

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 14th May 2023

Preacher: Anne Shave



If you love me, you will obey
my commandments.
I will ask the Father, and he
will give you another Helper,
who will stay with you forever.

[John 14:15-16]



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
Please stand as the Bible is processed in*

Lighting of the fellowship candle: *Shirley Wilson*

Welcome and call to worship (based on Acts 17:22-31)

We gather together in the presence of God,

the Lord of heaven and earth:

the Creator of our world and everything in it;

the One who gave us life and breath,

the One who is never far away from any of us,

the One in whom we live and move and have our being.

Let's worship God together!

Hymn 151: When morning gilds the skies

Prayer, concluding with the Lord's Prayer (Hymn 676)

Notices.

We share the peace of Christ with one another.

Time with the children

Reading: *(Enzo Lee)*

Song: Lord, show me what it means

Lord, show me what it means to have a humble heart

Lord, show me what it means to love the world like you

Lord, show me what it means to give my life away

Lord, show me what it means to love you more each day

Lord, give me grace inside to have a humble heart

Lord, give me grace inside to love the world like you

Lord, give me grace inside to give my life away

Lord, give me grace inside to love you more each day



Bible reading: John 14:15-21 The promise of the Holy Spirit *(Ian Gray)*

Hymn 310: Come down, O love divine

Bible reading: Acts 17:22-31 Paul's sermon in Athens *(Ian Gray)*

Drama: *The Unknown God – An imaginary dialogue between two philosophers after the events of Acts 17. Two Athenian philosophers, Academicus (Robin McKee) and Argumentates (Sue Leadbetter), meet following Paul’s address to the Areopagus.*

Sermon(ette): God is near to us

Hymn 439 (verses 1 and 2): Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus

Prayers for others

Our freewill offering to support the mission and church of Jesus Christ will be received. This Sunday, white bowls will also be passed around to collect coins for Vory, the child we sponsor through World Vision, and for children’s ministry in this parish. 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.***

Time with the children

Hymn 148: Love divine, all loves excelling (*Tune: Blaenwern*)

Concluding prayer:

***May our Lord Jesus Christ
be within us to keep us,
before us to lead us,
beside us to guard us,
and above us to bless us.***

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.*



World Vision and Work with Children

During today's 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.

Healing Service will be held at 11:30am next Sunday, (**date**) (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.

Cashmere Connection: The next edition will be printed at the end of this month. Please have any items for inclusion to the office by Friday 19th May.

Choir practices for next Sunday's Service

- Today, in Kowhai Lounge, 11.20am
- Thursday 18th May, Kowhai Lounge, 7.30pm
- Saturday 20th May in the Church at 4.00pm
- Next Sunday, 21st May, 9.30am

Soup Lunch – Sunday 11th June

Join us on this date for a fundraising Soup Lunch. Lynley Fraer-Wright's family are visiting Vanuatu and will take on our behalf a gift for the Onesu High School's 70th Anniversary.

Saturday 24th June: Cashmere Presbyterian Quiet Day, led by Anne Shave. Advance notice of this quiet day to be held at Te Waiora House, Hororata - all welcome. It will include some time spent together and some time to draw apart, rest, and enjoy the tranquillity of the environment. Please do consider coming, and mark your diaries now. More details will be provided soon.

Rosters for the period 4th June to 17th September will be prepared next week. Please let me know whether you are happy to continue on the rosters, and 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.

Contact Gail in the church office – ph 332 7129, email cashmere.church@xtra.co.nz

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 to 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

Friends of the Christchurch Town Hall Organ Trust - Organ Concert
Monday 5th June (King's Birthday public holiday), Town Hall Auditorium, 2pm annual organ curator's FREE concert '**Sound the Trumpet**' Martin Setchell (organ) with guest artist Tom Eves, CSO principal trumpet. Admission FREE. (Koha appreciated). Book direct online at <https://organconcert2023.eventbrite.co.nz> or visit nzorgan.com.

Do you have a book inside you, or have you written a book?



We are the **South Island Christian Book Authors Network**; a Christchurch-based network of Christian book writers seeking to honour God through our writing.

We exist to enable each other to become equipped, connected and fully empowered to write books and get them out to the marketplace.

This is a special interest group of **NZ Christian Writers**.

For further info, email Christine & Verna by Tuesday 17th May 2023:
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ENDORSED BY :

DATE & TIME:

**Saturday 27th
 May 2023
 9am to 12:30pm**

VENUE:

**Tenants Lounge
 Maurice Carter Courts
 16 Dundee Place
 Spreydon
 Christchurch 8024**

COST:

\$15 per person
 Cash payable at the door
Coffee and tea provided

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 16 May	9.00am	Craft Group in Kowhai Lounge
	11.00am	Forum
Thursday 18 May	10.00am	Pre-School Music
	7.30pm	Choir Practice in Kowhai Lounge
Saturday 20 May	4.00pm	Choir Practice in Church
Sunday 21 May	10.00am	Morning Worship
	11.30am	Healing Service

Church Rosters	This week: 14th May	Next week: 21st May
Door Duty	David & Jane Kim, Karen Glithero	Warren Campbell, Alana Hampton, Margaret Ford
Morning Tea & Coffee	Murray & Patricia Heath	Kathleen Anderson, Cecile Pierce
Bible Reading	Jill Fenton	Ann Jennings
Candle Lighting	Shirley Wilson	Elizabeth Taggart
Food Trolley	Helen Matthews	Peter & Tric Nelson
Money Counting	Diane McAlister (<i>Tuesday</i>)	Kathleen Anderson (<i>Monday</i>)

Leading Worship over the next few weeks:

21 May	David Coster
28 May	Anne Shave
4 June	David Coster
11 June	Hamish Galloway

