

PRESBYTERIAN LINK

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The Monthly Newsletter of the
Timaru Presbyterian Parish



***Memory bears
and
challenging
adventures***

***Read about
Girls and Boys
Brigade on
the backpage.***

Plant & Bake Sale

Saturday 13 September

St Stephens Church Complex

Start thinking about what plants you can pot up now so they have roots by the sale date!

For questions or queries,
contact Murray at 686 1629.

Budget presentation

on Sunday 31 August after Worship
at St Stephens

Presbytery Retreat at Hanmer

Springs on 18-20 September.
Anyone can go to this.



Church Life



A Winter Warmer Lunch



Gather, eat & chat

2nd & 4th
Wednesdays of
month

July 9 & 23
August 13 & 27

12 noon
Cost \$5

Come by yourself
or with friends



Trinity Community
Centre
22 College Road

To book please contact:

Janie ph 021 0279 3076

or

Helen ph 021 768 973



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

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.timarupres.org.nz

Gold Coin Donation
PLAYGROUP
play & learn for preschoolers

Editorial

Welcome to this edition of the Link. As you will read under the parish council report, we have been busy **discerning some significant matters in our life, and I'd** like to use this space to report on some of these.



Budget 2025/26

Rose Hill our treasurer has spent many hours preparing the budget and this will be presented for congregational approval on **Sunday 31 August**. Not surprisingly with the downsizing of the ministry team it has been much easier to 'make ends meet' and we are **predicting a small surplus**. The budget includes provision of \$25,000 for programme expenses tagged to outreach initiatives. **This won't cover any wages if we employ someone in that space**- we have other options for that- but will enable new things to emerge that can be well resourced. It is important to note that this budget only covers the **costs of our operation and doesn't include capital expenses (outside of regular maintenance on property)**. We have many plans to improve our properties which will be funded, if approved, from our capital reserves.

Heritage service

When we made the bold decision to centralize our worship to St Stephens back in February, we undertook to test the waters of an afternoon service once a month at Trinity. This has been reviewed, and feedback was sought last month. In response, Parish Council have decided to end the afternoon Heritage service and begin a **monthly combined service at Trinity at 10am on the first Sunday of each month**, beginning in October. On September 7 there will be a combined service at Trinity, 10am, for a Boys and Girls Brigade parade.

We are exploring plans and options for ensuring St Stephens is open on those Sundays so that visitors who are expecting a service can be accommodated. This is likely to be an informal coffee and chat rather than a service. We are also looking into ways we can live stream from Trinity so that our online community can have continuity of service. We appreciate your patience as we work through these changes.

Property upgrades

Work is going on behind the scenes to bring proposals to upgrade our facilities, most noticeably the St Stephens carpark and the Trinity Community Centre. The original concept of an expanded carpark was going to be very expensive with the need to handle water run off through storage tanks or specially engineered water gardens, so a simpler plan is being explored.

This will still be an improvement on the current parking, but it will not be bigger. For the community centre we are looking at new carpet, heating, drapes, paintwork and a significant upgrade to the toilets. These improvements, if approved, will ensure this facility is fit for purpose for many years ahead and will be a facility we can be proud of.

Nga mihi nui, Brent.

Parish Council Report.

Max led devotions with readings from Acts, Proverbs, and Colossians --- God has blessed us -- now it is up to us to pass on God's Blessings.

St Stephen's Carpark -- actions soon.

Parish Council discussed our vote about the nomination for the new Moderator.

Budget discussion. Brent presented some graphs about our progress.

We have a surplus- first time for a long time.

Similar proportions to the previous budget.

Combined service at St Stephen's to discuss the budget will be 31 August. (10 am)

Worship schedule.

7 September. Combined service at Trinity to feature Boys Brigade and Girls Brigade Parade 10 am. (Bucket Mission)

Heritage service discussion - led to- Regular Combined Service at Trinity on the first Sunday of the month. 10am.

Parish Outreach Project --budget discussed.--more discussion next month.

Murray

Resourcing for Others.

