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The Monthly Newsletter of the
Timaru Presbyterian Parish



Simple lines remove parking confusion

The St Stephens carpark upgrade was completed with single direction entry and exit points and 15 marked parking spaces which will enable safer entry and exit and more efficient parking. Two accessible parking spaces have been reserved near the door. The team from Fulton Hogan were very



quick and efficient getting this job done. At the time of writing, we are waiting for the bollard to be dressed in high visibility colours and capped off. We may consider erecting some entry/exit signage which was not part of the scope of works.

Brent

(More photos on page 10)

A STRANGE COINCIDENCE

Just recently at church we celebrated the work of the Bible Society, and I thought I'd tell you of an experience I had on Bible Sunday a number of years ago.

We were living in Twizel at the time, and on a chosen Sunday in July our church decided to highlight the work of the Bible Society by having a display of old and interesting bibles. I took along my 150 year old Bible originally belonging to my Great Grandparents - it was the type with an embossed leather cover and between the testaments there were several pages to record births, deaths and marriages. In the centre of this Bible was a record of my grandmother and her sister's double wedding. This wedding of the two couples took place at Centre Hill Station, Lake Mavora (near Te Anau) in November 1900. To add to the display I also took along their wedding photo.

After the service our minister - Rev. Ian Fleming took a look at the display, pointed to the photo, the uttered "Good Grief that's my Grandfather ".

P.S. Strangely enough neither of us had ever met before.

Recently I gave this Bible to the Oamaru Museum where my great grandmother's wedding dress was on display.

Elaine.



Photo of the fascinating Bibles on display. Read more on page 5.

Editorial



Welcome to this edition of the Link. A couple of weeks ago we announced in Church that Steve McCoy will be taking up the newly formed role of Wayfinder serving the Timaru and Temuka areas. Readers of the Link may not be aware of Steve's appointment, but we are excited by this significant step forward. Steve and his wife Sue are mature Christians who bring a wealth of experience to this role and Steve has a passion for connecting people to the love of God through the gospel of Jesus. He pastored a new church plant in Timaru with the Apostolic Church, has been on the leadership team at St John's Anglican and has preached in TPP over the past few years since joining us. He has also had a long career with Fonterra at Clandeboye.

The Wayfinder position is funded from a joint venture with Trinity Temuka and us, accessing our Property Investment Funds for a five-year period. The focus of the role is on reaching those outside of our church and making new disciples. This will doubtless be challenging work, but Steve is up for the challenge.

To help prepare the way, we have been having special prayer meetings throughout the week, and I'm pleased to report these have been well attended. We began with a prayer breakfast on Aug 1 and have a pre-service prayer meeting on Sundays at 9am at St Stephens, Tuesday at 9am and Thursday at 3pm both at the Trinity Community Centre. Steve will be formally commissioned by the Alpine Presbytery at a service to be held at the Enliven centre, Botanic gardens, **30 August** at 2:30pm.

On Sunday **16 August** we will be having a congregational meeting after the service to approve the budget for 2026/27. This will be the first budget presented by our new treasurer Janessa McCallum. She has done very well to get her head around this complex budget! You will see from the article in this Link that the St Stephens carpark layout has changed. Please be aware that entry is from the west end entrance and exit via the east end, keeping the flow of traffic through the space in one direction. This will make the carpark much safer. Also, please take care to avoid the bollard!

Nga mihi nui, Brent.

Parish Council Report.

Max led us in devotions. Using Psalm 104, he described the beauty of the Lindis Pass as part of God's amazing and wonderful creation. He then led a prayer of appreciation.

Apologies . Judith.

The carpark is now complete.

The bollard will need some paint and a hat , but the new lines are just great.

Christians Against Poverty have contacted us to thank us for the recent result of the bucket mission.

We are delighted with the appointment of Steve McCoy as Wayfinder and we are planning for a special welcome for him at the Enliven centre (at the Botanic Gardens) on the 30th August from 2.30pm -4pm.

Admin notes -

Jo Chang and Malcolm McDonald have decided to stand down.

The Budget is now ready for the next step.

The worship schedule was accepted.

Girls' Brigade and Boy's Brigade service will be at Trinity on the 6th September.

Morning tea arrangements at Trinity would be improved if doors and chairs were set out.

