

# PRESBYTERIAN LINK

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The Monthly Newsletter of the  
Timaru Presbyterian Parish



## Spreading the Good Word



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# Events

## Knox, Waimate, 150th Celebrations

Waimate Knox Presbyterian Church is Celebrating  
150 years on the weekend of  
21st & 22nd September.

We would love to see all those who have had some  
part in the life of Knox Church come and join us.

Registrations/programmes are now available.

Contact [knoxwaimatepres@gmail.com](mailto:knoxwaimatepres@gmail.com) or  
ph 020 485 0516 and we will email or post forms to  
you. Please let others know who might be interested.



*More information  
on page 11*

# Editorial

Regular readers of the Link will be aware that we have been grappling with the need to rationalize our operations in order to become more sustainable and one aspect of that is the proposal to move our worship to one site instead of the current two. On Sunday 23 June we devoted significant time in the service to discussing this proposal and got very helpful feedback from those who attended. There were 9 groups who discussed the proposal and provided valuable feedback for Council to consider. I provide a brief summery for your interest.



**We asked what you valued about our current worship.** At the top of the list was joining together with likeminded people to share worship together and the important place a spiritual rhythm has in our lives. People also appreciated good biblical sermons that relate to our lives. We appreciate the traditional and contemporary expressions of worship on offer.

**We asked what worried people about the proposal.** Every group were concerned at the potential to lose people, as happened when the four parishes amalgamated in 2009. There were questions around what a one site service would look like and what we lose as we attempt to blend two distinct styles together. There was concern expressed that the chosen site would be too far from where we live and whether the proposal will save sufficient money to restore us to sustainability.

**We asked what excited us about the proposal.** The biggest thing here was being together as one church and the potential to do new things to reach our community. The potential cost savings is appealing and some expressed thanks that we were heading forward in a positive direction.

**We asked each group to consider the pros and cons of each site.** The discussion around which site was best revealed that each site has its strengths and weaknesses and it will require careful and prayerful discernment about which is the best option. Both sites will require significant and costly work to make it fit for purpose but going to one site only means we can concentrate our efforts and resources without the burden of upgrading everything.

Through my conversations with people I have become aware of a few factors that influence our choice of which site is preferred. What criteria do we use to decide this?

We could base it on numbers at worship (majority rule)

We could base it on money (the cost of maintenance and upgrading)

We could base it on the resale value of the site (which site will give us more \$)

We could base it on which site has the most mission potential (future growth options)

**There may be other criteria I haven't thought of but I hope you can see the complex nature of this decision!** Which is why we need to take our time and continuously seek and discern where the Lord is leading us.

The next step is for Parish Council to work on this analysis and decide on a plan to move us forward.

Nga manaakitanga ki a koutou katoa (Blessings to all)

Brent.

## **Parish Council Report**

Murray Facer opened our meeting with devotions. He related seeing the power in the waves recently near the lighthouse. We all thought of different types of power such as electricity, the sun, horsepower but also thought of the power of war mongers, corrupt leaders and of **power's opposite side , weakness.**

**We then looked at some examples of God's power in the bible:**

**Exodus 9 :16** "But to show you my power I have let you live so that my fame might spread over the whole world."

**2 Peter 1:3** "God's divine power has given us everything we need to live a truly religious life "

Judith Begg, our Parish Clerk, announced that she will be away overseas to the United Kingdom and Europe from 28<sup>th</sup> July until 5<sup>th</sup> October. During this time the office will be coordinating the coverage of her duties.

Fire Drills are due to be held at each church site in the near future. Our insurance is up for renewal, and it was decided to keep our package of cover the same as last year.

The financial year has come to a close, and the new budget is starting to be drawn up. There will be a congregational meeting held to confirm the budget, probably in August.

Janie Hart has been working on a welcome pack for visitors. She showed us some draft leaflets which are looking very inviting.

The date for the Plant Sale has been set for the 14<sup>th</sup> of September. Finally, we reviewed the feedback from the Family Forum held at the service on 23 June. There were a wide variety of ideas and thoughts for us to consider. There are many issues that we need to prayerfully think over in the coming weeks as we try to discern the way forward.

Please continue to pray for wisdom and discernment for our council and parishioners alike as we work through these thoughts and ideas. We closed the meeting in prayer and saying the benediction together.

# **SNIPPETS from the Mission Group Meeting**

The extra Bucket Mission collection held in June raised \$242.40 for World Vision's ongoing work in the village of Yambali, New Guinea providing relief from the effects of a devastating landslide. This dreadful event happened at night, and according to the United Nation's report about 2,000 people were buried alive. Adding to the problems for the aid workers this event happened in a very remote area with access being very difficult.