(Formerly the Mission Group)

Even though our winter knitting project has officially finished for the season we are still getting small donations of beautiful knitting. A couple of Sundays ago a Blenheim relation of one of our congregation sent us 3 lovely jerseys suitable for a 4/5 year old. One garment in particular was knitted in beautiful Shetland wool purchased in the UK. (This yarn is meant to be extremely hard wearing, so we hope the new owner cares for it well). Along with a couple of cosy beanies it made for a lovely display.

Recently a small donation of colourful slippers and knitted doll clothes was delivered to Ranui Kindergarten, and very much appreciated. If you have **the urge to do more children's knitting, when finished, it can be put in the Food Bank box, that is delivered to Family Works each week.**

This month's Bucket Mission raised \$232.30 for flood relief work in the Nelson/ Marlborough area. "The Resourcing for Others" group would like to thank those who so generously responded to this needy appeal. We were advised that Alpine Presbytery also sent a donation to help with the massive clean-up.

Next month's Bucket Mission will be for: the Canterbury Cancer Centre in Langdon Road, Papanui, and the following collection in September will be for the Christian Blind Mission.

Reminder: Our Harvest Table will be starting soon.
(Sunday 21st. September).

The Fred Hollows Foundation will be the recipient of for this.
Elaine.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes

The parish has been supporting this for many years. Judith Begg and Linda Fraser have been leading this, but they are no longer able to continue. If anyone is willing to lead this, please speak to Judith at church or phone 688 6004.



New World Stickers for Smeg Kitchenware: Please drop your surplus stickers into the box on the table in the Foyer. The stickers will be used to redeem items that will be given to Family Works for allocation.

The Library Corner

Fire and Faith
by Kristin Jack

The contents of a library can take you further than your own Imagination could begin to imagine. To open a book is to open your mind.

— Amberle Gianne

A new title in the library this month is *Faith Bright Shining* by Rosie Staite. Many will know Rosie as she has lived and worked in the South Canterbury area in churches as a musician and as a celebrant. An interesting and inspiring story.



A Book Review

Fire and Faith by Kristin Jack

This is a historical novel by my dear friend Kristin Jack. I knew Kristin since we were both six years old at primary school. Kristin and his wife were medical missionaries in Cambodia for many years.

Kristin discovered Sebastian Castellio while researching church history. Kristin was a pacifist; he was inspired by people who were peace-loving, such as Castellio, and after being inspired by him, decided to write about Sebastian and his relationship with John Calvin, the famous theologian. Both Castellio and Calvin were French theologians, but while Calvin took a very hard-line approach (i.e., if you didn't go to church he would have you imprisoned), Castellio was a man who believed in living life with love and tolerance.

The book is written with care and attention to the times it is set in — the mid-sixteenth century — and it is easy to feel immersed in the world that Kristin paints. Kristin and his wife Susan even went to Switzerland to do more research for the book, where he was allowed to see the actual documents that Castellio had written nearly 450 years ago.

Based on true events, I heartily recommend this book. I was one of the proofreaders of the early manuscripts, so I am personally involved.

Neville Walker



BAKING SALES TABLE:

Alongside the Annual Plant Sale on Saturday 13 September we will again be running our popular Baking Sales Table.

Given the amazing array of goods we received last year from you **very talented bakers and cooks**we would love you to **“tempt our tastebuds”** again with your favourite treats – whether it be sweet or savoury baked goods, or relishes and preserves. We love it all! Perhaps you would prefer to donate some baking ingredients (butter/sugar/fruit) and/or monetary donations for someone else to bake you your favourite cake?

Please leave any ingredients / money at the Church Office; or in the **Church foyer (labelled “Baking Stall”)** before Sunday 7 September please

THANK YOU SO MUCH for your support!

Contact: Sandra - Cell. 027 6883619 evenings ;

Email: thehs@xtra.co.nz

In Memoriam

Valda Chamberlain
May Brown
Ian McPherson



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

Matthew 5:8

May Brown

May loved sport - watching and playing it. Over the years she excelled at badminton, tennis and golf and encouraged others to 'give it a go'. May was great company, had a wicked sense of humour and enjoyed laughing and sharing a joke or two.

