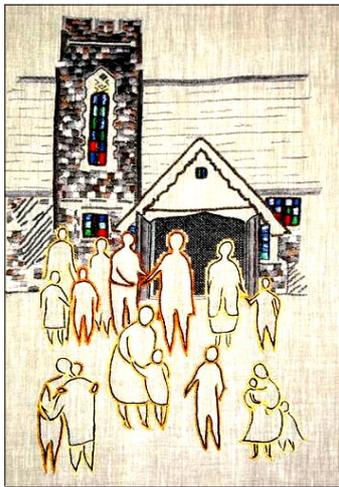


Cashmere Connection

Cashmere Presbyterian Church—The Stone Church on the Hill
Linking with its community since 1928

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From the Minister

Lockdown Draws Attention to Beauty

I wrote this in my reflective diary the day after full moon in August:

Wax-Eyes sucking nectar from the blossom
Full moon in the Southern sky
Framed by the pinkish hues of the
morning sunrise

I wrote it after a lovely morning walk. It was an unhurried walk. Lockdown slows me down. In that slowing down I notice more of the beauty that surrounds me. And I then took time to write about it in my journal. I looked back over the year of entries into this journal, especially kept to write poetry about beautiful things. I was by far most active in times of holiday and slow down.

Slowing down and noticing beauty feed my

soul! The beauty of the sunrise and sunset still astound me after all these years. Do those of you who live on the hill with those stunning views of the sun setting over the mountains agree? Just the other night, glimpsing the possibility of a wonderful sunset I biked to the highest point of the Aidanfield Bridge with my phone to capture the moment in photos.

All this points me to belief in God. So much beauty surrounds us that it does not seem accidental. And the fact that we are given the ability to perceive that beauty ... this, too, does not seem like an accident either. Rather it speaks to me of a creator who loves beauty and love me, reaching out to my senses because of a loving desire to share the experience!

Hamish

Associate Minister appointed

The parish council is pleased to announce that Rev David Coster has agreed to take on the position of Stated Supply Minister (50% time) here at Cashmere, to provide cover during the 2 years Hamish is serving as Moderator of the PCANZ.

Hamish, David and Anne Shave will work as a team in delivering services and care to the parish during this time. David is so well known to many of you and we are delighted to have him join the team again!



It is tough for young people in Zimbabwe. It is so tough it can seem hopeless. It was seen as the granary of Africa. Now it is one of the poorest countries. Deprived, without models, how can they learn to live with dignity, with perspective?

A member of our congregation is very involved in projects to provide a better future for youth in Zimbabwe. Starting off with support for orphans at a secondary school in Masvingo, the project has now several branches. Its latest a "life-skill" training, that provides a first programme in a ghetto-like suburb of Harare, Sunningdale.

Zimbabwe's young people need, in WHO and UNICEF speak, "psychological competences and interpersonal skills that

help people make informed decisions, solve problems, think critically and creatively, communicate effectively, build healthy relationships, empathise with others, and cope and manage their lives in a healthy and productive manner". The very relevant, tested and professionally developed programme is supported by a German church group. It has achieved a lot, but further challenges lie ahead as a vocational centre is planned to help the young to apply these life skills to a profession.

Maybe this is a project for us at Cashmere to take an interest in over the year ahead, supporting the good work of one of our own congregation.

More about Advivia can be found here: www.advivia.org/Englischi/

Annual General Meeting

The AGM had to be postponed due to the Level 4 lockdown, and will now take place on **Sunday 3 October**, after the worship service.

Copies of the Annual Report and draft Financial Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2021 are available at: www.cashmerechurch.org.nz/news.html

Communion Service

We extend an invitation to all to join us on Sunday 3rd October at 10am for **World Communion Sunday**.



“Life Goes On:”

A Meditation from Howard Thurman (1889-1991)

During these turbulent times we must remind ourselves repeatedly that life goes on.

This we are apt to forget.

The wisdom of life transcends our wisdoms;
the purpose of life outlasts our purposes;
the process of life cushions our processes.

The mass attack of disillusion and despair,
distilled out of the collapse of hope,
has so invaded our thoughts that what we know to be true
and valid seems unreal and ephemeral.

There seems to be little energy left for aught but futility.

This is the great deception.

By it whole peoples have gone down to oblivion
without the will to affirm the great and permanent strength of
the clean and the commonplace.

Let us not be deceived.

It is just as important as ever to attend to the little graces
by which the dignity of our lives is maintained and sustained.

