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Mission Statement

Cashmere Presbyterian Church will make the life and teachings of Jesus Christ known and will share in God's loving purposes of truth, justice, peace and wholeness for all people and the world.

Sunday 28th April 2019

Easter 2

Preacher: David Coster

A very warm welcome to you all, and a very special welcome to all who are visiting today; we value your presence and look forward to getting to know you.

You are invited to stay for Morning Tea, which will be served in the Lounge after the service.

Order of Worship

(Congregational responses are in bold italics)

Fellowship Candle lit by Elizabeth Taggart

Call to Worship

As people of light,

We come together.

As people of the journey,

we come to seek.

As people of the resurrection,

we come to worship.

As people of the faith,

we come together.

As people of the Good News,

we come to seek.

As people of the resurrection,

we come to worship.

As people of the mystery,
we come together.
As people of the gospel,
we come to seek.
As people of the resurrection,
we come to worship.

Hymn Lord the light of your love is shining (Shine Jesus shine)

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me:

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!*

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by your blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.
3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Music & words Graham Kendrick
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Greeting

May the grace and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you, with all
whom you love, and all whom you pray for here this day.

And may the grace and peace of our Lord be with you also.

Prayer of Invocation

God of mystery, may we live in trust of your Spirit filled with a sense of
adventure.

***May we reach out with our questions, and let them shape our faith.
May we be open to the Holy Spirit provoking us, disturbing us in this
worship space, that we may hear the call, follow, and be led into new
life.***

Confession

In our Easter faith, may we believe in a cross that turns towards a dawn, a tomb that turns towards a garden.

In our Easter faith, may we fold grave clothes with expectation, delight in your mystery with the angels, and share a simple meal with you.

In our Easter faith, may we believe new things about life and death, confound the world with our trust in resurrection, and find ourselves proclaiming, "My Lord and my God!" at each wonder.

***In our Easter faith, may we find forgiveness the power to change, a way to renewal, and the beginning of healing.
May we live the mystery of faith always.***

Words of Assurance.

Jesus says to us "Peace be with you."

The Christ stands in our midst in everlasting mercy.

***Grace is indeed the gift for us today. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!
Amen.***

Notices

We pass the peace of Christ to each other

We celebrate the Baptism of Emmy Mary Sandford

Introduction

As we come, therefore, to celebrate the baptism of Emmy Mary let us affirm our love of God and trust in God by standing and confessing the Faith into which Emmy is to be baptised saying together;

We are not alone:

We live in God's world.

We believe in God:

Who created and is creating;

Who comes to us in Jesus Christ to reconcile and renew;

Who works within us and among us by his Spirit.

We trust him.

He calls us to be his Church;

To celebrate his presence,

To love and serve others;

To seek justice and resist evil,

To proclaim his Kingdom,

In life, in death, in life beyond death, he is with us.

We are not alone, we believe in God.

Hymn: Child of Blessing (Tune WOV 5 “Omni Dei”)

1. Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit’s sign,
with this water God has sealed you,
unto love and grace divine.
2. Child of love, our love’s expression,
love’s creation, loved indeed!
fresh from God, refresh our spirits,
into joy and laughter lead.
3. Child of joy, our dearest treasure,
God’s you are, from God you came.
back to God we humbly give you;
live as one who bears Christ’s name.
4. Child of God, your loving Parent,
learn to listen for God’s call,
grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trust and love God more than all.

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Parental Vow

Vow of the Godparents

The Charge to the People

I charge you, the people of this congregation of Cashmere Presbyterian, to maintain a life of worship and service that all the children among you, may grow in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the knowledge and love of God.

With God’s help, we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Christ, nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, and encouraging one another in service.

SUNG BLESSING 572 The Lord bless you

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
And give you peace

Present baptismal certificate and candle.

Prayers:

To the words: Lord hear our prayer
the response is: ***and let our cry come unto you!***

Introduction to the Readings (Reader: Shirley Wilson)

Acts 5: 27-32 (p.156 NT): Peter and the other disciples bear witness before the Council.

John 20:19-31(p.146 NT): The risen Christ returns to his disheartened disciples, appears to them, reveals himself, and ministers to their doubts.

Prayer before the Sermon

Sermon: Witnesses

Hymn We are an Easter people (*Alleluia Aotearoa 146*)

1. We are an Easter people,
ours is an Easter faith,
the yeast is rising in our hearts,
our wine has vintage taste.
Christ is risen, Christ is risen, risen in our lives
2. We are an Easter people,
ours is an Easter faith,
our tears are freed to flow and heal
our shattered hopes and hearts.
3. We are an Easter people,
ours is an Easter faith,
our fears have died, we rise to dream,
to love, to dance, to live.

Words: Bill (WJ) Wallace
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Our freewill offering to support the mission and Church of Jesus Christ will be received.

As God gives to us, so let us give to God and to all those who wait for the love of God in so many ways.

