

# PRESBYTERIAN LINK

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The Monthly Newsletter of the  
Timaru Presbyterian Parish



# PLANT SALE

The Plant Sale  
total as at  
03/10/2024 is  
\$7,244.41



# Church Life



Four 'senior' members putting in the 'fundraiser' spuds.

## Owen Stephen's 99th birthday.



Mr Stephens used to be a regular parishoner at Trinity, but he hasn't driven his car for some years so we no longer see him at church. He watches a service on the TV on Sunday now. Each month he receives a copy of the Link and is still interested in what is happening at church. I visited him this morning and he tells me he is out for a celebratory dinner today with his family.

Robyn

## 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)**

# Editorial

One of the highlights of the year is our Church Plant Sale and this year was no exception. This year you may have noticed the Kid's Activities set up in the Church. This was part of a mission experiment organised by a small and dedicated team of volunteers in our church who spent several months faithfully listening to God and planning an experimental mission activity.



Our goal for this experiment was to trust that if **Mission is indeed God's idea, then Christ has already gone before us and is at work in our communities. Rather than God saying, "Go on get out there and do it", it's really "I'm already doing something, come out and join with me". This is a liberating idea! Our job then as partners in God's mission is to find what God is doing and work alongside Christ.**

**So, as a group, we chewed over the insights from last year's Listening in the Neighbour walking group.** We felt led to collaborate with the Plant Sale and do something for children to demonstrate the Good News that they are loved by God, welcome in Church and can achieve their God-given potential by using their creativity and imagination. We also wanted to create an opportunity for children, parents and grandparents to spend time with each other. We settled on two activities, a Fun-Sized Garden project involving decorating and planting seeds in toilet rolls (thanks to everyone who contributed!), and a Paper Plane challenge trying out innovative ways of making paper fly. We had between 30 and 50 children participate with their caregivers throughout the Plant Sale! We had some great feedback from people and learned a lot as a group. In all of this, it was wonderful to see the broadness of the Mission of God and the Good News being lived out.

Where to next? Well, it was an experiment. As a church, we can try something new or develop and refine this idea. Where do you think God is calling you and our Church to work alongside Christ?



Luke

# Parish Council Report

Brent led devotions based on Mark 10: 14-16 **“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.**

**Jesus wants us to have a “child-like” faith. To consider the qualities of young children: They have a simple trust and don’t over think things. They are not self conscious and love unconditionally.**

Janie shared her work on the welcome pack and a flyer to have available to give to new people.

Luke shared his presentation from his Mission Action Experiment.

A group led by Luke was formed to carry out a mission experiment built on earlier work that Luke and a group had done last year.

From their earlier work, there were questions and thoughts regarding children and how they could be welcomed into the church space.

They wanted to provide opportunities for children to have fun and be creative. For whānau to do activities together. And build connections.

The group chose an activity to fit in with the Plant sale. Children could plant seedlings and take part in a paper plane challenge.

Feedback from the activity was that people appreciated that there was an activity specifically for children. They felt welcomed, there were good opportunities to spend time with family.

Janie shared about a new group starting 9 Oct and running fortnightly.

It is designed for people new to faith and those exploring faith, based on a **book by Garry Millar called “Need to know”**

Participants keep the book and each study is based on a chapter of the book.

AGM: With decision meeting on long term vision in November, it was decided to move the Annual General Meeting to February 2025. Details on the date will be advised.

Our Stir Up Sunday service will not take place this year, due to our congregational meeting regarding the proposal to combine worship.

Order of the day was continued discussion regarding the proposal which was discussed on September 29 combined service. Feedback from the service was shared.

There will be further opportunities for anyone to meet with Parish Council **members to have a “cuppa” and informal chat to share thoughts and ask questions regarding the proposal.**

These will be:

13 October 3-4pm Trinity Chapel

20 October 3-4pm St Stephens Foyer

If you are unable to attend, we welcome feedback by email or by contacting a parish council member directly.

Steph

# SNIPPETS from the Mission Group Meeting

## THE EATWELL STORY

It was way back in 1374 that Geoffrey Chaucer wrote this line in his poem “Troilus and Chriseyde” - “All good things must come to an end “. Well that famous phrase also applies to Eatwell, as it has been decided to end the Fruit and Vegetable Co-op in December.

It was a difficult decision for the Mission Group to make, but since Covid it has become increasingly difficult to continue, with rising fruit and vegetable prices. Also, the closure of the Timaru Wholesalers, plus the difficulty with getting people to help meant that the hard decision had to be made.

