

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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Sunday 26th February 2023

First Sunday in Lent

Preacher: Anne Shave

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, and also in the Family Room (door between the organ & piano).

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

Whilst Masks are not currently required, we ask you to please respect the decisions of others with regard to whether or not they wear one.

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

Lighting of the fellowship candle [*Kathleen Anderson*]

Welcome and call to worship:

We are not here because we have found God
but because God our Creator has called us here,
***challenging us to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
and to be servants in the service of the whole human family.***

But the call is also God's promise:

***A promise of forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
and eternal life in that realm which has no end.
Blessing and honour and glory and power be to God!***

Hymn 372: Jesus, where'er thy people meet (*Tune: Wareham*)

A responsive reading of Psalm 32 (Page 553 in the pew Bibles)

Prayer of confession

Notices

We greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Time with the children: A reading of the story, "O No, George!"

We join together in saying the Lord's Prayer:

***Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

Bible readings: (*Reader: Kathleen Anderson*)

- Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 (p.5 OT)
- Romans 5:12-19 (p.194 NT)

Sermon: *Journeying through Lent*

Time for reflection: *"Through the sound."* Solo: Mithila Chacko.

Song (SOP 269): Father, I thank you

Father, I thank you
For all that you've done
You gave Your Son freely for me
And I praise you for calling me
Drawing me near
Out of blindness you
caused me to see

Spirit of life,
You are God's holy fire
You've kindled my heart
with your blaze
And I know you're refining me
Changing my life
And by faith you're revealing your ways

Jesus, I need you
As Lord of my life
I give all I have unto you
Lord I want to come
Under your heavenly hand
And to praise you in all that I do

Prayers for others

Our freewill offering to support the mission and church of Jesus Christ will be received. If it is comfortable for you do to so, please stand to join in the prayer of dedication:

***God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer;
and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Hymn: The Kingdom of God is justice and joy (*Tune: Laudate Dominum*)

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

Concluding prayer:

***May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, now and evermore.***

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.*

Music for Worship, Sunday 26 February, 2023.

Prelude:

Siciliano, Arioso, Cantata 156, J.S.Bach, transcription Max Pirani. In this one of the twenty cantatas Bach wrote about death, he used a melody from a Telemann flute concerto as an oboe solo. Later he used it in an harpsichord concerto. It was based on the healing of leper. The verse from one of the two chorales he used in it reads:

“Lord, as you will, it is right by me, in living and dying;

In you alone reside my desires, preserve me in your grace.

Otherwise, as you will, grant me forbearance; your will is for the best.”

(Nostalgia-wise, I was introduced to this 1917 transcription by Australian-born Pirani in 1952; I would dash down Rattray Street to the Dunedin Stock Exchange building for my lunch-hour music lesson!)

Pastorale, BWV 590, J.S.Bach

Processional: *Darwall's 18th, Variation 22, George Thalben -Ball.*

Offertory: *Through the sound. Glassburn, adapted from Siciliano from Berenice, G.F. Handel. Solo: Mithila Chacko.*

v.2 Marred his face, though glorious his apparel; Scarred his hand, and thorn-crowned is his brow.

As thy Saviour, he on Calvary suffered; as thy King he cometh to thee now.

v. Every need so fully met in Jesus, Not a longing that he will not fill,

Not a burden but his grace will lighten, Not a storm but his own peace will still.

Postlude: *Fanfare. Jaques-Nicolas Lemmens. 1823-1881.* A Belgian organist, an early exponent of J. S.Bach in Belgium and France, he was the music teacher of two famous organists, C-M. Widor and Alexander Guilmant.



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, David, Karen Glithero, or Gail in the office, if you know of anyone in this situation.

Pre-School Music – can you help?

Volunteer helpers needed: Thursday mornings are lively and bustling here at the church, with our pre-school music group meeting every week during term time. This is a popular and valuable outreach to our wider community, and the sessions are ably led by Janice Lee, with other volunteers assisting in various ways. *But* more volunteers are needed to go on the roster, please.

If you want to find out more, please speak to Janice or to Joyce Lockhart

Office available to rent: The downstairs office in Church House is available for rental as office space from beginning of April (earlier may be possible). Please pass this information on to anyone who you think might be interested.

Sunny, pleasant ground floor office, approx. 22 m² overall, with a main outer area separated by glass doors from the inner room.

Rental includes: Power and cleaning; wi-fi may also be available, depending on expected usage. Phone connection is tenants' own responsibility. Toilets and kitchen shared with other users.

Would suit a small professional business, a charity, or not-for-profit organisation.