Also please can we have the urn set up before Church , so nobody needs to carry the hot water from the kitchen to the chapel.

Murray

Resourcing for Others.

Last month's Bucket Mission featured the work of the Bible Society - an organisation that has been distributing bibles and testaments in New Zealand for the last 175 years. As a little extra to our Bucket Mission collection we had a display of old and interesting bibles. This resulted in a fascinating collection with translations in Māori, English, Mandarin, Chinese and French. One unusual edition had all its pages divided into two columns - one for Māori and the other for English. This meant you could read your favourite verse on the English side, and then read the same verse in Māori. Several editions were very old family treasures with mid 19th. century dates written inside the cover.

The Bucket Mission collection for August will be for the Venezuelan Earthquake Relief Fund. These twin quakes of 7.5 and 7.2 magnitude struck Venezuela on June 24th, with only 39 seconds between the quakes. This catastrophic event killed 6,125 people and caused 200 buildings to collapse. Family rescue teams are still searching through the rubble for the 1400 that are still missing. Our collection will go to CWS who have organised a relief fund.

Over recent weeks you have been asked for any surplus New World promotional coupons for Smeg Knives. It is planned that the coupons will be spent on suitable knives for the Family Works Refugee Programme.

Our group was recently given several hanks of knitting cotton, which we hope, you may help us put it to good use, by knitting a dish cloth or two to go with these knives.

INSTRUCTIONS for knitting DISHCLOTHS

- The dish cloth will need to be at least 20 cms. Square
- Knitted on No.8 or No.9 needles
- Have an edging of Moss Stitch, Garter Stitch or similar to keep the cloth flat
- It doesn't need a fancy design in the centre, unless you want to put it in

Elaine

Important dates to remember:

Weekly Prayer Meetings in August (for about 30 minutes) Join us as we come together to pray for the soon to be established 'Wayfinder' role.

Tuesdays 9am, Room 2, Trinity Community Centre

Thursdays 3pm, Room 2, Trinity Community Centre

Sundays 9am, The Chapel, St Stephens

Budget Presentation for the 2026-2027 year will follow the service at St Stephens on 16 August.

Wayfinder Commissioning Service:

30 August 2:30pm, Enliven Centre, Botanic Gardens.

A special combined service to commission Steve McCoy into this new and exciting role.

Please bring a plate of food for afternoon tea.

Church Lunch Out:

Sunday 16 August at 12.30pm at Armadillos (Richard Pearse).

If you would like to attend, please contact Neville ph 688 8840

In Memoriam.

Owen Stephens
Bruce Rogers,
David Galloway
John Black



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

Matthew 5:8

Plant & Baking Sale

**Saturday 19 September
at St Stephens**



Alongside our Annual Plant sale, we also have an amazing baking/ preserves table supplied with delicious goodies provided by you talented cooks. Just an encouraging word to again start looking through your recipe books for your favourite treat to tempt us all. We are also accepting of donations towards purchase of ingredients, or supplying of ingredients for cooks to use.

Feel free to leave ingredients in Church foyer or monies with Rose in Church office, or chat directly to myself if you have any questions. Looking forward to your support. Your contributions are always well received by our shopping patrons.

Thank you, Sandra ph: 027 688 3619

Plant Sale

Please keep the date of
Saturday 19 September free
as this is when we are holding our
Plant and Bake Sale at St Stephens.



**There are bags of potting mix and soil in the Church Foyer at
St Stephens for people to take and plant something in it
and bring it back for the Plant Sale.**

Convenors are: Max Ph: 021 133 2486 and
Jim Ph: 0274 367 700

The Library Corner

'Don't judge a book by its cover,
read it and see what you discover'.
Anon.

As Brent is doing a preaching series on sports, you can find a small display of sports books in our library.

'Open' an autobiography
by Andre Agassi.



Andre Agassi played tennis professionally from 1986 to 2006. He won eight Grand Slam Championships plus an Olympic Gold Medal.

His book 'Open' is ranked among one of the best sports memoirs ever written.

Andre's father decided before Andre was born, that he would be a Professional tennis player. To this end he was forced to hit hundreds of balls a day from very early childhood. Andre says when he is just seven, that he hates tennis with all his heart, but he can't give up as he has constant pressure on him from his very strict father.

