

PRESBYTERIAN LINK

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The Monthly Newsletter of the
Timaru Presbyterian Parish



Girls Brigade Visiting The Croft

During the holidays the girls spent some time at The Croft entertaining the residents with their various skills. Some of the girls played guitar and sang. Then they gave out our hand made boxes of sweets.

More photos on back page



Church life

Resourcing for others (Monthly update on page 5)



A lovely selection of warm jerseys and hats destined for Family Works and the Hanan Kindergarten. Some of these garments were made by a relative of one of our parishioners, and kindly given to the Resourcing for others group for distribution.

Elaine

Praying the Everyday: From gumboots to colours and dots. A day of quiet reflection and contemplative prayer led by Barbara Sampson at St Stephen's church on Saturday 20 June from 9.30am to 3.00pm.

Bring your Bible, journal, lunch, a koha and a colourful scarf.

To register please contact: catherinerichardsoncounselling@gmail.com

In Memoriam.

Karunairajan 'Jeeves' Jeevaratnam

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

Matthew 5:8



Editorial



Welcome to this edition of the LINK, I hope you find it interesting and inspiring. This little magazine is circulated to 270 people in our community. Some are regular attenders at worship, but most are not. We love bringing you news from our life and shared faith, whether you show up on Sundays or are unable to for any reason. In any case, we are thankful that you remain in some way connected and LINKed to TPP.

I've been thinking lately about leadership. I spent my formative ministry years in a church that was strongly influenced by the Church Growth movement. It was drummed into me that healthy churches grow numerically, are intergenerational and produce new ministries and leaders. The church I was part of- Hope Presbyterian was and remains- an exemplar of this kind of growth.

Through the influence of Bill Hybels and Willowcreek Church in Chicago we understood effective leadership revolved around the ability to communicate **a 'white hot vision' that people could get excited about and buy into (both financially and with their time, talent and energy)**. In my various roles at Hornby, West Melton and Rolleston this approach proved largely effective and we saw continuous growth.

The problem with this approach though is it places enormous pressure on the leadership of the church to perform and bring results. One thing **Bill Hybels' often said was 'as goes the leader, so goes the organisation'**. But this can ignore all other realities. I was fortunate to minister in a fast-growing **community with few other 'competing' churches, so we had a natural advantage. But Timaru isn't like that. There are many other churches in town more attractive to families than ours. There are churches with more programmes and 'vision' than we have. I could try to be a visionary leader, but I don't think that will work in this context.**

Fortunately, there are other ways to lead aside from the Church growth models that influenced me. For example, leadership can be providing shelter for the fragile seedlings of new growth that sprout around us, much like a mature oak tree sheltering the seedlings beneath it. Providing the space and resources for new things to grow in their own time seems more in line with **the Holy Spirit's work than the more business-oriented vision and drive for market share.**

Our Wayfinder project is part of this vision. The person who fills this role will be seeking to explore where God is moving in our community and seek to

connect people to the good news story of life in Christ as the Spirit opens **opportunities before them. We don't yet know how this will look. There isn't a prepared programme for this. We don't even know if it will work!** But we are stepping out in faith to employ a Wayfinder gifted in discernment, passionate about people and the work of God, believing that God wants **to do a new thing in Timaru and Temuka. It's an exciting project which we hope to have up and running soon. Watch this space!**

Nga mihi nui, Brent

Parish Council Report.

The meeting opened with devotions led by Judith based on Ecclesiastes 3: **"to every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven". We also have seasons in our life and sometimes things seem to not work any more. But we are securely in God's hand. Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13).**

Applications for the 'Wayfinder' position are now closed and five applications have been received. The process of going through these applications has started lead by the Alpine Presbytery and interviews will be scheduled.

A number of property issues were discussed. There are some problems with the basement at the Trinity Community Centre, also water drainage might need some work. The proposed changes to the car park at St Stephens were accepted. These should make the car park safer, especially entrance and exit. Pricing is sought for replacing the windows in the office at St Stephens. Currently they are single-glass windows and do not retain heat.

Also discussed were the pro and cons of solar panel installation both on St Stephens and Trinity Community Centre, but no decision has been made. The purchase of a new laptop for the minister was approved in line with the tech upgrade policy.

