



## Christmas Spirit



Girls brigade took small gifts and blessed our community. We delivered approximately 400 small gifts.

Fiona

# Church Life



This year the Boys Brigade decided to help Presbyterian support services by supplying toiletries for the food bank. We provided them with 16 bags filled with soap, shower gel, deodorant, face cloth, tooth paste and toothbrush all set up and ready to go.

Fiona

## **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

As you will know, Parish Council has called a congregational meeting on Sunday 24th November, following a 10am combined worship service at Trinity for the congregation to consider the long term vision that Council has been working on this year.

In response to the feedback from the congregation, we would like to clarify some issues that have been raised:



## **What is the motion?**

The motion that we will be voting on is **"That the TPP congregation support the Long Term vision document presented by Parish Council"**. There will be plenty of room given for discussion and discernment, and the outcome of the vote will be respected as we discern God's will together. Notices of motion from the floor will not be accepted.

## **Are we voting to change the time and place of worship?**

While the most immediate impact of voting "yes" to this proposal will be moving to one worship service at St. Stephens on Sunday morning, the main intent is to become sustainable and fruitful in ministry and mission for the future.

## **Does voting "yes" mean that Trinity will be abandoned or sold?**

Parish Council are hopeful that in addition to our weekly Sunday morning worship, we can make room for other expressions of worship. For instance a monthly evensong or afternoon communion at Trinity would be possible. There are no plans to sell Trinity. Parish Council believe that selling property would be a backwards step.

## **How will this save us money?**

Questions have been raised about how moving to one service will help us to achieve financial sustainability. In itself, it will not. However, worshipping together as one positions us well to restructure our staffing and ministry team. Increasing our giving, or restructuring our staffing are the only ways to move towards financial sustainability. Our projections suggest that restructuring our ministry team needs to happen within the next 12-24 months. However, depending on other circumstances, it could happen much more quickly.

## **Do the ministers have a conflict of interest in this proposal?**

Concerns have been raised about conflicts of interest for the

ministry team in proposing the Long Term Vision. Council has considered this. A conflict of interest will arise when restructuring of ministry staff occurs. This is unavoidable. However, it can, and will, be managed to protect the interests of the Parish. Presbytery are responsible for overseeing the vocation of ministers, and there are robust procedures in place to manage conflicts of interest. These will be followed when the time comes.

### **Will my vote count? Have Parish Council already made up their minds?**

Parish Council are elected by the congregation to lead in discernment. The proposal before you is the outcome of Council's discernment. However, the discernment process is not complete until we seek God's will together as a congregation. We encourage you approach the meeting on the 24th with an open heart. Your vote will count, and whatever the outcome, God will continue to guide us all into His future.

On behalf of the Parish Council,  
Judith, Lois, Rory and Brent.

## Parish Council Report.

Moderator Luke welcomed the attendees. A special welcome was extended to **Margaret van Ginkel who attended to assess Luke's moderator skills as part of his training.**

Devotions were led by Rory based on Hebrews 9: 24-28 in the style of Lectio Divina. The reading was read out loud three times. Each time we had a time of silence. The first time to think about a word or phrase that resonated with you, the second time to engage with the story and third time to reflect on how the passage might relate to your life today.

Parish Council congratulated Luke on receiving and accepting a call from The Village in Christchurch. He will start his call in the new year.

Administration committee reported that the kitchen cupboard doors in **St Stephen's are being painted.**

The mission group reported that a box will be placed in the foyers from mid-November for collection of donations for Womens Refuge. If you wish to be involved in the Christmas Angel project, please contact Margaret Hughes. The group is unable to co-ordinate this initiative this year.

Brent and Rory have been busy with attending parish work. They were pleased to be invited to the Council of Assembly hui at Ohope. This had a sparse agenda but allowed for sharing together. They are hopeful the COA received some useful insight into where we are going nationally. Rory was

delighted to be given the opportunity to share in a mihi whakatu after not **being able to share whai Kōrero due to plane delays making them late to the meeting.**

Brent will be taking leave from 16 December 2024 till 5 January 2025. The Parish Council thanks all for their participation in the October cuppas and chats and their written feedback in relation to the Long-Term Vision. We spent considerable time at the meeting discussing these responses.

We confirmed that the voting on the vision on 24 November will be at Trinity after a 10am service.

**Luke's last day as an Intern will be on the 8 December 2024. His licensing service will be at 1.30pm on that date at St Stephen's. We will have the usual morning service followed by a shared pizza and salad lunch. We will then move to the church for the licensing service. Luke is not leaving us just yet as he will work for us on a half time basis contract from 9 December 2024 to 29 December 2024.**

Early notice of Christmas period services- times to be confirmed  
15 December 2024 - Blue (Memorial) service at 2pm Trinity Chapel  
24 December 2024 Christmas Eve - Heiligabend service in Trinity Chapel lead by the Frank family and Candlelit service at Trinity @ 11.30pm  
25 December 2024 Christmas Day- **Morning service at St Stephen's**  
29 December 2024- start the Summer season series at Trinity church

Judith  
Parish Clerk

## SNIPPETS from the Mission Group Meeting

The final Bucket Mission topic for the year will be :  
December - **Grandparents looking after Grandchildren (a Family Works' Initiative)**  
January - there will be no collection

The recent November Bucket Collection raised \$204.80 for supplementing **Family Works' food parcels** - with Christmas collection in mind.