Birds still sing;

the stars continue to cast their gentle gleam over the
desolation of the battlefields,
and the heart is still inspired by the kind word and the
gracious deed.

There is no need to fear evil.

There is every need to understand what it does,
how it operates in the world,
what it draws upon to sustain itself.

We must not shrink from the knowledge of the evilness of evil.
Over and over we must know that the real target of evil is not

destruction of the body,

the reduction to rubble of cities;

the real target of evil

is to corrupt the spirit of man and to give his soul the
contagion of inner disintegration.

When this happens,

there is nothing left,

the very citadel of man is captured and laid waste.

Therefore the evil in the world around us must not be
allowed to move from without to within.

This would be to be overcome by evil.

To drink in the beauty that is within reach,

to clothe one's life with simple deeds of kindness,

to keep alive a sensitiveness to the movement of the spirit
of God in the quietness of the human heart and in the

workings of the human mind—

this is as always the ultimate answer to the great deception.

Howard Thurman was an Afro-American Theologian.

May his words remind us of the precious value of life, help us celebrate it, and protect our souls from the “contagion of inner disintegration” during these turbulent times.

New Director for Christian World Service

The CWS Board has appointed Murray Overton as the new National Director, taking over from Pauline McKay who retired on 30 July.

Murray has completed his time as Principal of Te Kura Tuatahi o Kaiapoi —Kaiapoi Borough School. He has taught at schools in Addis Abba, Ethiopia and Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Murray was due to take up the position on 23 August.



*Murray Overton, incoming CWS
National Director*



*Pauline McKay, recently retired CWS
National Director*

People Events

Deaths

We extend our sympathies to the families of these long-time members of the Cashmere congregation:

Jean Walls (10 June)

Owen Lulham (19 August)



PLANTARAMA



Cashmere Presbyterian Centre

Cnr. Dyers Pass Rd & MacMillan Ave

**Saturday 16th October
9am to 12 noon**

Plants for the vegetable garden, plants for the flower garden, and tools to help with the process!

Stalls: Vegetable & Flower plants: Herbs: Annuals: Shrubs: Natives: Decorative Pots: Tools: Sausage Sizzle: Cream Teas: and more....
Eftpos available on site.

For more info. contact the Church office: 332 7129



What is Plantarama??

Plantarama is Cashmere Presbyterian Church's biggest fundraiser every year. It's a sale of plants, prepared at home by Parishioners and Friends ready for sale on the day.

What sort of plants?

Anything we can sell and you would like in your garden:

- Vege plants
- Annuals
- Perennials
- Succulents
- Natives

In fact anything that would sell.

Now that the weather is warming up it's time to divide, plant seeds, pot up cuttings, pot up anything that has self seeded in your garden. The important thing is that plants are well rooted ready for sale. Don't be scared to pick up anything people have put out on the road side—their excess is our gain!

If you are unsure of what we require don't hesitate to phone Tric Nelson (021815492 or 3327978)

If you don't have green thumbs, though, you can still participate. We will need helpers, both on the day itself to man stalls and clear away afterwards, and during the week ahead to help set out the hall. Tric will have a sign-up list nearer to the time, or speak to her to offer your assistance.

With your help we can make this the best Plantarama yet!

Forthcoming Services

(all subject to Covid Level guidelines)

Date	Service
Sunday 26 September	10am Morning Worship
Sunday 3 October	World Communion Sunday Service at 10am
Sunday 10 October	10am Family Service
Sunday 17 October	10am Morning Worship 11.30am Healing Service
Sunday 24 October	10am Morning Worship
Sunday 31 October	10am Morning Worship
Sunday 7 November	10am Morning Worship
Sunday 14 November	10am Family Service
Sunday 21 November	10am Morning Worship 11.30am Healing Service

Healing Services

Healing Services are held each month, usually on the third Sunday, at 11.30am, and include communion. All are welcome to attend this service, to come and pray for your own needs, or those of others.

(Note: we may not hold Healing Services when at Level 2)

Church Life



In May the ladies of the **Quilts & Crafts group** decided to have an adventure to Rangiora to visit the lovely craft and wool shops there. They set off on the bus, most with their gold cards at the ready, and enjoyed a fun day with lots of laughter, shopping and, of course, eating.

The group's usual meeting place is the Kowhai Lounge at Cashmere Presbyterian, gathering on Tuesday mornings, 9am—12 noon, to indulge in their various crafting activities amongst good company. It is a very happy—and sometimes rather noisy!—group.