Dedication of Offering

Lord Jesus, our giving is, in itself, an act of faith. We believe that the gifts we have given can make a difference to somebody's needy life and your mission in the world. Add the gift of your blessing to our gifts we pray

Our Father... (676 sung)

Prayers of the People

Hymn 299: I know that my redeemer lives

Benediction

Threefold Amen

*Please remain standing as the Bible is processed out.
Thank you for sharing in worship this morning. Please come through to the
hall for morning tea.*



Open Elders Meeting, Tuesday 14 May, 7-9pm, Kowhai Lounge Growing our understanding of Islam

The past couple of months have highlighted for many of us how little we know about the Muslim faith, both locally and globally. Rev Dr Bill Shepard will be speaking from his life-time of interfaith understanding. Bring your questions about Islam, and the issues that lie behind the acts of terror we have recently witnessed.

Bill Shepard lectured in Religious Studies at Canterbury University for many years, specialising in Islam.

All welcome. No cost. Supper included.

Pre school Music: Are you available on a Thursday morning? Would you consider helping out at pre-school music? Come and enjoy the music and dancing, and spend time chatting with the parents/caregivers. Please speak to Rosemary if you are able to go on a roster for this.

Cashmere Connection: Please have any items for inclusion in the next Cashmere Connection - which is due out in mid-May – to the office by Monday 6th May.

Parish Council – 16th April

Items discussed at Parish Council included the following:

- Social Events were confirmed: Square Dancing on 4th May; Community Lunch on 5th May; Mid-Winter Feast on 22nd June.

- The pattern for Family Services will be reviewed at the next Family Ministries Team meeting.
- Agreed that Catherine Dale be welcomed into Membership, and Ira Schelp into Associate Membership.
- Elders meeting to be held Tuesday 14th May

Square Dancing: Saturday 4th May, 7.30pm, in the Rata Lounge.

For young & old, guys & gals, newbies & old hands. Cost \$10 pp, max \$20 per family. Tickets available for the church office.

Community Lunch: Sunday 5th May, 11.30am.

An informal “bring & share” lunch, inviting both our parishioners and the wider community. Please bring a plate of food to share, and support and socialise with our neighbours.

Alpine Presbytery Newsletter

The Presbytery Newsletter is produced weekly, and a copy is available on the notice board in the foyer. If you would like to subscribe to receive it directly by email, please speak to Gail.

From this week’s Newsletter:

Sing for the World: With John Bell, in the Knox Centre Hall, Christchurch, Tuesday May 21st 7-9pm. Cost: Koha

Calling all church musicians and those who love to sing. Many of you will be familiar with the Wild Goose, Iona songs and hymns—here's an opportunity to sing with one of the sources. John Bell is a Resource Worker with The Iona Community, who lectures, preaches and conducts seminars across denominations around the world. He is a hymn writer, author and occasional broadcaster, but retains a primary passion for congregational song. John is based in Glasgow and works with his colleagues in the areas of music, worship and spirituality. The Iona Community is a dispersed, global, ecumenical Christian community of men and women who seek to live out the Gospel in a way that is inclusive and relevant to life in the 21st Century. The hospitality and educative work at the Iona Abbey, Isle of Iona, Scotland runs under their auspices.

**EcuAction 2019 Forum Series: Climate Change & a Faith Response
4 Thursdays in May, 5pm for 5.30 – 7pm (Refreshments at 5 pm)**

Knox Church Centre, Cnr Bealey Ave & Victoria Street, Christchurch

Presenters:

- Climate Change & The Atmosphere: Richard McKenzie (May 9)
- Climate Change & The Earth: Colin Meurk (May 16)
- Climate Change & Capitalism: Charles Drace (May 23)

- Climate Change & Water: Kathleen Gallagher (May 30)

Each forum will also feature a respondent from a Faith tradition before the topic is opened up for “Questions, Answers & Comments” All Welcome. Koha to defray expenses please.

Organised by EcuAction, a Canterbury based Interfaith Network. Further info from: ecuactioncanterbury@gmail.com or Marilyn 021 061 3940 or Mary 021 387 088

Church Rosters

	This week – 28th April	Next week – 5th May
Door Duty	Jane & David Kim, Margaret Ford	Ian Gray, Tony Waters, Cath Dale
Offerings counting	David Kim, Peter Nelson	Tony Waters, Ian Gray
Morning Tea & Coffee	Annette McAdam, Janet Aldridge	Tric & Peter Nelson
Bible Reading	Shirley Wilson	Elisabeth Cooch
Candle Lighting	Elizabeth Taggart	Robin McKee
Food Trolley	Annette McAdam	Marie & John Martin

Upcoming Services

5 May	Morning Worship	Silvia Purdie
12 May	Family Service – Mother’s Day	Silvia Purdie
19 May	Morning Worship	Silvia Purdie
	11.30am Healing Service	Silvia & Anne
26 May	Morning Worship	Barbara Sampson