

TIMARU CHRISTIAN MINISTERS ASSN CHURCH NOTICES

# Faith in Life

We Can Make a Decision to Live in the Power of Forgiveness or to Live in the Powerlessness of Unforgiveness

By Senior Pastor Peter Mitchison, Temuka Christian Life Centre

Life is full of challenges, through the way our world has been framed, either by our heritage, family dynamics, teachers/tutors, peer dynamics, interpersonal relationships, work dynamics and community/global pressures. They all contribute to who we are in some degree. We would be a rare species indeed to go through life without being impacted negatively, indeed many of us carry great pain. Burdens that cause us to be powerless in life, the emotional scars of verbal and physical abuse, sexual abuse that has brought deep scars that has not allowed us to enter into healthy relationships. Trust is hard to build again. Some of us have spent a lot of emotional energy to understand the WHYs of our life. A lot of money in many areas, to quieten the demons of our life, but to no avail, even to sedatives, that might allow us the ability to cope better. You may well ask the questions "What can I do to take back power in my life?" "Why am I like what I am?" When dealing with the issues of our lives we often only address the symptoms and not the

root causes, brushing away the cobwebs but not dealing with the spider. When hurt, violation or just bad decision-making has defined your life, and there's a recurring pattern that does not allow you to break through to a new level, it's probably because there is a breach that has not been healed. I believe that the start of the process towards taking back power in our lives, besides firstly identifying our pain is to process forgiveness to the point that the memory of the event(s) holds no more pain or power. Let me illustrate this point by a story that Jesus gave in the Gospels. There was a man who owed an enormous, insurmountable amount of money and was brought to account. With the threat of being cast into prison by those who would extract every last cent from him and his family, he immediately pleaded for forgiveness, to be released of his debt. Mercy was shown and he was fully forgiven and released from custody. This same man went out and demanded from a fellow servant a small amount of

money that was owed to him. This fellow servant pleaded for mercy, but it was not given and the fellow servant was thrown into prison. When this got back to the ears of the King he was furious and threw the servant that had been previously forgiven into prison until the last bit was paid. The lesson, of course, is that our forgiving attitude will not only imprison others but eventually will imprison us. If we want to take back our life and have power in our lives we must process forgiveness. "The Lord's prayer says 'forgive us our debts, as we forgive...'. It is not until we forgive that God can release His forgiveness towards us. It is not as easy as saying 'I forgive you'. Jesus asked His disciples, 'How often should you forgive?'. Peter says seven times (seven was very significant in Jewish teaching and thought, it also means, numerically, perfection). Jesus said; 'No seventy times seven'. What does that mean? Four hundred and ninety times! No, it means that I live in that place where if need be I daily forgive until it becomes an inner reality.

It is only then that I am no longer a prisoner to the damage caused by others. It is an accepted fact that victims in some cases become those who will be guilty of causing the same pain that they themselves have received. Today make a decision that you will take back that which was stolen from you by living in the power of forgiveness. As long as you hold unforgiveness in your heart then the perpetrators hold power over you. It all begins by receiving personal forgiveness from the Lord Jesus. Allow His work of Grace to be outworked in your life. Contrary to many people's belief systems, we do need a Saviour/Redeemer who under invitation will restore our lives. THE POWER IS IN YOUR REACH, MAKE THE CHOICE TODAY!

**NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTRE**  
 Sunday 16th September  
 10am Morning Service  
 Kidtime Children's Programme & Crèche  
 7pm "Indescribable"  
 A D.V.D. message by Louie Giglio from Passion 05  
 134 Morgans Rd PH 686-1618 info@newlifetimaru.org.nz

**Wilson Street Baptist Church**  
 17 Wilson Street  
**Services 9.00 & 10.30am**  
 Worship and Encouragement  
 (Childrens Programme at 10.30am Service)  
 ALL WELCOME  
 Pastor John McMullan • Church Office Ph: 688 8018  
 Associate Pastor Andrew Rosanowski

**METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES**  
**SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER TEMUKA**  
 St Mark's, Denmark St  
**9.00am Spring Flower Service**  
**TIMARU**  
 Woodlands Road  
**10.30am Spring Flower Service**  
 ALL WELCOME  
 Presbyter Rev Bruce Anderson  
 Phone 688 8401

