

PRESBYTERIAN LINK

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The Monthly Newsletter of the
Timaru Presbyterian Parish



Fond

Farewells



CWS Christmas appeal flyer inside

Church Life



Likely lads Max Muldrew, Jim Garden, Murray Facer, David Elliot and Noel Crawford sprucing up the manse fence at Wai iti Rd on a day far too hot for such a job! Well done men.

Brent



Our intern Luke invited people to his model railway display before dismantling it to take to Christchurch.

Many came to have a look and marvelled at the intricacies and excellence of the whole set up.

Ken

Editorial

Welcome to this edition of The Link bringing you news and happenings around the parish. November has certainly been an eventful month with some significant events occurring in our life.



On the 24th November we had our congregational meeting to vote on the Long Term Vision proposal which would see us move to St Stephens for our weekly Sunday services from next year and begin looking at ways of restructuring our ministry team to better serve our mission goals of outreach and fresh expressions of church. This service was well attended by 95 folk from across our parish. Ninety one votes were cast resulting in 63% in favour, 37% against the proposal. While this is a majority in favour, the parish council had determined that such a significant change would require a high level of support, and this result comes a bit shy of that. This means no firm decision to go ahead with the proposal will be taken at this time. Council will look at it again in the new year.

On Sunday 1st December Rev Rory Grant announced that after being with TPP for 13 years he will be taking up a call to Clevedon Presbyterian Church, Northern Presbytery, with his final Sunday here being 29th December. Naturally, Rory and Andrea will leave a big hole in our parish and our hearts- **but we wish them all God's blessings as they go forth into** a new adventure of ministry and service for the Lord.

A special service of celebration for the Grant family will be held on Sunday 22nd December, at St Stephens, 10:30am with a BBQ lunch to follow. We will be collecting a special offering for them to bless them as they leave. If you would like to contribute to this, you can either put your cash offering in an envelope labelled Grant family and drop this to the office or in the offering basket at the service. Alternatively, you can deposit it directly into our church account with the reference Grant family. (Account # 03-1714-0405434- 01).

We are also saying farewell to Luke, Teresa, Sophie and Jonathan Blackbeard who will be moving to Christchurch where Luke will be ordained and inducted to the Village Presbyterian Church. Luke has been a wonderful addition to our team over the past 2 years as he completed his internship with us. I know Luke has experienced significant growth over this time and I am very proud that we have provided a place for him to grow and develop as a minister in the PCANZ. We wish them well in their future.

So, 2025 will look very different for our parish, going very quickly from 3 ministers to 1. While changes like this can be scary and unsettling for some, I am sure the hand of God is in this, and we will continue to be led by the Spirit into new and fruitful mission.

As we come to the end of the year, I wish all our readers a very blessed Christmas and holiday season.

Nga manaakitanga ki a koutou katoa (Blessings to all) Brent.

Parish Council Report.

Devotions were led by Judith based on Philipians 4:8 and 4:13 with emphasis on positivity especially after the congregational vote on the 24/11/24.

A discussion was had regarding Pleasant Point Presbyterian congregation going forward and a motion was moved that, Parish **Council endorse Lois Shipley's role as the Elder in Charge for Pleasant Point matters.**

Rory and Andrea thanked everyone for the love and support they have received over the years.

Luke thanked everyone for inviting and including him in all Parish meetings. He was very appreciative of this as it aided his growth towards his future Ministerial responsibilities that has now been realised.

The Parish Council invites the congregation to make a love offering for Rory. Your contribution can be made in the following ways with a **reference "Love offering Rory":**

- A. Calling into the office
- B. Placing an envelope into the offering basket
- C. Through our church bank account.

Long term vision vote – collectively the Parish Council was encouraged that 63% of our congregation was ready to move forward with the plan in its current form. We are also concerned that 37% are not and this is a bigger percentage than what we hoped for.

A discussion was had regarding issues that people had towards the plan. We are aware that for some it is the style of worship, the organ, the building.

We have a new reality. While the pressure on our finances will be relieved for a while, we must now consider the pressures on one Minister. We will need to consider how to manage two worship sites

with one minister going forward.

Presbytery have encouraged us to seek a Ministry Settlement Board process to look at the ministry needs of the parish.

This will include representation from Presbytery, Parish Council, and the parish.

They will look at our long term vision plan with new outside eyes, with a view to helping us move forward.

Janie

SNIPPETS from the Mission Group Meeting

The arrangements for the pizza lunch to be held on December 8th (farewelling Luke, Teresa and family) were discussed. The decision **was made to hold the lunch in the St. Stephen's hall this time, as it** was felt that the foyer area maybe a trifle cramped for a large crowd. The committee will be supplying salads and biscuits, and for the remainder it would be a gold coin donation. There would be someone on door duty on the day recording numbers, and details for those that require gluten free foods.

