

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 12th March 2023
Third Sunday in Lent

“Could he be the Messiah?” (John 4:29)

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

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 (*Robin McKee*)

Welcome and call to worship

God of our hearts...here we are!

We've come with thirsty hearts,

praying that your Word will satisfy us.

We come with aching hearts,

praying for good news to comfort us.

We come with overflowing hearts,

praying for a chance to share your love.

You, who know our hearts and hear our prayers,

be with us now in this hour of worship. Amen.

[Carol Penner. <http://carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship/>]

Hymn 349: O come, let us sing to the Lord

Psalm 95 (*Helen Wells*)

Prayers of praise and confession

Notices.

We pass the peace of Christ to one another.

Time with the children

A dramatised reading: John 4:5-27, 39-42 (*Helen Wells, Gordon & Jean Dewar*)

- Jesus talks with a Samaritan woman about 'living water'
- He reveals himself to be the long-awaited Messiah, the Saviour of the world
- Many Samaritans come to believe in Jesus because of the woman's testimony

Song: Majesty

Majesty, worship his majesty;

unto Jesus be all glory, power and praise.

Majesty, kingdom, authority

flow from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the king.

Majesty, worship his majesty,

Jesus, who died, now glorified, king of all kings.

Sermon: *Could he be the Messiah?*

Time for reflection: "El Shaddai," performed by Amy Grant.

This song was written in 1981 by Michael Card and John Thompson, using direct quotes from scripture as their inspiration. Approximately half the lyrics are in the Hebrew language, which is rather unusual for a contemporary Christian song.

- *El Shaddai* (אל שדי) is most often translated as "God Almighty"
- *El-Elyon na Adonai* (אל עליון נא אדני) is a combination of two names for God, meaning "God Most High, please my Lord"
- *Erkamka na Adonai* (ארחמך) is based on Psalm 18:1 - "I love you, my Lord"

Prayers for others (*Karen Glithero*) at the conclusion of which we shall sing the Lord's prayer (Hymn 676)

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 144 (ii): Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

Concluding prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ,
send us out with confidence in your word,
to tell the world of your saving acts,
and bring glory to your name.

[A Prayer Book for Australia]

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.*



Healing Service will be held at 11:30am next Sunday, 19th March (and every third Sunday of the month). You are warmly invited to attend, whether you wish to pray for others or to receive prayer and anointing with oil. The service takes approximately half an hour and includes communion. If you would like further information, please speak to Anne Shave or to any member of the congregation who has attended this service.



Coffee Morning, Wednesday 15th March, 10.30am, at the Nazareth House Café. All welcome.

Thank you from Stephanie for those who have supported her as she sought a new place to live, to Margaret Ford and Helen Wells for their support, and especially to Jill Fenton who offered her a place to stay.

World Vision and Work with Children

Today being Family Service, we will 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. We are grateful for any donation that you are able to give through this collection.

Moderator's Appeal for Te Maungarongo

The National Marae in Ohope is in need of urgent earthworks to retain a slope to its side. Hamish, as Moderator, has launched an appeal to the church nationally to support this cause.

About the Marae: Te Maungarongo, at Ohope Marae, stands on the hill overlooking Ohope and was first established there in 1947. The marae was the first Church-owned marae in Aotearoa New Zealand. Its creation was the dream of Very Rev John (Hoani) Laughton. He saw the need to establish a place for the bicultural partnership implicit in the relationship of the then Maori Synod Te Hinota, now Te Aka Puaho, and the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, as a whole.

The appeal: For much of the previous two years, COVID restrictions required the marae to be closed. This meant that while the marae still had expenses, there was no income and no opportunity to build reserves to pay for this work.

As a parish we wish to support this appeal, and so are collecting donations to pass on for this work. There are envelopes available today, or you can donate directly to our bank account (using reference: Ohope Marae).

More information is also available at www.presbyterian.org.nz/moderators-christmas-appeal-for-ohope-marae

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.



At St Augustine's Anglican Church

Saturday 18 March, 1-4pm

Sale of original paintings, photographs; hand-made crafts, knitting, sewing, greeting cards; food, scones (they are superb!) tea and coffee.

Our monthly "Repair Café" will be held at the same time. So, bring items for repair - clothes, bags, zips,

toys. Try our ingenious volunteers!

Proceeds from sale and koha from repairs will go to Perinatal Wellbeing Canterbury and St Augustine's bell tower repair.

