

# PRESBYTERIAN LINK

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The Monthly Newsletter of the  
Timaru Presbyterian Parish



## Easter Service



# Church Life

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## **Quiet Time with Contemplative Prayer**

on

Wednesday 11 June at  
St Stephens Chapel  
from 6.30-7.30pm.

Contact:

Catherine ph 686 1382



**ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, 349 WAI-ITI ROAD**

Please keep the date of Saturday  
13 September free as this is when  
we are holding our  
Sale at St Stephens.

Any questions, please contact Murray  
ph 686 1629

**PLANT  
SALE**



Aunty Lyn being installed as the new Alpine Presbytery moderator (in the blue dress)

# Editorial



I've just returned from a very inspiring gathering of the Alpine Presbytery, hosted by John Knox Presbyterian Church in Rangiora. We are blessed in our presbytery to have many new buildings, and our gatherings are usually held in these. JKR (John Knox Rangiora) completed their new build after 14 years of dreaming and planning for a new facility on the site the church has occupied since its 19<sup>th</sup> century inception. It sits in the heart of the town on a very busy corner and is unmissable. They have done a splendid job of designing a building that is open and inviting.

One of the tasks of the gathering was to install a new moderator, who serves a two year term. Rev Lynmaree Sapaoga from Darfield begins this role after a lovely ceremony, the highlight of which was the gathering of her St Pauls Trinity Pacific Church family (her former church) who sang and prayed for her. Aunty Lyn as she is known to many will make a wonderful moderator bringing warmth and humour to the role.

An exciting initiative presented by Hamish Galloway was the establishment of the Alpine Presbytery Enterprise Fund, which replaces the old Mission Fund, with a new focus of generating capital and returns which will be invested in mission and church projects. Rather than just making grants to churches the EF will look to invest in social enterprises with returns being ploughed back into the fund. Currently the fund has around \$600,000 at present and will expand when churches are closed, receiving 2/3 of the proceeds with 1/3 going into the presbytery discretion fund, used to run the presbytery.

The absolute highlight of the two days was listening to our keynote speaker, Andrew Root, from Luther Seminary in St Paul, Minnesota. In an incredibly engaging and entertaining way he gave us a history and philosophy lesson on how the Western World went from an enchanted world of angels and demons and objects imbued with magical powers to the highly secular world we live in today. A standout point for me was that faith is always challenged by doubt; we all experience this at some time. But the same is true for those who are certain there is no God. They will inevitably experience something transcendent they cannot explain rationally. And these experiences are far more common than we think. God is truly at work all around us!

Nga mihi nui, Brent

# Parish Council Report.

Murray Facer led devotions on the theme of peace. With many conflicts raging around the world we seem to be moving in the wrong direction. We **long for the words of Isaiah to be realized: “He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into ploughshares...”** Of particular concern is the effect war has on children, which will be with them their whole lives, long after the conflict ends. We then considered the ways and places we find peace and considered Jesus words; **“Blessed are the peacemakers”**.

Correspondence included a message from our national moderator on the death of Pope Francis, a report from Council of Assembly, the Presbyterian Support South Canterbury annual report, notification of a \$20,000 grant from Alpine Presbytery to assist the ongoing ministry to the Pleasant Point Presbyterians and we notified Presbytery that Hermann Frank will be attending General Assembly in October.

We also received notification of the deaths of Allan Paulin, Revs D.Douglas, Stan Stewart and Rev Dr P Mattheson.

The Admin ministry group had submitted a quote to get underfloor insulation installed at St Stephens. This involves a polyethene moisture barrier at ground level and terra wool batts under the floor. This will make the building cosier and protect the subfloor from damp. The cost is \$8,190. Parish council endorse this project.

There was also discussion on the plans to upgrade and extend the carparking at St Stephens. Plans were acquired about 2 years ago and council agree it is time to move forward with this; the next steps being getting quotes for the work so that congregational approval and application to Church Property Trustee to release the funds for this project can be sought.

Helen Carter is proposing to run Soup Plus twice a month out of the Trinity Community centre in June and July as a trial for this outreach initiative. This will be a simple lunch of soup and a bun plus discussion and conversation, much like the Tuesday community lunches but with simpler food. PC applaud this initiative and wish Helen well.

Leave was granted for our minister between 21 June and 1 July. We discussed some teething issues around bringing our 2 cultures together, especially around how we handle the communion services, the role of duty elders and the counting of the offering.

Janie Hart reported that she is winding up Nosh and Natter which has served its purpose over the last 2 years. She will be attending the Forge Hui

in Auckland. This is a group who are learning new ways of 'doing mission' in our 21<sup>st</sup> century context.

Our meeting concluded with a lively discussion around how we might invest in future outreach and rejuvenation initiatives and best utilise the resources we have been blessed with.

Brent.

## From the Mission Group

The Harvest Table sales have finished for the season, and will resume when our gardens start producing again in September. The final collection was for the Alzheimer's Society, and we raised the excellent amount of \$312 .20. A big thank you to our supporters.