Murray Facer is no longer able to organise the annual plant sale in September. We are looking for someone with good organisational skills.

Lois presented a brief pastoral report. Brent will be on leave from 13 – 26 July.

The worship schedule was approved. We will have a shared pizza lunch after the service on Sunday 21 June, the shortest day of the year.

Hermann

Resourcing for Others.

At our recent meeting the following Bucket Mission topics were chosen for the next three months - they are:

- June - 40 hour Famine
- July - Bible Society
- August - Cancer Society

I'm sure many of you have great memories of doing the 40 hour famine in the past. I have a very embarrassing memory of doing the 40 hour famine many years ago when our church group was taking part in one such an event at Riverton, when I dropped a very large pile of dinner plates and broke the lot!

To coincide with our July Bucket Mission we are hoping to have a display of old and interesting bibles.

The following month we will be raising funds for the Cancer Society. The Cancer Society annual daffodil collection also happens in August.

At the end of May our Harvest Table finished up for the season, and will resume when our gardens are flourishing again. Our final collection was for **'Christians against Poverty'**. **For this deserving charity we raised \$331.30** - a very pleasing effort! Thank you all for your support in making this little fund raiser a success.

Recently we had a thank you letter from 'Water Safety NZ' thanking us for our generous donation.

They say: **"We would appreciate if you could please pass on our sincere thanks to everyone in your parish. We are genuinely grateful for your donation "**.

signed Elizabeth - Water Safety NZ.

A new date and name has been found for our Mother's Day replacement lunch.

We are now calling it our "Shortest Day Lunch", and it is planned for Sunday 21st. June when we will serve pizza, soup, and rolls. Cost: by donation.

Elaine

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Trinity Community Centre,
22 College Road

Gold Coin Donation


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Contact: Helen Carter Ph 021 768 973





May the God of
Hope fill you
with all Joy and
Peace as you
Believe in Him.

Romans 15:13

WORSHIP @ TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Live streaming every Sunday

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14 June	10.00am	Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Road
21 June	9.00am 10.00am	Journey 21 C-Bay car park Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Road With pizza lunch to follow
28 June	10.00am	Worship & Communion @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Road
5 July	10.00am	Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Road
12 July	10.00am	Worship @ 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

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 Community Centre. This 'not on the floor' exercise programme 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

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. 21 June. Theme for June:
Celebrate the Earth.

All welcome. Contact: Ellen ph 027 7723 146

Timaru Presbyterian Women Lunch Group: The June meeting will be our Mid Winter Lunch Date to be held on Wednesday 17 June at 'Bennys Again'. Members please be seated for a 12 noon start.

Numbers attending to be in to Dianne ph 686 0440 or Dawn ph 686 0595 by Sunday 14 June.

Apologies/rides required please let one of the above 'D's' know.

Cheese-rolls: It is cheese-roll time again. We will make them at St John's Anglican church kitchen on Saturday 13 June and Saturday 27 June from 9am. Prices are like last year: White or brown bread \$8.00 a doz and \$30.00 for 4 doz; Molenberg \$8.00 a doz and \$35.00 for 4 doz. Please order through Evi Frank at 684 5399 or email to mama@newfrankland.org
Payment can be made to Evi directly or to:
Bible Society of N Z Bank account number: 03 0887 0245788 00

Important note on services:

First Sunday in the month is a Worship Service at 10am at Trinity Church.

TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Worship Centres

349 Wai-iti Rd, Glenwood, Timaru

22 College Rd, Timaru South

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Closed 12-1pm

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LINK DEADLINE

Copy for the July-August LINK should be emailed to link@timarupres.org.nz or sent to the Church Office by Thursday 2 July.



Never a still moment for the fingers of Jan Maxwell-Hey as she produces knitted strips to be made into blankets for Timaru folk. Here she is delivering five blankets to Family Works who were so delighted to receive them. The timing was perfect as they have a need for such items right now.

Great job Jan, you make a wonderful contribution to people in Timaru who need that bit extra.

Dawn



Girls Brigade visiting The Croft.

Renesmaye showed off her rock and roll skills.

Fiona



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