

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 20th November 2022
Reign of Christ the King

Preacher: David Coster

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.

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

Masks are no longer required, but we ask you to please respect the decisions of others with regard to whether or not they wear one.

Order of Worship

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

Fellowship Candle (*Rosemary Troughton*)

Call to worship

May the majesty of Christ, the love of God and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

My friends in Christ, our help is in the name of the Lord;

who made the heavens and the earth.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

We sing 163: Crown him with many crowns (*V3 women V4 men*)

Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Gracious God, thank you for gathering us together in this time and sacred place. Thank you for your great love that welcomes us. Thank you for the comfort of your everlasting arms. Thank you for the guidance of your shepherd's staff. Thank you for the wisdom that created us and all creation. Thank you for the light that breaks through our places of darkness. Thank you for the righteousness that seeks out justice. Thank you for the compassion that tends to the suffering. Thank you for the peace that conquers all hostility.

Thank you for the many ways you make yourself known to us.

Merciful God, you call us to follow where you lead; you call us to gather together your children to create communities of love, for you and for our neighbour, and to attend to those in need.

We acknowledge that we have not always followed your lead. We have not always gathered your children together in concerned love. We have not always given of ourselves to those we know who are in need.

Forgive us, merciful Creator.

Restore us. Make us a new people dedicated to you.

Words of Assurance

My friends, the Christian experience is being continually found and loved in Christ.

He is our freedom. He is our healing and hope. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Notices

We pass the peace of Christ to each other.

We sing 212: The King of glory comes

Introduction to the Reading

Bible Readers: Gordon & Jean Dewar

Colossians 1: 11-20 (p.250 NT): Paul proclaims the reign of Christ, ruling over all thrones, dominions, and powers.

Luke 23: 33-43 (p.114 NT): A Reading from Scripture which seems so out of place at this time of the year. Surely, this Gospel reading should be read on Good Friday at Easter and not on the Sunday prior to Advent heralding the approach of Christmas.

Prayer before the Sermon

Sermon: What does the reign of Christ as King look like?

We sing I cannot tell why he whom angels worship

1. I cannot tell why he whom angels worship
should set his love upon our wayward world,
or why as shepherd he should seek the wanderers
to bring them back into his flock and fold.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary
when Bethlehem's manger was his only home
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured
and so the saviour, saviour of the world has come.
2. I cannot tell how silently he suffered
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
nor how his heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken hearted
and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden
for still the saviour, saviour of the world is here.
3. I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
how he will claim his earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory
and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
and some glad day his sun will shine in splendour
when he the saviour, saviour of the world is known.

4. I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when at his bidding every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when all our hearts with love for him are filled.
But this I know, the skies will sound his praises
and myriad, myriad human voices sing
and earth to heaven, and heaven to earth will answer
"At last the saviour, saviour of the world is king."

Words by William Fullerton
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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.

Offertory Prayer

Thanks be to you, O God, for daily gifts and graces so often taken for granted. Thanks be to you, O God, for the opportunity to share in their giving and sharing. Bless them, the offerings of our hands and hearts. May they be used well and creatively in the service of Jesus Christ, our Lord who taught us to pray Our Father...sung Lord's Prayer 676

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

We sing 205: Mine eyes have seen the glory

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Sung Benediction: Let there be peace on earth

*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.*



The Parish Council would like to nominate Elisabeth Cooch for ordination as an elder. We do this in recognition of the faith and the gifts that Elisabeth has and the roles that Elisabeth has had in this church, especially in her previous role as convenor of Pastoral Care. There will be a short congregational meeting after the service on the 27th November when this will be put to the congregation for approval. The induction would then take place on Sunday 4th December.

Healing Service, with Communion, will be held today at 11.30am. In every act of worship, the Church celebrates the grace of God who desires wholeness of body, mind and spirit for all people. At a service of healing, we focus on that aspect of God's character. We bring to God our own frailty and brokenness - felt not just in physical illness, but in guilt, anxiety and all the burdens which weigh us down. We also bring our concerns for others and for the world. Above all, we come to the God who knows our needs before we ask, and whose love revealed in Jesus Christ is stronger than suffering and death. All are welcome to attend this service.



The next coffee morning will be **this coming Wednesday, 23 November** at 10.30am at the café at Nazareth House. We would love you to join us there in quiet surroundings that make hearing conversations easier! Please let Cecile, Margaret or Kathleen know if you are attending.

Fundraising concert: Sunday 27th November, 4.30pm

This concert, organised by Ira, is a fundraiser for a school/education project in Zimbabwe for a charity that she is involved with.

The concert is planned to take around 1 to 1.5 hours with a break in the middle (coffee and cakes at that stage) and a get together for those who would like to linger and enjoy some snacks afterwards. The full koha for entry will be donated to the Zimbabwe project.

Parish retreat day: Saturday 3rd December, 9am – 3pm, at ACTS School (the former Greenpark Primary School, not far from Lincoln). Please come and enjoy a day with a mixture of discussion and time for quiet reflection. Lunch will be provided. Koha of \$20 appreciated for cost of hiring the venue. Please speak to Anne Shave if you have any questions.