Unfortunately we weren't able to hold our popular Stir-Up Service this year, and get our Christmas cake made. I'm sure you all remember the long queues of folk patiently waiting to stir the cake and make a wish last time! The committee will be providing a cake this year (using the same recipe), and it will be served at both the midnight and morning Christmas services.

At the time of writing, our Harvest Tables have raised \$218.50 for the SPCA. This collection will continue for the next week, when the recipient will change to the Hospice. Well into the New Year this will change again to Heart Kids.

The Bucket Mission Collection takes a break in January and will return on February 2nd. collecting funds for Radio Rhema.

March's collection will be for : Alzheimer's Society.

The Mission Group would like to thank you all for your constant support of our Harvest Tables and Bucket Mission initiatives throughout the year.

Elaine.

Big changes ahead for the Grants

Hi folks, if you haven't already heard, after 13 years of ministry in Timaru Presbyterian Parish, I am moving on. I have been called to be the senior minister at Clevedon Presbyterian, just out of Auckland. My last Sunday at TPP will be the 29th of December, and I begin in Clevedon at the end of February.

How do I even begin to describe how much our time in Timaru has meant to Andrea, myself, and the boys? For once, words fail me!



When we began here, I was a brand new minister, Andrea had not yet begun her career in public health, and the boys were only just starting school. I'm leaving as an experienced minister, built up by the faithfulness, challenges, love and support of our church. Andrea is ready for the next step in her career, and the boys are on the doorstep of adult life. What an incredibly wonderful home Timaru has been for us!

The opportunities ahead of us in Clevedon are exciting, but it is bittersweet to be leaving South Canterbury behind. We are forever grateful for your love and support over the years, and we will never forget this very special season of life.

I'd like to sign off with the blessing we've prayed on our boys since they were born, and we share together in worship every Sunday:

*“The Lord bless you
and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.”*

*Ma Ihowa koutou e manaaki, mana
koutou e tiaki:*

*Ma Ihowa e mea kia tiaho tona mata
ki a koutou, mana ano hoki koutou e
atawhai:*

*Ma Ihowa tona kanohi e whakaara ki
a koutou, mana ano e tuku te
rangimarie ki a koutou.*

Ngā manaakinui,

Rory



◀ A photo of the Parish Council members discussing the 90+ person vote and deciding whether there was enough support at this stage.

Pictured here are the wonderful group helping with the final ‘Eatwell.’ ➤



Luke's licensing service



Girls Brigade

Here are some photos from our fun night that was attended by Mickey and Minnie mouse, adding to an enjoyable night for all. A great way to finish our year off.

Fiona



Boys Brigade



Below: Kurt Carson award for most improved at boys brigade
Top left: Jacob Cooper receiving award from Brent

Middle left: Warick from Boys Brigade NZ and Brent.

Lower left: Leader Daniel with a thank you gift

Lower right: Brent with the can tabs the boys collected this year for kidney kids.

Fiona





SPRING SALAD
FRÜHLINGSSALAT
LENTESALADE
SALADE DE PRINTEMPS

Dear Jay, David and the Eastwell
family.

Well its been wonderful experience
being apart of your Volunteering Team.
I Thank you for the kind support and
prayers that you have shared with me
over the last year that I have been healed.
I'm sure the Community will miss your
good deeds and service and at the
same time appreciated what you have
provided over the last decade.
I hope you all get some well deserved
Rest, and have pleasant and happy holidays.

Thanks again for meeting all your
lovely, kind, interesting Caring Elders. Much Respect.

Merry xmas and a Safe Happy
2025.

Will stay in touch take care

Kia kaha

Trevor Collins

আমার সম্পর্কে সব

আমি কেমন আছি কেমনই চেষ্টা করে।

ALL ABOUT ME

I am wonderful just the way I am.

World Vision
BANGLADESH

আমার নাম মোনালিসা
My name is Monalisa

যদি যে প্রাণীকে পছন্দ করি তা হল...
The animal I prefer is...

(চিত্র) (Circle)



আমার সেরা খাবারসমূহ হল...
My favourite foods are...

(মনে রাখুন - চিত্রের উপর) (Select - Tick)



যদিও কেউ কেউ তাকে মনে...
আমি তাকে কেমনে আঁকব।
Draw and colour this person to look like you

আমার সেরা রং হল...
My favourite colours are:



এই কার্যক্রমটি সম্পন্ন হয়েছে
This worksheet was completed

আমার দ্বারা | By myself

সহযোগিতা সহকারী/সহকারী/সহকারী
With the help of a community facilitator / family member



7th November 2024



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Timaru Presbyterian Parish
C/-Rose Hill
349 Wai-iti Road
Timaru 7910

Dear Rose,

Thank you to the Timaru Presbyterian Parish members for their generous donation of \$778.50 to Presbyterian Support South Canterbury's Family Works service. This contribution will make an immediate difference to the vulnerable children and families in our region.

