

# Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Second Sunday of Easter

*Preacher: Hamish Galloway*

CASHMERE | PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



“The Stone Church on the Hill”

## **Mission Statement**

To worship God, follow Christ,  
transforming the world in the  
power of the Spirit

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*The Incredulity of Saint Thomas by Caravaggio, c. 1602*

A very warm welcome to you all, whether this is your first time or thousandth time in church. You are welcome whatever your age, gender, marital status, disability, poverty or wealth, race or sexuality. You are welcome whether you have a deep and mature faith in Christ; are uncertain and still seeking; or have no faith. If you are new to church, please do not hesitate to ask one of those on duty if you have any questions.

**Children are welcome** to sit anywhere in the church, but if they wish to be more active then there are a selection of toys and books at the very back.

There will be **Sunday School and children's activities** today, led by Janice, for those that wish to participate.

A request to please remember to wear your **Name Badges**. If you do not have one, please leave a note for Gail and she will print one for you.

You are invited to stay for morning tea after the service.

## **Order of Worship**

*Congregational responses are in bold italics  
Please stand as the Bible is processed in.*

### **Lighting the Fellowship Candle** (*Elisabeth Cooch*)

#### **Welcome**

#### **Call to worship:**

We gather as people on a journey.

We believe and we have doubts,

***We are imperfect humans,  
yet still beloved by God.***

Love and grace. Hope and faith.

These are at the core of the one we call God.

***We yearn for a deeper understanding,  
and new perspectives,***

Though we have our faith  
and we have our doubt, we are here.

***Speak to us, God!  
Continue creating us!  
Inspire our hearts.  
Enlighten our minds.  
Guide our actions.***

### **Opening Hymn 163: Crown Him with Many Crowns**

#### **Prayers of Praise and Confession**

#### **Open my eyes Jesus**

Open our eyes Lord  
We want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch Him  
And say that we love Him.

#### **Notices**

**Passing the Peace:** *We offer each other the 'right hand of fellowship' as a sign that all are welcome and accepted by God.*

#### **Childrens Time**

## **Hymn: My God is so Big**

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty  
There's nothing my God cannot do  
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty  
There's nothing my God cannot do

He made the trees  
He made the seas  
He made the elephants too  
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty  
There's nothing my God cannot do

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty  
There's nothing my God cannot do  
My God is so great, so strong and so mighty  
There's nothing my God cannot do

The mountains are his  
The rivers are his  
The skies are his handy works too  
My God is so great, so strong and so mighty  
There's nothing my God cannot do

## **Readings** (*Reader: Robin McKee*)

John 20:19-31 (p.146 NT)

1 Peter 1:3-9 (p.289 NT)

## **Sermon: The Master of Awkward Questions**

## **Hymn** The Things Thomas Did Count as Real (Tune: Church Triumphant)

1. These things did Thomas count as real:  
the warmth of blood, the chill of steel,  
the grain of wood, the heft of stone,  
the last frail twitch of flesh and bone.
2. The vision of his sceptic mind  
was keen enough to make him blind  
to any unexpected act  
too large for his small world of fact.
3. His reasoned certainties denied  
that one could live when one had died,  
until his fingers read like Braille  
the markings of the spear and nail.

4. May we, O God, by grace believe  
and thus the risen Christ receive,  
whose raw, imprinted palms reached out  
and beckoned Thomas from his doubt.

Thomas Henry Troeger  
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**Offering:** *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. Donations for the Food Bank are placed in a supermarket trolley.*

**Dedication of the offering** (*please stand*)

**Prayer for Others**

**Hymn 303:** Thine be the Glory

**Benediction**

**Amen, amen, amen** (sung)

*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.*



**Coffee Morning – tomorrow, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

This will be at the café Janice & Jay have just bought, which is on the ground floor of the Harcourt's building on the corner of Ilam Rd & Clyde Rd.

**Office closed:** Hamish, Gail & Anne will be going along, so the office will be closed in the morning, opening up round about lunchtime.

**Noelene Bain**

We have been advised that Noelene Bain, who, I am told, was involved with Cashmere Presbyterian for quite some time before she moved to Knox Church, died recently at the grand old age of 100. The funeral was held at the beginning of the week.

**Pastoral Care & Hospital Visiting**

As we do not always hear when someone is sick or has gone into hospital, we may miss out on visiting them, so please tell Hamish, Karen Glithero, or Gail in the office, if you know of anyone in this situation.

## ***World Vision and Work with Children***

On Family Service Sundays we take up a “white bowl” collection to support both our own work with children and youth and the work of World Vision - in particular our sponsored child, Vory Vang in Cambodia.

Family Service is next week, and we are grateful for any donation that you are able to give through this collection.

## ***House needed for former refugee family***

Wanted: 3-4 bedroom home for family of 6 with maximum rent of \$750/week. Children at Cashmere High and West Spreydon Primary but will look at houses in Hoon Hay, Addington, or Hallswell, Somerfield, Beckenham. Maximum of \$750 per week. Contact Nick Regnault 0225408811.

This request comes from Southwest Baptist church who are helping a former refugee family to resettle here. The family comes from Afghanistan and has been here since 30 January, living in a fixed term rental. They have a reference.

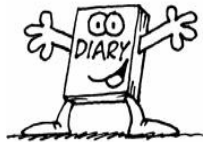
## ***Rosters***

Rosters for the three months starting 5<sup>th</sup> May will be prepared soon. Those already on the rosters, can you please let me know (1) whether you are happy to continue on the rosters, and which ones, and (2) any dates you are not available.

***New helpers would be welcome!*** If you are not already but would be willing to go on to one or more of the rosters, please let me know. Details of the duties are below, to give you an idea of what you would be signing up for!

Contact Gail in the church office – ph 332 7129, email [cashmere.church@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cashmere.church@xtra.co.nz)

<b>Duty</b>	<b>Brief overview of tasks involved</b>
Door Duty	Arrive by 9.30am; ensure heaters, lights, sound system etc are on; greet people at the doors and hand out the Bulletins; take up the offerings; tidy up and close up at the end of the service
Morning Tea	Set up before the service starts; be ready to serve the tea/coffee etc. straight after the service; tidy up and put away at the end.
Bible Reading	Read the allocated Bible passages during the service
Candle Lighting	Read out the prayer during the lighting of the fellowship candle
Food Trolley	Collect the food offerings on the Sunday, or early in the week, and take them to the City Mission
Money Counting	Monday mornings, around 10am, sit with Gail whilst she counts the Offerings from Sunday.



Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April            1.45pm    Cashmere Garden Club  
 Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April            9.00am    Quilts & Crafts Group (Rata Lounge)  
    11.00am    Forum (Family Room)  
 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April        10.00am    Pre-School Music  
 Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April            10.00am    Family Service

<b>Church Rosters</b>	<b>This week: 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Next week: 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>Door Duty</b>	Robin McKee, Margaret Ford, Ira	Warren Campbell, Alana Hampton, Cath Dale
<b>Morning Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	Elizabeth Taggart & ???	Margaret Ford, Lyn Cordner
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Robin McKee	Gordon & Jean Dewar
<b>Candle Lighting</b>	Elisabeth Cooch	Niki Davis
<b>Food Trolley</b>	Jill McAra	Niki & Tim Davis
<b>Money Counting</b>	Rouie Swan	Gordon Dewar