This led to a very troubled teenager, including rebellion and many personal struggles with identity and drugs.

To overcome this he surrounds himself with a supportive team of people, his physical trainer who was like a father to him and also his coach.

Following his brilliant tennis career he has found fulfillment in the founding of the 'Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy' an acclaimed school for underprivileged children in his hometown of Las Vegas.

He lives in Las Vegas with his wife Stephi Graf and their two children.

I really enjoyed this book and recommend it. You don't have to be a tennis fan, you just need to appreciate an interesting life story.

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St Stephens carpark photos





WORSHIP @ TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Live streaming every Sunday

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

16 August	9.00am 10.00am	Journey 21 C-Bay car park Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd <i>Budget Presentation</i>
23 August	10.00am	Worship & Communion@ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Road
30 August	10.00am	Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Road
6 September	10.00am	Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Road Girls Brigade Parade
13 September	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

Weekly Prayer Meetings in August

Tuesdays 9am, Room 2, Trinity Community Centre

Thursdays 3pm, Room 2, Trinity Community Centre

Sundays 9am, The Chapel, St Stephens

Journey 21: Meets at C-Bay carpark. 9am. 16 August.

Theme for August: 'Sacred Water—Water is life'.

All welcome. Contact: Ellen ph 027 7723 146

Timaru Presbyterian Women Lunch Group: Meet at the Wai-iti Rd Worship Centre on Wed 19 August at 12.30pm. Shared lunch. Sales Table. Please support this Table as it enables our Group to help others in the community.

Guest Speaker: Alli Hitchcock of PSSC speaking on the newly introduced 'At Home' Service which will cater for all ages for covering housekeeping, shopping, exercise, companionship or just a social visit. A flexible supportive initiative - User pays.

Apologies or rides contact Dianne ph 686 0440 or Dawn ph 686 0595

Plant and Baking Sale - Saturday 19 September 2026 at St Stephens.
Convenors are: Max Ph: 021 133 2486 and Jim Ph: 0274 367 700

Important note on services:

Please note that the Budget Presentation is following the service at St Stephens on the 16 August.

TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Worship Centres

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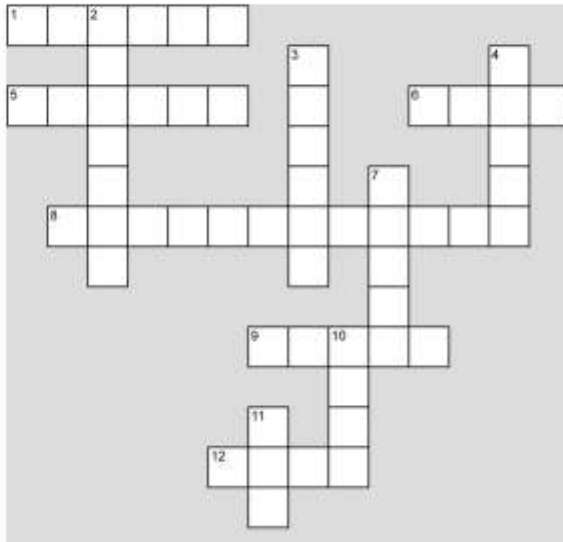
Parish Clerk

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LINK DEADLINE

Copy for the September-October LINK should be emailed to link@timarupres.org.nz or sent to the Church Office by Friday 4 September.

Flowers & Plants



Across

- 1 Budded on Aaron's rod (Numbers 17:8)
- 5 Used for ceremonial cleaning in the Temple in the Old Testament (Psalm 51:7)
- 6 More beautiful than royal robes (Matthew 6:28)
- 8 Resin used in incense and offerings
- 9 Fragrant spice bought by the Magi
- 12 Jesus said, "I am the true _____." (John 15:1)

Down

- 2 Small seed that grows into a large plant, symbolic of faith
- 3 Symbolic of suffering, placed on Jesus head
- 4 Tree that produced oil used in anointing and lamps
- 7 Strong fragrant tree used to build the Temple
- 10 Symbol of beauty and love
- 11 Tree cursed for not bearing fruit (Mark 11:13-14)



Girls Brigade

The girls are making patch work blankets. We will be showing them off in church at our next parade.

Fiona.



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



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