Faith and Hope in Midlife, by Anne Shave, is a book based on conversations with churchgoers from Presbyterian, Anglican and Catholic congregations, and with clergy and spiritual directors. Anne explores the experiences of Christians in midlife and

considers ways that churches can support people in this life stage. At the end of each chapter there are questions for personal reflection or group discussion, and suggestions of relevant resources. These books are currently available for purchase for \$30 from the church foyer.

Cashmere Connection: The last edition for this year will be printed later this month. Please send any items for inclusion to the office by **Monday 21st November**.

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

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.

Dates to note for December

Saturday 3 rd December	9am-3pm	Advent Retreat Day at Acts School, Greenpark
Sunday 4 th December	10am	Christmas Communion Service
Sunday 11 th December	10am	Children’s Nativity Service Sunday School breakup, and shared lunch
Sunday 18 th December	10am	Service of Christmas Music
	6pm	Carols in the Garden
Tuesday 20 th December		Taking Christmas Carols around some rest and private homes, followed by supper at Anne Shave’s home.
Saturday 24 th December	9am-6pm	Church open throughout the day for prayer and remembrance.
	11.30pm	Midnight Watch Candlelight service
Sunday 25 th December	9.30am	Christmas Day Family Service

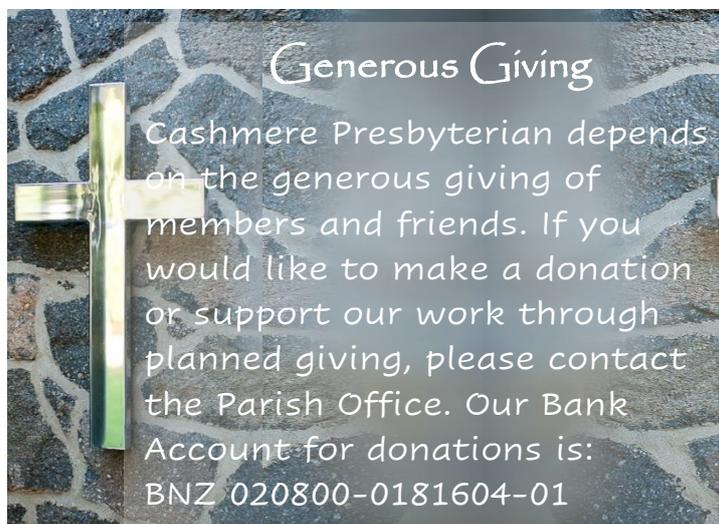


Tuesday 22 November 9.00am Craft Group in Kowhai Lounge
 11.00am Forum in Rata Lounge
 Thursday 24 November 10.00am Pre-School Music
 Sunday 27 November 10.00am Morning Worship

Church Rosters	This week: 20th November	Next week: 27th November
Door Duty	Ian Gray, Helen Wells, Karen Glithero	Cecile Pierce, Sue Leadbetter, Margaret Ford
Morning Tea & Coffee	Kathleen Anderson, Jill McAra	David & Jane Kim
Bible Reading	Gordon & Jean Dewar	Annette McAdam
Candle Lighting	Rosemary Troughton	Elizabeth Taggart
Food Trolley	Peter & Tric Nelson	Ann Jennings
Money Counting (Monday)	Shona Lyford	Rouie Swan

Leading Worship over the next few weeks:

27 November	Anne Shave
4 December	Hamish Galloway
11 December	David Coster, with Janice Lee
18 December	Christmas Music Service



Fire Evacuation Procedures

Evacuation procedure for when Church is in use for Worship Services:

Should the automatic fire alarm sound:

- Minister to take overall control of the situation and act as Warden (using Warden armband) and liaise with the Fire Service.
- Minister and organist to direct evacuation from front of church. Minister then proceeds to bus shelter to receive reports from others.
- First two named people on door duty list for that week to direct evacuation from rear of church – one through main door, one through foyer.
- Other(s) on door duty use handheld fire fighting equipment, if safe to do so, and to then go outside to direct people to the designated place of safety
- Property Convenor (if present) to call 111 from a safe phone, otherwise Minister to delegate this responsibility to an appropriate person.
- Ensure all buildings are empty. This duty to be carried out by a responsible person delegated by the Minister at the time of the incident.

Evacuation Routes:

Church:

1. **exit via choir room** at left front of church (door between organ & piano) to the deck outside, proceed round rear of Church or Church House to Cashmere Green
2. **exit via vestry/flower room** at right front of church (door before pulpit). Proceed across road to Cashmere Green.
3. **exit via main Church entrance** towards rear of church. Proceed across road to Cashmere Green.
4. **exit via door at rear of church into the foyer** of the office/lounge area, then through main foyer door and across road to Cashmere Green.

Lounge:

1. **exit by main entrance**, through foyer, out through main foyer door and across road to Cashmere Green.
2. **exit by side door** (opposite main door, under “lean-to” area) to rear lawns. Proceed round rear of Church House to Cashmere Green

Church House:

1. **exit through front door**, across the road to Cashmere Green.
2. **Exit through stair hallway to side door**, then across the road to Cashmere Green.
3. **From upstairs**, through Fire Exit from upstairs bedroom. Proceed to Cashmere Green.