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**The Monthly Newsletter of the
Timaru Presbyterian Parish**



Plant and Bake Sale

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Church notices

**Annual Reports for the AGM booklet need to be in to the Office by Monday 2 November 2026.
AGM to be Sunday 29 November.**

Well done to everyone who contributed to this year's project. We have six packs with chopping board, dish cloths and knives, plus thirteen sets of knives and dish cloths.

These are going to Family Works for distribution and hopefully will make many people happy. Many thanks for the wonderful way you have made this such a success.

Dawn



Installation of double-glazed windows in the offices at St Stephens

Editorial

Welcome to this edition of the Link. We have had a very busy month in the life of our parish, and it feels to me like we are in a season of progress. Things that we have long dreamed of doing are finally getting done. Here are the highlights.

Our plant and bake sale in September went ahead and was ably supplied and staffed by people from the parish. After many years of leading this event, Murray Facer stepped down and Jim Garden and Max Muldrew took the reins. A great variety of plants were donated along with baked goods and the total raised was \$4157. I personally had a wonderful time welcoming folk into the place and chatting with people as they came and went. Well done to all who helped make this a special event.



Another project ticked off was the installation of double-glazed windows in the offices at St Stephens. This replaces the original steel frame windows which were very drafty especially when a southerly wind was blowing. The office is

now much cosier and quieter.

Interestingly, the original manse next door, built in the same style as the church, has also had its windows replaced so we are still a match.



Work has also begun on water-proofing the foundations at the Trinity Centre. Water was coming under the floor at the northeast corner and underscoring the foundations. It was also causing dampness in the basement rooms. This is one of those jobs that is invisible and we don't

see anything above ground but is vital to the upkeep of the building. In the pipeline we have a major rooftop solar project on the roof at St Stephens. This is made possible by an anonymous donation of \$25,000. The system will see 40 panels on the roof, capable of generating 23kw. This will be more than we normally consume and will provide extra income as we sell the surplus to the national grid. Work is expected to commence around December this year.

And to cap it all off, we are looking into replacing the vertical blinds at St Stephens which are well past their use by date. These will be replaced with roller sunshade blinds and will smarten the interior look.

As I said, we are in a wonderful season of progress!

Nga mihi nui, Brent

Parish Council Report.

Brent Richardson opened the meeting in prayer.

Our Annual General Meeting is to be held on Sunday 29th November following the morning church service. Reports will soon need to be prepared for the AGM.

We discussed and approved our 5 year mission plan which will be presented at the AGM.

Steve McCoy, our shared Wayfinder with Temuka Parish, is settling in well to his new role. A Support Team from the two parishes and Presbytery is being formed to support him.

Our annual Plant and Bake Sale was very successful and enjoyed by many. Thanks go to Max, Jim and Sandra and their team of many helpers for making it such a great day.

Smeg knives for the refugee programme was also supplemented with knitted dish cloths

The meeting was closed with The Grace

Margaret

Resourcing for Others.

Over recent weeks we have been asked for any surplus New World promotional coupons. As you can see by the photo the request has been very successful, and lots of knives and bamboo chopping boards have been acquired, then made into useful packs for the Refugees. Many thanks to Dawn Ussher, the chief organiser of this project. Lovely hand knitted dish cloths have also been included in these gift packs.

The September Bucket Mission was very successful and raised \$344.60 for the Cancer Society. The following Bucket Mission will be for the Westpac Helicopter Service, and the final one for the year will be 'Assistance with the local Community Christmas Dinner', held in the Bay Hall.

Sometime last year we decided that the Harvest Table funds would be added to the Bucket Mission total, making a more substantial donation. This means that the first Harvest Table donation for this season will be added to that of the Westpac Helicopter Service - so it is time to pot up a plant or two to add to our funds.

PRIOR WARNING

During December we will be collecting suitable gifts with Christmas in mind - women's toiletries etc. for the Women's Refuge.

The organisers of the Women's Refuge told us they could also use GOOD and COMPLETE board games such as Scrabble, Cluedo, Operation, Ludo etc. - also Complete card games such as Happy Families.

Elaine



Left: New World knives and dish cloths
Below: All the teddies ready to be put in Christmas Boxes.



Trinity Community Garden

A dedicated team have been preparing the soil with manure and planting seedlings in our community garden outside the Trinity Centre, in preparation for the growing season ahead. The produce from the garden goes to support those in need and is a lovely expression of both creation care and community care. It also is a central gathering place for the English language learners who attend daily during term times and are often found at break time examining the garden.