In accordance with your emails, we have allocated \$224.50 raised from your monthly Mission Project and \$193.00 from your Harvest Tables to our Foodbank, and \$361.00 towards our child psychologist services.

For over 100 years, we have been able to support positive ageing and independence, and assist families to develop new skills and confidence for the future. Our services are constantly expanding to meet the increasing needs of our community, and your continued support helps us keep our community safe, strong and connected.

Thank you from us all at Presbyterian Support South Canterbury, including Enliven Aged Care, Family Works, and Refugee Settlement Service.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C Cooper".

Carolyn Cooper
Chief Executive Officer

This is your official tax receipt - please retain for tax purposes.

Date of Donation: 2 Oct 2024
Received from:
Total donation received: \$778.50
receipt number: 297
Charity number: CC11472
IRD number: 11-087-118

Our Services

The logo for "enliven" features the word in a lowercase, sans-serif font with a stylized bird-like graphic above the 'i'.

The logo for "Family Works" features the words in a sans-serif font next to a stylized green plant graphic.

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Making a difference together

আমার সম্পর্কে সব

আমি যেমন আছি তেমনই চমকেকার।

ALL ABOUT ME

I am wonderful just the way I am.

World Vision
BANGLADESH

আমার নাম

My name is

Naem

আমি যে প্রাণীটিকে পছন্দ করি তা হল...

The animal I prefer is...

। চিহ্ন । (Circle)



আমার প্রিয় খাবারগুলো হল...

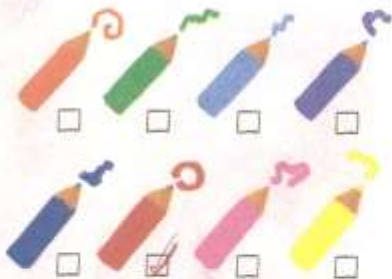
My favourite foods are...

। খাবার চিহ্ন । (Select - Tick)



আমার প্রিয় রং হল...

My favourite colours are:



ব্যক্তিটিকে খিঁচো করে ছাড়া, সেসে আঁকতে দেখতে হবে।

Draw and colour this person to look like you.



এই কার্যসূচী সম্পন্ন হয়েছে

This worksheet was completed

আমি নিজে | By myself

কমিউনিটি সহায়কসহকারী / পরিবার সদস্যের সহযোগে

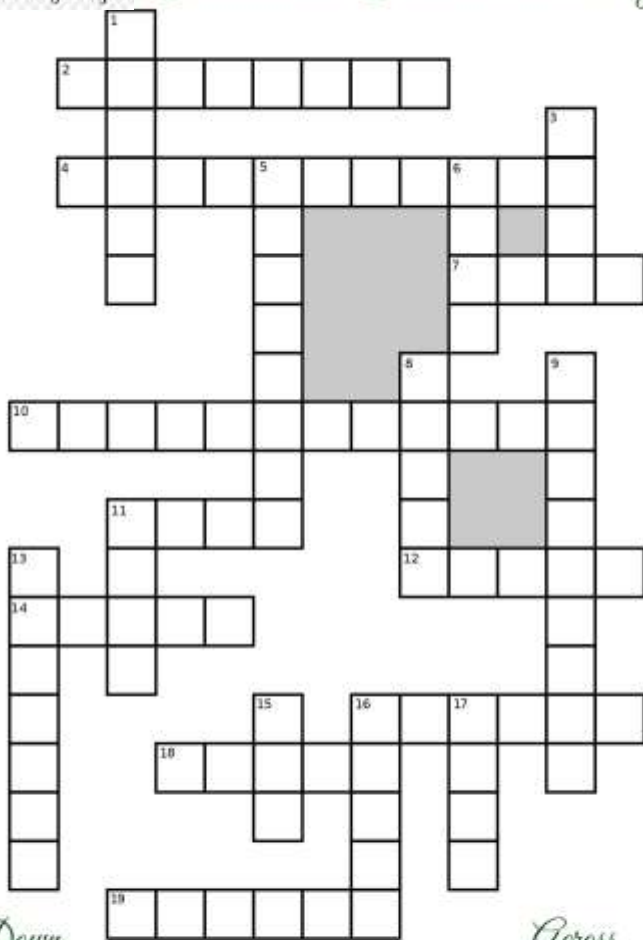
With the help of a community facilitator / family member





Silent Night Or Holy Night.

