for made us our Christmas very special.

Thank you for being so kind & generous! We are really looking forward to your gifts. With all our love & gratitude,
 Thank you for your help!
 Paula & Jack

Thank you so much for making me & my kids Christmas get what we needed. This year I was so surprised my husband had anything to open but you made it so special & I'm glad they got their gifts.

Thank you from me to my family.

Thank you so much for the gift of love & joy. We were so blessed to receive your gifts. We are so grateful for your generosity. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Love & Blessings.

To our Christmas Angel,
 WOW! What can we say we are so overwhelmed and grateful. Love & hugs for you, hope you LOVE LOVE LOVE. All wishes greatly appreciated. It was so nice when the girls all had their names on their gifts. It was absolutely perfect and the bubbles were the perfect addition to the perfect day for girls.

Thank you so much for making our day magical.



Scenic
 bringing more
 Parents

Thank you so much me and my two girls really really a get me up. You has made our year.

We do know that there are people who care.

Thank you so much Merry Xmas happy New Year

Truly touched by your generosity... the gift of giving is an amazing one to have.

Thank you for the gift of love & joy. We were so blessed to receive your gifts. We are so grateful for your generosity. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Love & Blessings.



Rev. Dr. Andrew Nicol leads the leader's training seminar at the recent Alpine Presbytery Gathering at St. Margaret's Bishopdale.

ANZAC SLICE

- 100 g butter
- 2 tablespoon golden syrup *
- ½ cup (110g) sugar
- ¼ cup (50g) brown sugar
- 1 cup (110g) rolled oats
- 1 cup (100g) dessicated coconut
- 1 cup (140g) flour
- ¾ teaspoon baking soda
- 2 tablespoon warm water
- ½ cup dried cranberries
- ½ cup dried apricots roughly chopped
- ½ cup walnuts roughly chopped
- ½ cup chocolate chips
- 2 tablespoon coconut oil

*If you can't find golden syrup you can use honey or light corn syrup in it's place.



From www.thekiwicountrygirl.com

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 180° C and line a 20cm x 20cm brownie tin with baking paper .
2. Melt butter and golden syrup in a medium saucepan over a medium heat.
3. Remove from the heat and add sugars, oats, coconut, flour and mix together.
4. In a small bowl or measuring cup, dissolve the baking soda in the water and add to the slice mixture.
5. Add the cranberries, apricots & walnuts and mix well to combine.
6. Tip the mixture into the prepared tin and press down.
7. Bake for 25 minutes until top is golden brown. Remove from the oven and allow to cool in the tin.
8. Melt the chocolate chips and coconut oil together and drizzle over the cooled slice.
9. Cut into 16 pieces and store in an airtight container at room temperature for about 10 days.

ORDINARY
PEOPLE

EXTRAORDINARY
GOD

The Bible is full of ordinary people who encountered an extraordinary God and did amazing things in his name.

In this 8 week series we will meet some of these characters and explore how their encounters with God changed them and impacted their communities. We hope you find these messages inspiring and encouraging as you seek your own encounter with the extraordinary God.

Join us in person or online through our YouTube channel.

Sometimes we come to life's crossroads

And view what we think is the end
But God has a much wider vision
And he knows that it's only a bend.
The road will go on and get smoother
And after we've stopped for a rest
The path that lies hidden beyond us
Is often the path that is best.
So rest, relax and grow stronger
Let go and let God share your load
And have faith in a brighter tomorrow
You've just come to a bend in the road.

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<i>21 April</i>	9.00am Journey 21 C-Bay carpark 10.30am Combined Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>28 April</i>	9.30am Worship & Communion @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>5 May</i>	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>12 May</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

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 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 ph 684 4351

Dorothy ph 686 2265

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

All welcome. Contact: Ellen ph 027 7723 146

Jam session: Wednesday 17 May 7pm Contact: Brent for more information



Dear Lord...

So far today, I am doing all right.
I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been
greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or
self-indulgent.

I have not whined, cursed, or eaten any
chocolate.

I have not charged anything on my credit card.
But I will be getting out of bed in a minute,
and I think that I'll really need your help then.

TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

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Morning Tea supplied for Adults.
Bring your own morning tea for
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Come along for a fun time!



Contact:
Helen Carter
Ph 021 768 973

Thursday
10-11am

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Boys & Girls Brigade



Left: Jono Nelson came to Boys Brigade to talk about his achievements in life and sport. The boys asked many good questions and even tried on his medals. This is part of their citizenship badge.

Right: As part of Brigades this year we are saving can tabs as a fundraiser for Kidney Kids we collect the tabs then pass them on to Lions to raise funds for Kidney Kids. This is an easy way to help the community. Well done boys keep up the good work. Boys and Girls Brigade are collecting.



Fiona

This issue of "PRESBYTERIAN LINK" is delivered to you

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