

Sunday 5th November 2023

*Theme: The Word at Work
Preacher: Hamish Galloway*

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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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.

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

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
Please stand as the Bible is processed in.*

Lighting the Fellowship Candle (*Kathleen Anderson*)

Welcome to Worship

Call to worship (Psalm 119, Jeremiah 31)

How beautiful is the word of the Lord!

How wise are God's commandments!

Through the Lord's insights, we gain understanding.

Through God's wisdom, we find truth.

The Lord is our God; we are God's people.

God's word is alive within us, it is at work shaping our lives.

Living Word, Great Teacher, lead us and guide us in worship today!

Amen!

Opening Hymn 61: Lord Your Almighty Word

Prayer of Praise and Confession

The Lord's Prayer sung (WOV 676)

Notices

Passing the Peace

We offer each other the 'right hand of fellowship' as a sign that all are welcome and accepted by God.

Children's time

Song: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet

*Chorus: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.*

1. When I feel afraid and think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.

2. I will not forget your love for me,
and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide and hold me to your side
and I will love you to the end.

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Readings (*Reader: Judy Newbury*)

Acts 17: 1-10 (p.173 NT)

I Thessalonians 2:9-13 (p.254 NT)

Sermon: The Word at Work

Hymn 531: When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word

Offering

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. Donations for the Food Bank are placed in a supermarket trolley.

Dedication of the offering (*please stand*)

Prayer of Intercession

Hymn: Nothing is lost on the breath of God

1. Nothing is lost on the breath of God,
nothing is lost for ever;
God's breath is love, and that love will remain,
holding the world for ever.
No feather too light, no hair too fine,
no flower too brief in its glory;
no drop in the ocean, no dust in the air,
but is counted and told in God's story.
2. Nothing is lost to the eyes of God,
nothing is lost for ever;
God sees with love and that love will remain,
holding the world for ever.
No journey too far, no distance too great,
no valley of darkness too blinding;
no creature too humble, no child too small
for God to be seeking, and finding.

3. Nothing is lost to the heart of God,
nothing is lost for ever;
God's heart is love, and that love will remain,
holding the world for ever.
No impulse of love, no office of care,
no moment of life in its fulness;
no beginning too late, no ending too soon,
but is gathered and known in God's goodness

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Benediction

Amen, amen, amen (sung)

*Please remain standing as the Bible is processed out.
Thank you for sharing in worship this morning. Please come through to
the Rata Lounge for morning tea.*



World Vision and Work with Children

On Family Service Sundays we 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.

Family Service is next week, and we are grateful for any donation that you are able to give through this collection.

Cashmere Connection

The last edition of the Cashmere Connection for this year will be printed in mid-November. Please have any items for inclusion to Gail by Monday 13 November.

Red Spot Envelopes

At the last Parish Council meeting, on 24th October, it was decided to re-start the “Red Spot” envelope offerings. This is where, once a quarter, we invite our members to make an additional offering for a specific purpose to further support our parish.

For this quarter, we are asking for support for our Repairs & Maintenance expenses, which have increased substantially. The major cause of the increases is the repairs and alterations around the door which led to the outside from the walk-in cupboard in the Rata Lounge. Once the builders started work, it was discovered that there was considerably more rot to the supporting timbers than had been expected. The result of this is that the costs for this work are now expected to exceed \$8,000.

There are two Red Spot envelopes for all regular automatic payment and envelope offerors available today (one for now, one for next time....), and we ask you to prayerfully consider whether you are able to assist our finances at this time.

Our designated "Red Spot" day is 19th November, but envelopes can be placed in the offerings at any time, or you can donate directly to our bank account (BNZ 020800-0181604-00) using reference "Red Spot".

Regular Envelope Offerors: your envelopes for the next six months are available to collect today.

Supporting our Communities

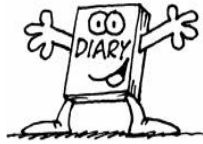
- ***Sydenham Community Pre-school:*** Last year we supplied activity packs for the children who attend this pre-school, which will be closed for 5 weeks over Christmas. The packs were gratefully received by the parents, with several taking the trouble to email the church to thank us.

We would like to repeat the gesture this year, so are asking for monetary donations to enable Janice to purchase suitable items. If you are able to donate, please place in an appropriately marked envelope, or make a direct credit to our bank account (020800-0181604-01) marking it "pre-school".

- ***Presbyterian Support*** runs many programmes, one of which is the Harakeke Club, a day programme for people who have early onset dementia. They have asked for our support by way of providing a small treat for each of the 65 people who attend. The suggestion is a small amount of chocolate, so we thought if we can get some donations of boxes of Roses chocolates, then those can be divided up into appropriate amounts for each recipient.

If you can donate a box, please leave them either in the basket provided or at the office before 13th November.

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.



Monday 6 November 11.00am Prayer Group at the Dewar's House
 Tuesday 7 November 9.00am Foot Clinic
 9.00am Craft Group in Kowhai Lounge
 11.00am Forum
 Thursday 9 November 10.00am Pre-School Music
 Sunday 12 November 10.00am Family Service

Church Rosters	This week: 5th November	Next week: 12th November
Door Duty	Kathleen Anderson, Cath Dale, Jill McAra	Robin McKee, Helen Wells, Elisabeth Cooch
Morning Tea & Coffee	Peter & Tric Nelson	Cecile Pierce, Kathleen Anderson
Bible Reading	Judy Newbury	Elisabeth Cooch
Candle Lighting	Kathleen Anderson	Robin McKee
Food Trolley		
Money Counting	Rouie Swan	Gordon Dewar

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