

Thriving Communities
Newsletter - August 2017
Update from East Taieri Church Community Facilitator

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Living as the people of God in everyday life.
Looking to see what God is doing and joining in.
Our vision statement outlines — *Together we will work alongside others to develop thriving communities where people feel connected, known, loved and valued.*



Welcome to our first quarterly Newsletter - - there's been a lot happening!

Each quarter we will profile a particular area. Next time we will feature our association with the local Emergency Response Planning Group and Turning Point Christian Counselling

TWO RECENT STORIES

July - Mid-Winter Seniors Lunch & Sing-A-Long No 5.

Helps to lift spirits and overcome social isolation - 72 attended (44 community & 28 East Taieri).

One person said I would like to come to church but I can't get there—others replied “we will bring you”. She came along to the 2pm service on her own and met up with people she had met at the luncheon.



FRESH EXPRESSIONS (NEW WAYS OF BEING CHURCH IN A CHANGING CULTURE):

March - Heather Moore (*Children & Families Worker*) & Joy Davis (*Community Facilitator*) visited Hilltop Family Church in Flagstaff to learn more about their experience with Fresh Expressions of church. They were happy to share their ideas and resources with us. Heather & Joy are currently exploring ways of connecting with the families of girls who attend the Sugar and Spice “Craft Programme”. Recently, using some of the ideas from Hilltop Family Church, Heather & Joy organized and ran “Believe It or Not” a family fun night for these families in Oak Lounge. Some good connections were made including a mum and her children asking about the Kidzone photos and associated programmes. And another family enquiring about the “Holiday Programme” at the Hub and expressed their own appreciation for the fact that the “Holiday Programme” was affordable.



JOIN US IN GIVING THANKS FOR THE MANY OPPORTUNITIES GOD PROVIDES FOR US TO ENGAGE WITH OUR COMMUNITY:



- ⇒ Turning Point Christian Counselling
- ⇒ Turning Point Grief Care Support (in association with Campbell & Sons)
- ⇒ Business Breakfast
- ⇒ The Mosgiel Resource Group
- ⇒ Mainly Music (Fairfield—East Taieri—Ocean View)
- ⇒ Emergency Response Exercise “Operation Wetfeet” at Invermay
- ⇒ Easter Unwrapped
- ⇒ The Alpha Experience (Alpha in Church) - - in May
- ⇒ ET Cares Firewood (13 loads so far in 2017)
- ⇒ ET Cares Community Garden
- ⇒ Taieri Christian Care Foodbank
- ⇒ Tobias Trust (a trust set up for the relief of poverty in our community)
- ⇒ Neighbours Day
- ⇒ Emergency Response Quiz Night



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Quiz Night

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2017 — PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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| Thursday evenings Term 3 | Alpha |
| Ongoing planning | Fresh Expressions |
| September | Sugar & Spice “Family Night” |
| September | Turning Point Counsellor (Paul Reet)
Training for those associated with our children’s programmes |
| October | Royal Dunedin Male Choir visit |
| October | Business Breakfast |