**TEMUKA ANGLICAN**  
 Sunday 16 September  
 10.00am St Peters Eucharist  
 ALL WELCOME

**Temuka Baptist**  
 Denmark St • September 16  
 10.00am:  
 Preacher, Art Gavegan  
 NO EVENING SERVICE  
 Pastor Nigel Crocombe

**Presbyterian Churches Chalmers**  
 Inner City,  
 2 Elizabeth Pl,  
 Rev Peter Wishart  
 Ph 684-5714  
 10.00am:  
 Service of worship  
**St Paul's**  
 Highfield, 28 Seddon St  
 Office Phone 688-1626  
 Children, Youth & Family  
 Phone 688-4765 or 686-3370  
 9.45 am:  
 Morning Worship  
**St Stephen's**  
 Interim Minister  
 Rev Helen Wallis  
 Gleniti: 349 Wai-iti Rd  
 Washdyke: Main Road  
**WASHDYKE 9.00am:**  
 Morning Service  
**GLENITI 10.15am:** All Age Family Service  
**Trinity**  
 Phone 688-1834  
 Trinity, College Road  
**10.00am:**  
 Worship Service  
**All Welcome**

**TIMARU Celebration Centre**  
 A local Church experiencing a Sovereign move of God  
**"A KINGDOM BUILDING CHURCH" ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN**  
 Sunday Service - 10.30am  
 COME AND EXPERIENCE THE TANGIBLE POWER AND PRESENCE OF GOD  
 ALL WELCOME  
 31 BARNARD STREET - TIMARU  
 PHONE - 03 8862524

**Church Street Bible Chapel**  
 Sunday 16 September,  
 10.30am: Ministry (Alistair Pike)  
 Worship & the Lord's Supper  
 All Welcome  
**688-8210**  
 for other activities, counselling etc.

**Bishop Richard Ellena at St Peter's Church**  
 11 Otupua Rd  
**Saturday 15th Sept 2.30pm "Mission"**  
**Sunday 16th Sept 10.00am "Service"**  
 followed by lunch  
 Phone 688-8463

**ALBURY PLEASANT POINT PRESBYTERIAN**  
 16th September  
**9.30am, Pleasant Point**  
 St John's, Combined  
**Rev Les Gosling**  
 Ph 614-7714

**Andrew Street Gospel Chapel**  
 Sunday 16 September  
 11am: Lord's Supper  
 4pm: Sunday School  
 93 Andrew St, Timaru  
 Phone 688-5711

**Gleniti Baptist Church**  
 58 Gleniti Rd  
 16th September, 10am  
**Speaker: Pastor Nicki Hamilton**  
**TOPIC: Making Godly Decisions**

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
 22 College Road Timaru 688-9498  
**10am Celebration Service**  
 With a vibrant kid's programme  
**6pm Café Church**  
 You are welcome

You are warmly invited to attend  
**THE SALVATION ARMY**  
 206 Wai-iti Road, Timaru  
  
 A place of inspiring worship and warm Christian Fellowship for everyone.  
**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
 Sundays 10:30am  
 Ph/Fax 684-7139 (weekday am)  
 Ph 686-2261 (AH)

**Got Jesus? CITY CHURCH**  
 IMPACT • IMPART • INFLUENCE  
 This Week: Sunday 16 September  
**Service at 10.00am**  
 All are welcome to attend these services  
 All Welcome  
 26 Latter St • Ph 684-2187  
 A member of the Apostolic Churches of NZ

**ANGLICANS IN TIMARU WELCOME YOU**  
**ST. PETER'S**, 11 Otupua Road, Phone: 688-8463  
 8.00am: Communion (Trad)  
 10.00am: Communion, Children's Programme  
 7.00pm: Praise and Worship  
 WED 10.00am: Communion  
**ST. JOHN'S**, 125 Wai-iti Road, Phone: 688-9213  
 Theme - Everyone is important  
 8.00am: Holy Communion  
 10.00am: All Age Communion and Sunday School  
 WED 10.00am: Holy Communion  
**ST. MARY'S**, Church Street, Phone: 688-8377  
 8.00am: Holy Communion  
 10.00am: Air Force Remembrance. Medals will be worn  
 WED 11.00am: Holy Communion  
 FRI 11.45am: Prayers for World Peace  
 Vicar: Philip Robinson, Phone: 688 1076  
**ST. PHILIP & ALL SAINTS**, Luxmoore Road, Ph: 688-6341  
 9.30am: Eucharist and Children's Programme  
 You are warmly invited to any of these services