Thumbing through a large pile of “Links” we have, I eventually stumbled across an article written by Andrea Grant for the November/December Link dated 2015. It was headed up “Eatwell Fruit and Vegetable Co-op - What is it and how does it work?”

The article explains in full, what it is, and how the co-op works, who it is for, and finishing with the perennial statement “ We would love more helpers!”

A good number of the regular Eatwell helpers gathered at Robert Harris coffee lounge recently for a special afternoon tea. As you can see in the photo it looks as though we are in a Robert Harris promotion, rather than a church gathering! We were all presented with a tiny gift and thank you card, and the Eatwell fellowship built up over the years was certainly evident on this occasion.

Elaine.

The Eatwell gathering at Robert Harris ➤

The Eatwell packers in 2015 ▼





# In Memoriam



Owen Smith  
Dulcie Walker

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

Matthew 5:8

The late Owen Smith was a member of St Stephens for many years . He played a large part in the early years of the building and growth of our Church. He was Session Clerk while the Reverend Wynne Dellow was our minister.

Owen played a full part also in leadership roles in the Rosewill District being Chairman of the Domain Board for many years, overseeing renovations to the Hall and organizing all the many activities that made the District a great place to live. School Committees, High School Board, Rifle Clubs, Farm Forestry, Hospice were a few of the groups that benefited from his involvement.

The Smiths were valued neighbours of my family over three generations, that helped each other in times of need. I mourn his passing and a way of life which is also passing in the country.

John & Christine

## BECOME A CHRISTMAS ANGEL

### EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF GIVING

Christmas can be a joyous time, it can also be a time of extreme struggle and stress. With your help these families can have a magical Christmas - something they may never forget.

Get your group together of staff, family, workmates, church group, school, mates for the Christmas Angel project today at <https://pssc.org.nz/the-christmas-angel/> so that these families Christmas is more meaningful. **Let's Change Lives Together!**



Family Works  
**Christmas Angels**



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

**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.timaripres.org.nz](http://www.timaripres.org.nz)

Gold Coin Donation

**PLAYGROUP**  
 play & learn for preschoolers

# GEL

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 ...y not otherwise experience.

...s, or even your sports team and register  
 ...-project/ and make a South Canterbury



# Works els Project 2024



# WORSHIP @ TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Live streaming every Sunday

<i>13 October</i>	9.30am Combined Communion Worship at Trinity, 22 College Rd Lukes Crit Service
<i>20 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>27 October</i>	9.30am Worship & Communion @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>3 November</i>	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ 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:** 10am 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:** 2pm 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.



# TIMARU PARISH EVENTS

**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 ph 684 4351  
Dorothy ph 686 2265

**Bible Society Spring Safari:** Our Spring Safari will be on Saturday 12 October starting at 1 pm at the Bible Chapel in Church St. We will visit Islander Congregations also in Cains Terrace and the St Mary's hall. We then will have afternoon tea at the Church St Chapel. Cost : \$ 5.00 pp. Further donations to the Bible Society are welcome. Evi

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCH GROUP:**

The monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 October at the Wai-iti Road Worship Centre starting at 12.30pm with a shared Lunch. Sales Table. Please support this table as by doing so we can help others. Members to bring along a photo of a memory to share. Apologies or rides please contact Dianne 6860440, Dawn 6860595, Robyn 6881948.

**Jam session** Wednesday 16 October 7pm Contact: Brent for more information

**Parish Council** invites you to an informal chat about the Long Term Vision over a cuppa: 13 October at Trinity Chapel 3-4pm  
20 October at St Stephens Foyer 3-4pm

**Journey 21:** Meets at C-Bay carpark. 9am, Sunday 20 October 2024  
All welcome. Contact: Ellen ph 027 7723 146

## **Community Lunch:**

We will be back on the 26th November for our Christmas Meal.  
To book your place at the table, please 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](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*

### ***Parish Clerk***

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

## LINK DEADLINE

Copy for the November-December LINK should be emailed to [link@timarupres.org.nz](mailto:link@timarupres.org.nz) or sent to the Church Office by Friday 8 November.

# Plant Sale 2024



## Sister Eveleen Retreat House may need you!!

### Vacancy for a Live-In Host

Interested in serving God through the gift of hospitality?? We have a vacancy for a [Live-in Retreat House Host \(RHH\)](#), paid 10 hours a week, accommodation provided. The RHH works with the Director to provide a hospitable welcome to guests and a presence at the house when the Director has left for the day. Please see [our website](#) for more info or get in touch with us [enquiry@sistereretreat.com](mailto:enquiry@sistereretreat.com)



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