Our annual knitting programme was slow to get underway this time, but we are now starting to see some lovely knitted items coming in. One garment in particular caught the attention of a few parishioners recently - it was a jersey for a 4/5 year old in several shades of grey and oatmeal, knitted with cables and several fancy stitches. The recipients for these garments will be Kowhai and Ranui kindergartens and Family Works. Remember, there are several boxes of wool and patterns for you to take in St Stephen's foyer. They are labelled 'Jerseys' and 'Slippers' (pure wool) and Doll's clothes and toys (acrylic).

A special thank you to the contributors to last week's Bucket Mission when we raised the amazing amount of \$239.40 for Family Works's food bank. This money will be used for meat purchases to supplement food parcels. Next month's recipient for the Bucket Mission is :



Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. (June)

July. - Bible Society

August. - St. John's bus service to Christchurch Hospital

Elaine.

You're invited to  
Praying the Ordinary



a day of quiet reflection and contemplative prayer

led by **Barbara Sampson**

at **St Stephen's Presbyterian Church**

349 Wai-iti Road, Timaru

on **Saturday 24 May** from **10am to 3pm**

Bring your Bible, lunch, a koha and **something ordinary**

To register please contact **catherinerichardsoncounselling@gmail.com**

# SOUP +

“What on earth is that?” you might be saying. Well, some years ago, Tonia Lee, Norma McRae and Nessie Home led the Friday lunch at the Chalmers Friendship Centre on Elizabeth Place during the winter months which consisted of delicious homemade Soups with a bread roll finishing with a piece of fruit and sweet treat. Many Chalmers Church people and others from the wider community enjoyed these lunches.

With the Tuesday lunches currently on hold this will be a simple alternative that we can offer to you and the wider community. I have added the + (Plus) which is enjoying the company of those sharing the table with a “conversation starter” question that enables an easy conversation to flow.

It is intended that the lunch would be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month and cost a modest \$5. Would you like to be part of this Trinity Community Outreach? Making a Soup? Making a sweet treat? For more information about helping, please contact Helen 021 768 973 or Lyn 027 209 6553 or the Church Office 686 0981



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# WORSHIP @ TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Live streaming every Sunday

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

18 May	9.00am	Journey 21 C-Bay car park
	10.00am	Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Road
25 May	10.00am	Worship & Communion @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Road
1 June	10.00am	Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Road
	2pm	Heritage Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd
8 June	10.00am	Worship & Communion @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Road

## 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

#### Girls' Brigade

5.30pm - 7.00pm 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

## In Memoriam



Eric Barker

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

Matthew 5:8

# TIMARU PARISH EVENTS

## Regular Events:

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

**Community Club:** Tuesdays, 1.00-3.30pm at 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:

**The Community Club:** Tuesdays, 1.00-3.30pm 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. 20 April

All welcome. Contact: Ellen ph 027 7723 146

**Timaru Presbyterian Women Lunch Group:** The monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 May at the Wai-iti Road Worship Centre starting at 12.30pm with a shared lunch. Sales Table. Guest Speaker: Liz Munro and Cinthia English from Family Works - 'Grandparents Bringing Up Grandchildren'.

An invitation has been extended to the Temuka Parish Ladies Group to join us. Apologies or rides please contact: Dianne 686 0440, Dawn 686 0595 or Robyn 688 1948.

**Bible Society Timaru Cheese-roll Fundraiser:** It's cheese-roll time again. We will make our famous cheese-rolls on Saturday 14 June for delivery on Sunday 15 June and on Saturday 28 June for delivery on Sunday 29 June 2025. As prices over all have gone up, we too have to put ours up accordingly: 1 doz brown or white bread \$ 8.00 and 4 doz \$ 30.00; Molenberg will be 1 doz \$ 9.00 and 4 doz \$ 35. Orders have to be in by Sunday 8 June and Sunday 22 June respectively. Money raised goes to Bibles in the Middle East.

## **Important note on services:**

First Sunday in the month is the Heritage Service at  
2pm at Trinity Church.

Fourth Sunday every month is Communion.

# 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)

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Office hours: Tuesday to Friday 9am - 3pm

Closed 12-1pm Tuesday & Wednesday

## PARISH CONTACTS

### *Ministry Team Leader*

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

# Special Award

At the May Alpine Presbytery gathering held in Rangiora our own Lois Shipley received a special award recognising elders who have demonstrated



outstanding service to our church.

Lois was ordained as an elder in 1981 at St Giles, Papanui and has given exceptional service ever since. She continues to be involved in lay preaching, pastoral care, **governance and Girl's Brigade** chaplaincy and various Presbytery roles over the years.

We are very proud of Lois and are thankful for her servant heart.

Brent



Tuesday Mornings 10 to 11am  
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

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Trinity Community Centre  
22 College Road

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## Girls and Boys Brigade

**Above:** Girls Brigade and Boys Brigade attended the ANZAC parade and presented a wreath which Girls Brigade made. Both groups enjoyed the parade but jumped when the gun went off. Mr Richardson joined us for a photo.



**Below:** Adventure section has been doing their sparky badge and here is Charlie and Edwin with their night lights they made.



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