**Elim Christian Church**  
 Encountering God, Loving People, Changing Lives  
 10am Family Service  
**Plunge 07**  
 Youth Conference 28-29 September  
 6pm Impact Service

# Strong message on show

Timaru will be the first stop for a multimedia exhibition touring the country to change New Zealanders' attitudes towards disability.

The *Our Stories* exhibition, which challenges Kiwis to get to know people with disabilities and see the person first, rather than the disability, will be on show at the Landing Services Building from October 6 to 19.

Based on photographs by Hanne Johnsen and Glenn Busch's book *The Man With No Arms and Other Stories*, the exhibition uses photographs, words and film to tell the stories of people with disabilities.

However, the project, run in partnership between CCS

Disability Action and IHC, is more than just an exhibition. It includes workshops for schools and information evenings for employer groups, service organisations and sport and recreation groups.

Our Stories project manager Pip O'Connell said it sent the message that people with disabilities have a right to participate in the community, to share in family life, have a job and ambitions.

Throughout the exhibition primary school pupils will take part in workshops called "My Name Is".

Intermediate school pupils will interview people with disabilities for a film presentation entitled "Our stories in our town".

Ms O'Connell said the

workshops would give school students the chance to meet local people with disabilities and find out what it was like to live with a disability.

Following a launch in Christchurch earlier this year, IHC and CCS Disability Action have formed a two-year partnership to take the exhibition to audiences around the country.

IHC New Zealand chief executive Ralph Jones said the workshops were breaking new ground.

"People with disabilities are being profiled as the experts on their own lives. They will teach children about what an ordinary life means for them."

Photographer Hanne Johnsen has worked with Canterbury West Coast CCS

Disability Action over the past two years to record the images that appear in the exhibition.

Her photographs capture many personal moments and show the mutual rapport she has with the people she met.

In *The Man With No Arms and Other Stories*, Glenn Busch tells compelling and intimate stories of nine people who live with the reality of a disability.

Busch's collaborators speak candidly of growing up, the importance of work, family, relationships, parenthood, of wanting to be treated like everyone else in a world that still chooses to see them as different.

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# Manners subject of winning speech

The importance of a smiling face and polite greeting was the subject of the winning speech at The Timaru Herald NIE South Canterbury Schoolspeak competition this week.

Ten selected Year 8 pupils from schools around South Canterbury talked off for the regional honours with Gleniti School pupil Monique Howey taking off first prize.

Monique captivated the attention of both the audience and the judges with how important manners were in today's society as well as offering a few tips on how to achieve them.

Craighead pupil Rebecca Mitchell was awarded second place with her speech on the media — is it fact or fiction?

And Sacred Heart Primary school pupil Katie Taylor was placed third for her argument that tagging is not an art.

The competition was this year organised by Craighead teacher Sonia Ottley after the previous Cantaspoken competition was canned.

The judges for the evening were Andy Palmer, Fin Scott and Bethany Marett.

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WINNING TALKERS: The South Canterbury Schoolspeak competition winners, from left, Monique Howey, Rebecca Mitchell and Katie Taylor. Photo: Martin Kane

# Geraldine teachers gain fellowships

Peter McCaskill and Mike Deavoll are prepared to get in to deep water and carve up the town, all in the name of education.

The Geraldine High School teachers have both been awarded New Zealand Science, Mathematics and Technology Teacher Fellowships which will see them released from school next year, on full pay, to study their chosen projects.

The fellowships have been awarded to 52 primary and secondary school teachers around the country, with the Geraldine men the only recipients from South Canterbury.

Mr Deavoll's project will see him working with the Timaru District Council to study the environmental concerns and impact of public sculpture.

"I will be researching sculptures and also helping the council to select sculptures for the Timaru city."

As an art teacher he felt the project tied in nicely with his career.

