

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 25th July 2021

Pentecost 8

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A very warm welcome to you all, whether this is your first time or thousandth time in church. 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.

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

Order of Worship

Please stand as the Bible is processed in.

Lighting of the fellowship candle

(Ann Jennings)

Welcome and call to worship

Hymn 10: All people that on earth do dwell

Prayers of approach and confession, beginning with words from Psalm 145:

All your works shall give thanks to you,
O Lord,

and all your faithful shall bless you.

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,

and tell of your power to make known to all people your mighty deeds,

and the glorious splendour of your kingdom

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
***The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.***

You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.
The Lord is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.
***The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.***

We continue in prayer ...

Notices

We share the peace of Christ with one another

Hymn 13: Let all the world in every corner sing (*Tune: Luckington*)

Time with the children – Loaves and fishes



Introduction to the Bible readings

Bible readings – Jill McAra
John 6:1-21 (p.125 NT)
Ephesians 3:14-21(p.241 NT)

Sermon: The “bigness” of God



Colin Davidson, Silent Testimony, Ulster Museum, Belfast.

If it is comfortable for you to do so, please stand to join in the following affirmation of faith:

***We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.***

(Based on Ephesians 3:14-21)

Hymn 42: From all who dwell below the skies

Our freewill offerings will be received: If it is comfortable for you to do so, please stand for our 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.***

We join together in our prayers for others.

Hymn 148: Love divine, all loves excelling

Concluding prayer:

Almighty God, thank you for revealing your compassion and love through Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, continue your work in us so that we may grow in our knowledge of the breadth and length and height and depth of your love for us and all humanity. Help us to share all that we have received with others.
Amen.

We sing the doxology (Hymn 573)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

*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.*



At home: If you are interested in looking more closely at Colin Davidson’s “Silent Testimony” exhibition, and reading the stories behind the portraits, you may like to visit: <https://www.nmni.com/story/silent-testimony-story>

Pathways Programme: We are delighted that a significant proportion of our congregation has participated in *Pathways* – a day-long course which explores life transitions, spiritual development, gifts and vocation. The next *Pathways* programme will be held at *Te Waiora Retreat House* on **Saturday 11th September**. Hamish and Anne would welcome expressions of interest. Please contact one or other of them soon if you would like to be involved. We would also like to hear from individuals who would like to join us at *Te Waiora* on that date, for a retreat.

The Bible Course: This 8-week course continues in the Kowhai Lounge from 7:30-9pm on Thursdays. Even if you have missed the first two sessions you are very welcome to come along.

The St Martins Fireside Women's Group extend an invitation to any Cashmere ladies who would like to join us on **Wednesday 28th July** 1.30pm at Merchiston House, 75 St Martins Rd, for a treasure hunt! All women are very welcome. Please contact Fern 332 4725 for more information.

Annual Report & Cashmere Connection

These will be printed early in August. Please ensure all reports for the Annual Report, and all items for inclusion in the Cashmere Connection, are sent to the office by 2nd August.

The date of the AGM is Sunday 29th August.

New Duty Rosters

New rosters, for the period 15th August to 21 November, will be prepared soon. If you are willing to go on to any of these rosters, please let Gail know. Please also advise any dates when you are *not* available.

Duty	Brief overview of tasks involved
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.

Can you re-home a cat?

A 2½ year old male cat (de-sexed), whose favourite hobby is decreasing the local mouse population, needs a new home. If you may be able to help, please speak to Robert Aitken.

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.

Church Rosters	This week – 25th July	Next week –1st August
Door Duty	Ian Gray, Robin McKee, Annette McAdam	Warren & Andrea Campbell, Kathleen Anderson
Morning Tea & Coffee	Murray & Patricia Heath	Noelene Kent, Lyn Cordner
Bible Reading	Jill McAra	Ann Jennings
Candle Lighting	Ann Jennings	Robin McKee
Food Trolley	Shona Lyford	Jill McAra
Money Counting (Monday)	Bruce McAlister	Annette McAdam

Cashmere Presbyterian has been given \$1,000 by the Alpine Mission Fund to get some more signs made for outside the church. We will be able to have 4 new double-sided signs. That means we can have 8 new messages to get up there on a rotational basis. We want the messages to be short, catchy and attractive. We want ideas. Write your ideas in the space below this notice and give them to Hamish or email Gail at cashmere.church@xtra.co.nz



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:

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