An unusual fact about this Bucket Mission collection was the donated amount from the two churches was almost the same - only few cents difference!

The Bucket Mission topics for the next couple of months are :

- July - **Timaru's Curtain Bank**
- August - Child Counselling with a Psychologist at Family Works.

The Mission Group appreciate your continual support for these monthly collections.

The annual knitting programme is really humming along, resulting in a lovely selection of garments made. We endeavour to get the **knitting away to the kindergartens or Family Work's as early in the winter as possible** to maximise their benefits. To date we have made 3 deliveries. Slippers certainly seem to be the most popular choice with 41 pairs made already. The knitting programme will finish at the end of August - if your knitting is still on the needles at that time please put it in the food bank basket when completed.

**The Eatwell team have asked for a "little bag reminder" to go in this Link.** Even although the team have made a huge number of bags **over the years, but on a recent Tuesday we didn't have enough!** Where are they?? One of our team got quite a surprise recently to have two bags returned to her by a friend who works in one of **Timaru's OP Shops. Apparently they had arrived in containing surplus clothes.** Not a story we want to hear! Just a little reminder to please return the bags promptly as they have to be washed and ironed before use! At the **beginning of September will be Eatwell's 9th birthday** and the committee are working on a special celebration.

On Sunday 21st. July there will be a special pot luck lunch at **St.Stephen's (at noon) to celebrate Judith Begg's and Dawn Ussher's**

special milestone birthdays. Let's make it a special occasion for them both!

The final round of recent Harvest Table sales raised \$193.70. This money will be used for meat items to supplement their food parcels. The two Harvest Tables will start up again in September after the plant sale.

Elaine.



## Catching Rainbows

If I could catch a rainbow  
I would do it just for you  
And share with you its beauty  
On the days you're feeling blue

If I could build a mountain  
You could call your very own  
A place to find serenity  
A place to be alone

If I could take your troubles  
I would toss them in the sea  
But all these things  
I'm finding are impossible for me

I cannot build a mountain  
Or catch a rainbow fair  
But let me be what I know best  
A friend that's always there

## Bible Society Cheese-roll Fundraiser:



We have a successful fundraiser behind us. Thanks to many volunteers we finished in reasonable time.

Here are the numbers:

8th June - for orders of 318 doz cheese-rolls  
Volunteers - 20 people - both mixes and helpers  
Hours - 68 hours making, admin and mixing

22nd June - for orders of 493 doz cheese-rolls  
Volunteers - 25 people for both mixes and helpers  
Hours - 130 hours making, admin and mixing

The exact number for the profit is not known yet, as there is still money coming in. It will be about \$2500. Of that \$ 2000 will go to Bibles for Haiti, a country in total disarray. The rest will go, together with the money raised from the Bible Quiz, for Bibles for the Taidam people in Vietnam.

*We thank all the volunteers for their dedicated work.  
Without you we wouldn't have managed.*

*Evi*

## PUZZLE

See if you can solve this puzzle. It was found in a poetry book Anne was reading last week. It is on a communion table in a small welsh church. You put in one vowel to get it out

PRSVRYPRFCTMN  
VRKPTHSPRCPTSTN *Answer on Page 15*

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# BIBLE QUIZ

2 PM SUNDAY 28 July 2024

**JOIN MEMBERS  
OF BIBLE SOCIETY'S  
TIMARU ACTION GROUP  
FOR A BIBLE QUIZ FUNDRAISER.**

Wilson Street Baptist Church,  
Lascelles Hall, Timaru.

Registration:

\$5 per person

or \$20 per family.

Teams up to six people.

For more information  
contact:

Alistair Pike - 03 688 3817

This event is organised by  
Bible Society's Timaru Action Group.



**BIBLE SOCIETY**  
MANNA CHRISTIAN STORES



ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, 349 WAI-ITI ROAD

# PLANT SALE



Flower plants, vegetable plants,  
All the usual stalls, and some surprises

## Plant Sale

**Saturday 14 September at the  
St Stephens Church complex:**

It is time to start thinking about the Plant Sale and what plants you can pot up, so that they have roots by the Plant Sale date.

Any questions or queries,  
please contact: Murray phone 686 1629.



# Give a Temuka family a helping hand this Christmas



**Get your mates, sports team, church group, school friends, work colleagues or family on board to make a families Christmas more meaningful.**

**To Find out more or to Register Now:**  
[www.pssc.co.nz/christmas-angel-project](http://www.pssc.co.nz/christmas-angel-project)

# Can you become a Christmas Angel?

For the fourth year running Presbyterian Support South Canterbury will continue to run their Christmas Angel project.