"I teach NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3 art and Level 2 sculpture and I think this will help me with my personal development."

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Mr McCaskill will study water flows, quality, biodiversity and fish stocks in the Orari River and contributing waterways. He would be working with the Central South Island Fish and Game Council and NIWA.

"I will be looking at a number of things including possible uses of the Orari River."

"I've been a science teacher for a long time so it will be good to work with scientists from a number of fields and taking part in peer reviewing."

The men's fellowships would also involve literature reviews which would be useful for students, they said.

While they were excited about the experience, they would also go into their fellowships with nervousness.

"There is definitely a degree of trepidation."

"We've been at the chalk face, or should I say whiteboard face, for a number of years," Mr Deavoll said.

"It will also allow us to get recharged," Mr McCaskill added.

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LEARNING PATH: Geraldine High School teachers Peter McCaskill, left, and Mike Deavoll have been awarded full-year fellowships to study their areas of interest.

# A life of service honoured

Timaru chartered accountant Russell George Hornsey committed much of his life to improve his community.

His input included a quarter century's voluntary work for the Presbyterian Church.

A partner in McFarlane Hornsey Simpson, he was also a leader in Presbyterian Social Services. As the organisation's deputy national chairman he would have taken over as the chairman in October.

Mr Hornsey was born in Dunedin in 1942 to Alec and Ella Hornsey.

The family moved to Timaru in 1946 and his life centred on the Hassall Street family home.

After being educated at Timaru Main School and Timaru Boys High School, Mr Hornsey studied commerce at Canterbury University.

He married Susan Wilson in 1965 and the couple had five daughters.

Daughter Nicola Hornsey attributes her father's tact and sense of humour to being the minority gender in his home environment.

Mr Hornsey became a partner in Solomon Stockwell and Co (which became McFarlane Hornsey Simpson) in 1971.

Friend and business partner John McFarlane said ability, astute decisions and pleasure in working with people characterised his working life.

"He was not just an accountant to his clients, he established close personal relationships with them."

One of his early major clients controlled the town milk supply for South Canterbury. Within a relatively short period, he was appointed managing director, a significant achievement his early 30s. The company did extremely well under his leadership.

As often happens with successful companies, it was taken over by Kiwi Dairy 11 years ago and is now part of the Fonterra group.

As an indication of his standing in the milk industry, after a period on the New Zealand council he was elected chairman of the town milk industry.

His knowledge of the industry was invaluable to his numerous dairy farmer clients.

Mr Hornsey's faith was important and he became an elder of the Cashmere Hills Presbyterian Church in 1966 and continued in this role with the St Stephens Presbyterian Church in Timaru until his death.

In 1982 he joined the Presbyterian Social

Services Association's finance committee and in 1988 he became a board member.

Involvement in helping others spanned his entire life. There was strong family tradition and his father served the social services since 1946.

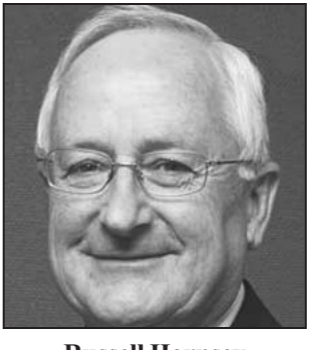
The Hornsey Wing at Margaret Wilson Home is in recognition of the family's contribution.

Mr Hornsey became the South Canterbury board chairman in 2002 and he led Presbyterian Support through a number of major changes both in terms of building and organisation structure.

These included the \$10 million Croft re-build, the purchase of the new site for the Family Works team in the old CCS building, upgrading the Croft Homestead, and the introduction of Community First.

Presbyterian social services grew under his guidance. Staff, who were previously employed by Spotless Services, were employed and this changed employee numbers from around 70 to 180 overnight.

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Russell Hornsey

# Jesus Christ is Lord

Other Churches in South Canterbury



**UNIVERSAL DAY OF PEACE**  
 "There is not one soul whose conscience does not testify that in this day there is no more important matter in the world than that of Universal Peace".  
 To commemorate this day (officially the 21st) members of the public from all beliefs are invited to participate in a Devotional Meeting to be held in a private home situated at 121 Divan Road, Levels on Sunday the 16th September at 11am.  
 For more information phone 688 7666