Sadly (for us) Luke, Teresa and family will be leaving us soon for a calling **to their first parish in Christchurch. Luke's final service is to be held on December 8th. at St.Stephens, and this will be followed by a Pizza and Salads lunch. Cost - a gold coin donation. Not a pot luck meal as previously advertised.**

In the last edition of the Link I mentioned that we would be having a Stir-Up Sunday service on the last Sunday before Advent, unfortunately this

has had to be cancelled as it would clash with our very important vote. The good news is we will still have a Christmas Cake to enjoy at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day service.

As mentioned in the previous Link, Eatwell will finish on Tuesday 26th December. Over the past couple of weeks a little explanatory note has been included in each fruit and vegetable bag.

Our two Harvest Tables got into action for the summer season recently and raised \$138.80 for **the St. John's Ambulance**. Our current recipient will be the SPCA.

**A special Christmas Collection for the Women's Refuge will begin this December.** At the beginning of the month there will be special boxes in each foyer for your donation. As well as the usual toiletries the Women's Refuge would appreciate suitable gifts (such as swimming vouchers, movie vouchers, gaming cards etc.) for teenagers. They also mentioned toiletries for men (eg.deodorant, soap, shaving foam).

Let's make this a really special gift for those staying at the Women's Refuge this Christmas .

Elaine.

# 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> to make these families' Christmas more meaningful. **Let's Change Lives Together!**



Family Works  
**Christmas Angels**



Tuesday Mornings 10 to 11am

**Finishes for the year 3rd December**

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 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)

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# WORSHIP @ TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Live streaming every Sunday

<i>17 November</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>24 November</i>	10.00am Combined Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd
<i>1 December</i>	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>8 December</i>	10.30am Combined Worship & Communion at St Stephens shared lunch to farewell the Blackbeards followed by a licensing service starting at 1.30pm.

## 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. *Finishes 28 November*  
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. *Finishes 28 November*  
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:** *Finishes 5 December* 12pm 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 November 2024  
Theme: *Freedom from and Freedom to*. This is the last Journey 21 for 2024, starting date for 2025 is Sunday 19 January.  
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 November 2024 at the Black and White Cafe, Showgrounds Hill, at 12.00 (please note change of time). This is the final meeting for a very busy 2024 with some very good Speakers.

If some of the Ladies do not wish to drive out to the Cafe please let one of the undermentioned know and rides will be arranged.

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

**Jam session** Thursday 21 November 7pm Contact: Brent for more Information.

## **Community Lunch Christmas Meal:**

We welcome all diners and those who would like to attend our special meal.

The date for this luncheon is 26th of November 12 noon at St Stephens Hall.

To book your place at table please Phone  
Bev at PH 686 0858 Church office 686 0981

Cost of the meal is \$13

Many thanks to all who have supported these meals

# 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 December-February LINK should be emailed to [link@timarupres.org.nz](mailto:link@timarupres.org.nz) or sent to the Church Office by Friday 6 December.

# In Memoriam

Tui Walsh



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

Matthew 5:8

TUI WALSH. 1932-2024

Recently, in Fairlie, Brent led a service to commemorate the life of Tui Walsh. I have been privileged to have known Tui for over 30 years, while I was on the committee for AFS student exchange. For most of that time she was the support co-ordinator for hundreds of 16 and 17 year olds.

She had a deep interest in every student, both while they were in NZ, and also when they returned to their homes.

She helped to smooth the enrolment at their new school, went shopping with them, planned trips around NZ, comforted the homesick, and often had a student to stay at her own home for a few days. she achieved " fame " for her chocolate fudge, and many returnees took her recipe with them.

She was a special lady and will be deeply missed around the world.

Murray



PO Box 211, Timaru 4860 - www.pss.org.nz

*Thank you*

*Thank you so much for collecting the New World stickers and then the donation of the Kitchen Aid containers. These will go to Family Start (young families) and the Refugee Service. From the Team at Family Works.*

Stickers Collected for Kitchen Aid Containers:

3 Vacuum Pumps	12 Small Containers
7 Medium Containers	2 Large Containers
18 Extra Large Containers	1 Oven Dish

A wonderful effort by all. This is a huge help to those in need.

Many thanks  
Dawn

# Girls and Boys Brigade

Kurt trying some dried fruit as part of healthy life badge and yes he loved all the fruit, said they were like lollies.



Some of the amazing art work that the girls have been working on. Super proud of their achievements.  
Fiona



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