Christmas Crossword Puzzle



Down

Across

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1. The coming of _____ | 2. Those tending their flock in the field |
| 3. The Wise Men followed a _____ | 4. _____, Holy Night (2 words) |
| 5. The birth scene of Jesus | 7. Jesus, _____ and Savior |
| 6. One of the Three Wise Men's gifts | 10. One of the Three Wise Men's gifts |
| 8. Mary's baby | 11. The mother of Jesus |
| 9. The town where Jesus was born | 12. Jesus came to save our _____ |
| 13. The Angel who visited Mary | 14. A heavenly messenger |
| 15. Jesus is the son of _____ | 16. Baby Jesus slept in a _____ |
| 16. One of the Three Wise Men's gifts | 18. "For the _____ of God" |
| 17. Christmas refrain | 19. Mary's husband |

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WORSHIP @ TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Live streaming every Sunday

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

<i>15 December</i>	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd 2.00pm Blue Christmas Trinity Chapel, 22 College Rd
<i>22 December</i>	10.30am Combined Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>Christmas Eve 24 December</i>	6.00pm Heiligabend @ Trinity Chapel, 22 College Rd 11.30pm Carols by Candlelight @ Trinity Church, 22 College Rd
<i>Christmas Day 25 December</i>	10.30am Christmas Family Service @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>29 December</i>	10.00am Combined Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd Summer Season
<i>5 January</i>	10.00am Combined Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd Summer Season
<i>12 January</i>	10.00am Combined Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd Summer Season
<i>19 January</i>	10.00am Combined Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd Summer Season
<i>26 January</i>	10.00am Combined Worship and Communion @ Trinity, 22 College Rd Summer Season
<i>2 February</i>	10.00am Combined Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd Summer Season

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 *Finished for the year*

Rhythm Kids: Trinity Hall, College Rd. *Finished for the year*
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 *Finished for the year*

TP Kids Playgroup: Trinity Hall, College Rd. *Finished for the year*
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) *Finishing 16 Dec*

Prayer Group: Tuesday 9.00am, College Rd, Brent **686-1382**

Community Club: Tuesdays, 1.30-3.30pm at Wai-iti Rd

Yoga for Seniors on chairs: *Finished for the year*
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:

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.
Starting date for 2025 is Sunday 19 January.
All welcome. Contact: Ellen ph 027 7723 146

Jam session No Jam Session in December.



TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Worship Centres

349 Wai-iti Rd, Glenwood, Timaru

22 College Rd, Timaru South

www.timarupres.org.nz

Parish Office

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email: oneoffice@timarupres.org.nz

Financial matters: finance@timarupres.org.nz

Office hours: Tuesday to Friday 9am - 3pm

Closed 12-1pm Tuesday & Wednesday

Closes 3pm Friday 20 December reopening 9am Tuesday 21 January 2025

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Minister

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Not available Fridays

Parish Clerk

Judith Begg 688-6004, parishclerk@timarupres.org.nz

LINK DEADLINE

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In Memoriam



Margaret Littler - Winton Ball
Shirley Newman - Roland Veitch

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

Matthew 5:8

Margaret Littler

Margaret has been a very faithful member of this Church for many years. She shared her deep faith and love of God, by example caring for others, in many diverse ways.

Margaret was a capable ordained Elder, serving on Parish Council, taking part in Church services and doing Door Duty. Each week she delivered the groceries to Family Works, collected in the Sunday service.

Over the years she served on the Property and Administration Committees for various lengths of time. She was part of the Evening Woman's Group and evenings at Margaret and Gary's are remembered for their warmth and hospitality.

From the time her own children were young Margaret was involved in Girl's Brigade. She served on the Support Committee and for a number of years was Girls Brigade Captain. Her administration skills were of real value and support to other leaders. Margaret was an enabler, quietly encouraging the girls to try new things. Her quiet approach instills confidence in both girls and leaders alike. Recently Margaret has been the Chaplain and came to that role with much experience.

Margaret and Gary provide morning tea for Rhythm Kids on a regular basis. Margaret will be remembered for her wonderful hugs, her unending loyalty, her dedication, skills, and her care and concern of others. Over the years she has touched the lives of many people.

We thank God we have had the privilege of walking alongside Margaret for part of our journey.

Lois

Winton Ball

Winton was Christchurch born and worked for Aorangi Homes. The company expanded to Ashburton then Timaru where he and Glenys settled. They have a son Peter in Christchurch, a daughter Carolyn in Timaru, and the family enjoyed many family holidays at the bach in Tekapo.

Winton and Glenys travelled extensively, from Finland to Antarctica and many places in between.

Girls Brigade



This issue of "PRESBYTERIAN LINK" is delivered to you

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