Te Waiora House Christian Retreat Centre

for Time Out – Restoration – Growth

Te Waiora House offers affordable accommodation in a beautiful and extensive rural setting. Just outside Hororata, offering four twin and one double ensuite bedrooms, a large lounge with log burner, and dining room, suitable for meeting, along with a chapel that can seat up to thirty.

Guests are welcome to visit for a day, or for longer. Catered and uncatered options available.

Gift vouchers available.

Donations enable the work of Te Waiora Christian Retreat House to continue.

Our aim is to be a place of peace and refuge for those who need to recharge their batteries, emotionally, physically, or spiritually.

Contact 027 406 0503 or (03) 318 0789. Email: tewaiorahouse@xtra.co.nz

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.

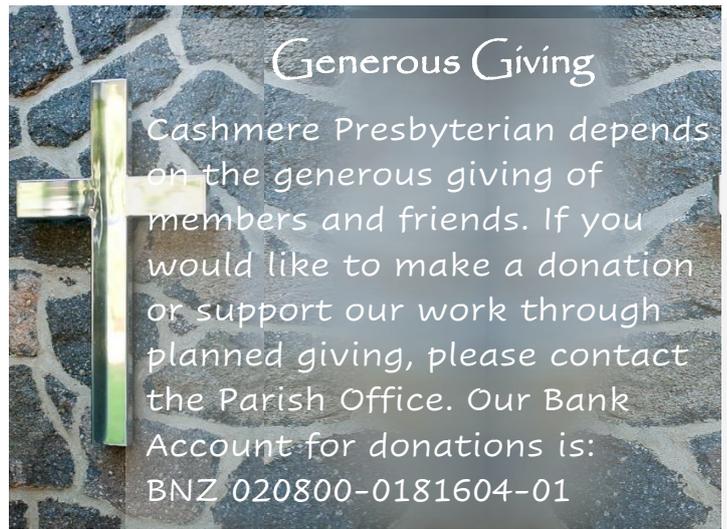


Tuesday 14 March	9.00am	Craft Group in Kowhai Lounge
	11.00am	Forum
	7.30pm	Lent Bible Study
Wednesday 15 March	10.30am	Coffee Morning at Nazareth House
Thursday 16 March	10.00am	Pre-School Music
Sunday 19 March	10.00am	Morning Worship
	11.30am	Healing Service

Church Rosters	This week: 12th March	Next week: 19th March
Door Duty	Ian Gray, Margaret Ford, Sue Leadbetter	Kathleen Anderson, Cath Dale, Jill McAra
Morning Tea & Coffee	Murray & Patricia Heath	Noelene Kent, Lyn Cordner
Bible Reading	Helen Wells	Gordon & Jean Dewar
Candle Lighting	Robin McKee	Elizabeth Taggart
Food Trolley	Annette McAdam	Peter & Tric Nelson
Money Counting (Monday)	Shona Lyford	Rouie Swan

Leading Worship over the next few weeks:

19 March	David Coster
26 March	David Coster
2 April	Hamish Galloway
9 April	Hamish Galloway

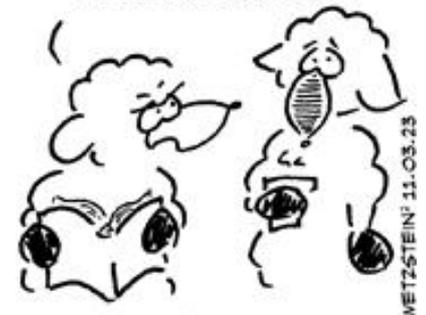


NO, IT'S COOL! SEE YAHWEH IS OFTEN DESCRIBED AS ROMANCING ISRAEL* AND BOTH ISAAC AND MOSES MET THEIR WIVES AT WELLS**, SO THIS SCENE IDENTIFIES JESUS AS THE ONE WHO PURSUES GOD'S PEOPLE AS YAHWEH DID, EXCEPT THAT THE WOMAN IS AN OUTSIDER AND FAR FROM PERFECT... SHE'S ALL OF US!



* ISAIAH 62:5
 ** GEN. 24:17 & EX. 2:15

WELL YOU CAN TELL HE'S DIVINE. WITH A PICK UP LINE LIKE THAT, I WOULDN'T HAVE EVEN GOTTEN A PHONE NUMBER!



JOHN 4:5-42

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