**“With the need even greater than ever and the cost of living impacting hugely, some families are simply unable to afford Christmas presents”** said Deidre Dahlberg, PSSC family works general manager. **“It comes down to choices for families – putting food on the table and paying power over celebrating Christmas. It is just so tough out there now and the families we work with through our services are feeling the bite”** says Deidre.

Thanks to a collaboration from Temuka Transport, Todd Mudie Group and Bleeker & Weith the project will forge on with Christmas Angel sponsors being called upon from our local community.

Last year approximately 140 local families in our region were supported thanks to the amazing support by wonderful people in this community. The families were so very grateful and overwhelmed by the generosity of their Christmas Angel Sponsor. PSSC are reaching out and encouraging family groups, workmates, bookclubs, sports teams, church groups, in fact any group to band together to support a family this Christmas by combining your resources to buy gifts/gift vouchers, experiences etc for a local family in need this Christmas.

Online registrations are now open for those who would like to support a family and become a Christmas Angel or to find out more Information about this project.

Head to [pssc.org.nz/Christmas-angel-project](http://pssc.org.nz/Christmas-angel-project) to sign up and experience the joy of giving.

# WORSHIP @ TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Live streaming every Sunday on YouTube

14 July	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship & Communion @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
21 July	9.00am Journey 21 C-Bay car park 9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
28 July	9.30am Worship & Communion @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
4 August	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
11 August	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

**Yoga for Seniors on chairs:** 2pm on Thurs in the hall at Trinity. Leigh Marsden

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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 July 2024  
All welcome. Contact: Ellen ph 027 7723 146

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCH GROUP:**

The monthly meeting of the Lunch Group will be held on Wednesday 17 July 2024 at the Wai-iti Road Worship Centre starting at 12.30pm.

**Guest Speaker** - Hermann Frank of the Forrest and Bird South Canterbury Branch. Many projects undertaken by the Branch - eg welfare of Birds, Native animals, Plants, Ecosystems and hand restoration of the land.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BRANCH FOR BEING RECOGNISED AS THE ORGANISATION'S BRANCH OF THE YEAR.

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

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

**Community Lunch** Our next community Lunch will be held on the 23rd July 12 noon St Stephen's Church. Cost \$13 payable at the door.  
To book your place at the table please ph Bev 6860858 or Church office 686.0981.

Our final one for this winter series will be August 27th. But we will be back in November [26th] for our Christmas special.

We appreciate the support from our diners. These meals have not been planned as a fund-raising project for the church but because of our loyal supporters we have been able to give a donation to the church.

**Bible Society Bible Quiz** this will take place on **Sunday 28 July 2024 at 2pm** at the hall of Wilson Street Baptist Church, Timaru. Cost is \$5.00 pp and \$20 per family. Teams up to 6 people. No special study is required. Afternoon Tea provided.

# TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

## Worship Centres

349 Wai-iti Rd, Glenwood, Timaru

22 College Rd, Timaru South

[www.timarupres.org.nz](http://www.timarupres.org.nz)

### Parish Office

349 Wai-iti Rd Phone: 686-0981

email: [oneoffice@timarupres.org.nz](mailto:oneoffice@timarupres.org.nz)

Financial matters: [finance@timarupres.org.nz](mailto: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](mailto:rory@timarupres.org.nz)

*Not available Fridays*

### ***Parish Clerk***

Judith Begg 688-6004, [parishclerk@timarupres.org.nz](mailto:parishclerk@timarupres.org.nz)

## LINK DEADLINE

Copy for the August-September LINK should be emailed to [link@timarupres.org.nz](mailto:link@timarupres.org.nz) or sent to the Church Office by Friday 9 August.

# 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](mailto:eatwell@timarupres.org.nz)

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You put in e's and get persevere ye perfect men, ever keep these precepts ten.



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

Thursday  
10-11am

See you  
there

**TRINITY  
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.timarupres.org.nz](http://www.timarupres.org.nz)

Gold Coin Donation

**PLAYGROUP**  
play & Learn for preschoolers

**Nosh & Natter** is a group of single ladies. We meet at 6:30pm every Monday and for the next 2 hours we eat and tell stories, some real, some not and laugh a lot. We meet in the lounge at St Stephens and would welcome some more ladies to join our group or start a new group at a different time.

If interested please phone Janie 02102793076.



## Girls Brigade

Our girls have been making sponge bag/ toilet bags. They all have put a zip in and lined their bags.

The girls ranged from 6yrs to 16 yrs. It was a huge achievement for all the girls.

Fiona



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