Below: Grant Shearer, Helen Carter, Jenny Te Maiharoa, Chris Baker, Susan Baker (not in picture) and Steve McCoy (behind the camera).



BAKING /PRESERVES SALES TABLE

Alongside the Plant Sale Team, a huge “THANK YOU” to everyone who contributed money for baking ingredients, or provided baked products and preserves for this year’s Baking/Preserves Sales Table.

The amazing selection of beautifully presented goods couldn’t help but tempt the tastebuds of keen shoppers. For some shoppers..... it was almost too hard to choose!.

Special thanks to the great team of helpers who priced, displayed, and sold all the goods. I am sure the lively interaction with the shoppers also contributed to such a successful overall result. An awesome effort from everyone – THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

Sandra Hetherington (Baking Sales Convenor)



In Memoriam

Jill Tinkler
Lorna Hayman
Don Wreford
Gwen Carmichael



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

Matthew 5:8

Don Wreford 7-12-1940 to 27-9-2026.

Don Wreford and his wife Barbara have been parishioners at St. Stephen's since moving to their farm at Hadlow in 1982. He was brought up on the family farm at Ma Waro, educated at Albury Primary and Timaru Boys High Schools, and was then active in Young Farmers Clubs while working on the farm for his father Norman. Don took over this farm in the early 1970s, and during this time met Barbara, who was on holiday from Switzerland. They were married in December 1974.

Don has been active in Federated Farmers, which for a few years he represented on the Aoraki Polytech board of management.

Don's death follows several bouts of ill health and hospitalization this year which have caused his family great concern. Barbara and their daughter Anita greatly appreciate Brent's funeral service for Don and the help given to the family by many people.

Jill Tinkler

Jill Tinkler attended Chalmers church and was a member of the Good Companions group. She was a very enthusiastic embroiderer and belonged to the Temuka Embroiderers Guild.

Plant and Bake Sale



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Girls Brigade

As part of our spiritual badge we visited local churches. Here we are at the Coptic Church.

Fiona



WORSHIP @ TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

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18 October	9.00am 10.00am	Journey 21 C-Bay car park Worship @St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
25 October	10.00am	Worship & Communion@St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Road
01 November	10.00am	Worship @Trinity, 22 College Road
08 November	10.00am	Worship @St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Road Bucket Mission, Shared lunch

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

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 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 or
Dorothy ph 686 2265

Weekly Prayer Meetings (about 30 minutes)

Tuesdays 9am, Room 2, Trinity Community Centre

Sundays 9am, The Chapel,

Journey 21: Meets at C-Bay carpark. 9am. 18 October.

The theme for October is 'House Built on a Rock'

All welcome. Contact: Ellen ph 027 7723 146

Timaru Presbyterian Women Lunch Group: Meeting to be held at the Wai-iti Road Worship Centre on Wednesday 21 October at 12.30pm. Shared Lunch. Sales Table. Guest Speaker: Gilly Cleland, AA Driving Instructor - Road Code Changes effective from October. Be brought up to date. Apologies/ rides call: Dianne 686 0440, Dawn 686 0595 or Robyn 688 1948.

Opihi Safari - Saturday 17 October at 2pm: The Bible Society Timaru Action Group are holding a fundraiser. Join us as we travel the Opihi River.

Exploring the history and churches that have inspired the local community.

The safari by car will begin at the newly built St Mary's Catholic Church at 30 Wilkin St, Pleasant Point. Journeying to St David's at Raincliff then finishing with St Alban's Anglican for afternoon tea.

Cost \$10 per person or \$20 per family.

Queries please contact Alistair ph: 022 679 4150. Funds raised are for Venezuelan bibles in the hardest-hit communities of La Guaira and Caracas.

Important note on services:

8 November service is Bucket Mission and shared lunch to farewell the Facers who are moving to Christchurch.

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 November-December LINK should be emailed to link@timarupres.org.nz or sent to the Church Office by Friday 6 November.

Girls and Boys Brigade



Girls brigade have been working on patch work blankets which we shared our hard work with the church at the recent church parade.



Recently we presented Miles Hutt with his National Leaders Development badge as he attended training in Nelson lakes which pushed him physically mentally and spiritually. Well done Miles

Fiona (leader)



Important dates to remember:

Weekly Prayer Meetings (for about 30 minutes)

Sundays 9am in the Chapel

Tuesdays 9am Room 2, Trinity Community Centre

AGM

29 November

For other important information of what's happening including Church services and the Bible Society Safari see pages 12 & 13



Tuesday Mornings 10 to 11am

Trinity Community Centre,

22 College Road

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