For more details contact Gail in the Church Office: (03) 332 7129, or email cashmere.church@xtra.co.nz

Accommodation Wanted: Stephanie Sirichai is looking for accommodation, either boarding, or sharing a flat with someone. Her preference is to stay in the general area of Cashmere. Please contact her if you are able to help: 021 071 7462

Turkey and Syria earthquake

Relief efforts in Turkey and Syria are ongoing – we know from our own experience that help and support is needed for a long time after a major earthquake. Donations are still being accepted; there are several agencies you can contribute to, but here are the links for the World Vision and CWS appeals:

- my.worldvision.org.nz/donate/campaign/turkey-syria#oneoff
- cws.org.nz/donate-to-turkey-syria-earthquake/?bblinkid=266765475&bbemailid=45822995&bbejrid=-1685111198

The Alpine Presbytery Newsletter is produced weekly, and a copy is on the notice board in the foyer. Speak to Gail if you would like to subscribe to receive it directly.



Tuesday 21 February	9.00am	Craft Group in Kowhai Lounge
	11.00am	Forum in Rata Lounge
	7.00pm	Parish Council
Thursday 23 February	10.00am	Pre-School Music
	7.30pm	Lent Bible Study
Sunday 26 February	10.00am	Morning Worship

Church Rosters	This week: 26th February	Next week: 5th March
Door Duty	Annette McAdam, Helen Wells, Elisabeth Cooch	Warren Campbell, Alana Hampton, Karen Glithero
Morning Tea & Coffee	Judith & Tony Waters	Jill McAra <i>and a volunteer, please!</i>
Bible Reading	Kathleen Anderson	Clare Shave
Candle Lighting	Kathleen Anderson	Cecile Pierce
Food Trolley	Annette McAdam	Ian Shaw
Money Counting (Monday)	David Troughton	Annette McAdam

Leading Worship over the next few weeks:

5 March	Hamish Galloway
12 March	Anne Shave
19 March	David Coster
26 March	David Coster

Generous Giving

Cashmere Presbyterian depends on the generous giving of members and friends. If you would like to make a donation or support our work through planned giving, please contact the Parish Office. Our Bank Account for donations is: BNZ 020800-0181604-01

Moderator's pastoral email regarding devastating Cyclone Gabrielle

Last week areas of the North Island, particularly the East Coast, were devastated by Cyclone Gabrielle.

As a Church, our hearts and our prayers go out to those who have lost family and friends, homes, and livelihoods. We hold in our hearts the people, the churches, and the church leaders in the most impacted areas.

We have sought to contact as many of these churches and leaders as we can. They tell us of a strong collective community response, with the churches often at the forefront of the caring.

Many of you are making contact to ask how you can help. My immediate response to those we have made contact is, 'please pray for everyone affected'!

We are also seeking to establish the best ways for the wider Church to help. Late last week, we emailed presbytery moderators and EOs asking:

What is your presbytery hearing in terms of impacted communities, and what are parishes saying about help required in these places?

What steps is the presbytery taking in being alongside folk in places, and is additional support required?

How might the wider Church assist?

Once we get a clearer picture of ways the wider Church can assist, we will communicate that to you.

There is one initiative that has emerged out of the St Andrew's Church in Hastings, Hawke's Bay, where the minister Rev Jill McDonald writes as follows:

"St Andrews Church in Hastings has set up a service to bring equipment like generators, water pumps, water blasters and small diggers from around the country into Hawke's Bay as part of the disaster response.

*Called **genLend**, the service is a tangible way for people across the country to help power the recovery of Hawke's Bay communities ravaged by Cyclone Gabrielle.*

It operates similar to a toy library - if you own a bit of gear and can lend it for a couple of weeks, we will make sure it gets to people who need it.

We can arrange the pick-up and delivery, and then return the gear back to owners.

A kitchen table idea just 48 hours ago, the initiative has already received donations from as far as Waiouru, and Tauranga, and garnered support and partnerships with NZ Apples and Pears, Farmlands, Federated Farmers, Hawke's Bay Rotary Clubs, and the Hastings District Council.

The key items we need:

- *Generators*
- *Water Pumps*
- *Pressure washers (water blasters)*
- *Small excavators & bobcats*
- *Petrol cans (empty)*

Help is also being accepted in the form of financial donations for fuel, transport and insurance etc. Donations can be made to:

St Andrews Church

Acc: 03 0642 0034245 000

Ref: Cyclone

People can register their equipment online at: <https://www.genlend.co.nz/>

We'd be grateful if you could spread the word around your congregation and networks. The clean-up is immense, and the need is urgent."

There are also other relief efforts underway for all areas affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. If you would like to donate or volunteer to help, see the information gathered on the Radio NZ website here:

www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/484422/cyclone-gabrielle-where-to-donate

Yours in Christ



*Right Rev Hamish Galloway
Moderator*