Jenny

WORSHIP @ TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Live streaming every Sunday

<i>17 August</i>	9.00am 10.00am	Journey 21 C-Bay car park Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Road
<i>24 August</i>	10.00am	Worship & Communion @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Road
<i>31 August</i>	10.00am	Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Road Congregational meeting to approve Budget
<i>7 September</i>	10.00am	Combined Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd With Girls and Boys Brigade Parade
<i>14 September</i>	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

Regular Events:

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

TIMARU PARISH EVENTS

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. 17 August

Theme 'The interior castle'

All welcome. Contact: Ellen ph 027 7723 146

Timaru Presbyterian Women Lunch Group: Meeting will be held at Wai-iti Road Worship Centre on Wednesday 20 August at 12.30pm commencing with a shared Lunch. Sales Table.

Guest Speaker: Donna Lindsay (Fire Dept) "How to operate safely electrical items eg electric blankets, plugs, cords and batteries etc."

Apologies or rides please contact Dianne 686 0440, Dawn 686 0595 or Robyn 688 1948.

Quiet Time with Contemplative Prayer

Wednesday 20 August, 6:30-7:30pm In the chapel at *St Stephens Church*.

A Winter Warmer Lunch:

Gather, eat and chat 2nd & 4th Wednesdays. Cost \$5. 12noon - 2pm at the Trinity Community Centre. To book please contact:

Janie ph 021 0279 3076 or Helen ph 021 768 973.

Pancake Prayer Breakfast, Saturday 30 August 8am-9am in the Foyer at St Stephens.

Budget presentation on Sunday 31 August after Worship at St Stephens

Important note on services:

First Sunday in the month is a Combined Service at
10am at Trinity Church.
Starting 7 September

TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Worship Centres

349 Wai-iti Rd, Glenwood, Timaru

22 College Rd, Timaru South

www.timarupres.org.nz

Parish Office

349 Wai-iti Rd Phone: 686-0981

email: oneoffice@timarupres.org.nz

Financial matters: finance@timarupres.org.nz

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

LINK DEADLINE

Copy for the August-September LINK should be emailed to link@timarupres.org.nz or sent to the Church Office by Friday 5 September.



Presbyterian Support
South Canterbury Incorporated



The 107th Annual General Meeting
Wednesday **15th October 2025**

The 107th Annual General Meeting of
Presbyterian Support Services
South Canterbury Inc.

will be held on
Wednesday 15th October 2025
at 7 pm

at
Enliven Te Pokapū (The Hub)
20 Queen Street, Timaru.

Minutes of the 106th AGM are available on our website
(<http://pssc.org.nz/resources>).

Guest Speaker: Tania Stoddart
"History of The Croft Homestead"



Tania Stoddart

All members, supporters and friends
are welcome to attend.
(Supper will be provided)

Carolyn Cooper
Chief Executive Officer

Our services



RSVP to admin@pssc.co.nz — or call 03 687 7945
by Friday 10th October 2025

Girls and Boys Brigade



Left: Our girls have been busy Recycling, as one part of this, some girls made teddy's out of material we and some girls had hanging around and one girl made a very special memory bear. These bears will be on display at our next church parade.



Right: In the school holidays we had two young men attend the boys brigade National Leaders Development Course in the Nelson Lakes. The weather had been wet prior to camp so there was a large detour to get there but once they got there they were challenged physically, mentally and spiritually. They built bivowacks and slept in them.



For Eamon the biggest hint he got from camp was God is always with him no matter where he is.

Many thanks to the church for supporting these young men's journey in life.

Fiona



Pastor Hanna Massad

Founder: Christian Mission to Gaza

Coming to Timaru, Wednesday 10 September.
7pm Wilson St Baptist

“I pray that God helps us as His followers on both sides, to shine light in the midst of darkness, to reflect His love, and to continue to carry His presence in these difficult circumstances.”

— Pastor Hanna Massad

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