Any portable craft is welcome; a gold coin donation is requested, if you are able, to cover costs of tea, coffee and biscuits.

In June, Hamish Galloway was invited to speak at the **St Augustine's Men's Breakfast**, to which the men from the Cashmere congregation were also invited.

He talked about forging a future for the church in terms of the need for three forward facing things:

- Entrepreneurial Leadership - the need for those with the gift of apostleship to explore new frontiers of what kind of church connects with people in the current context.
- Mixed Economy Church - the realisation that going forward we need to find various expressions of what it means to be church and missional.
- Nimble Administration - the need for the church to adapt to changing situations and not get caught up in rules relating to the way things were in the past.

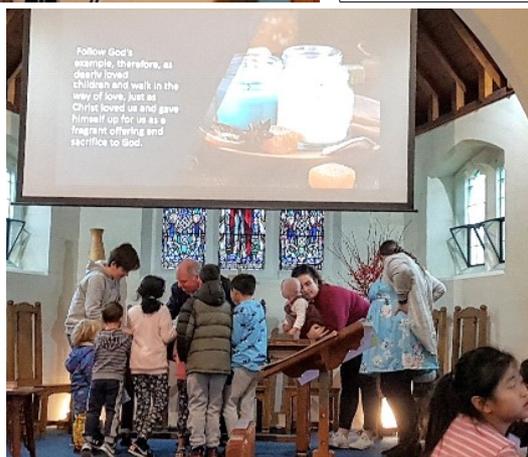
At the same time he also talked about the need to staying true to faithful preaching, careful pastoring and heartfelt prayer as the bread and butter of good church life.



On Friday 13th August we held a **Family Games Night**. As well as the table tennis and indoor bowls pictured, there were a variety of board games. Great fun was had by all, and more such nights have been requested!



At the **August Family Service**, Hamish Sherratt-Smith played for us before the service. Later, the children were invited to enjoy the wafting scent of a fragrant candle: *"Our lives, well lived for Jesus, can bring fragrance wherever we go—at home, at school, on the sports field."*



In order to provide some financial support for areas suffering humanitarian crises as a result of Covid19, three events were held in May. A special morning tea was held after church one Sunday, which raised \$814.50 for UNICEF; Helen Wells hosted an Indian Meal, and David & Rosemary Troughton hosted a morning tea, and these two combined raised \$1,060 which was sent to the Christian Medical College in Ludhiana, India.

Photos are from the Troughton's morning tea.



A fantastic initiative from our colleagues at Anglican Missions is the 'Get one. Give one.' campaign, which protects and supports the world's most vulnerable from COVID-19 through vaccine equality.

As vaccines roll out across Aotearoa New Zealand, in many low-income countries, vaccines may not be available; there may not be enough of them to go around; and their cost will significantly impact availability thereby increasing inequality. In being thankful for the availability of vaccines in our country, we are aware that many people are not so fortunate. The Get one. Give one. Campaign aims to protect and support the most vulnerable.

Through this Campaign, New Zealanders can contribute to a global initiative that funds vaccine equality in countries that would otherwise miss out.

Find out more at: <https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/get-one-give-one>

David and Jane Kim's home church in Korea



Boondang Woori is a satellite city of Seoul, South Korea. David and Jane Kim are connected to a Presbyterian Church there. They enjoy listening regularly to the sermons on YouTube. The preacher is inspirational: during the ministry of the Rev. Chansoo Lee, membership has built up to some 30,000 members. That calls for several services of about 5,000 being

held each Sunday. Picture the car park, and the busy traffic wardens, as one service leaves, and the next arrive. They are encouraged to use public transport! Rather than build their own auditorium, they meet in a local High School.

This is typical of South Korea, where the trend is to follow a preacher rather than a particular denomination, such as Presbyterian. This means there are many large churches – even up to 100,000—and that means that ministers are very powerful. This calls for 3- 5 services a day, both in an auditorium and also projected onto screens in other rooms of their buildings. A strong feature are the daily Dawn Prayer services, when they meet for prayer sessions together; another feature are cell groups (or Garret, or Attic groups) of about ten families who meet together for worship, study, prayer

for others, and for friendship which includes meals together. For each group there is a leader. The Church works on missionary and on sharing Christian faith activities as well. There are approximately 15 million Christians in South Korea, out of a population of 55 million. Each year, there are national celebrations on August 15th, Liberation Day, when they commemorate the liberation from Japanese control in 1945, control that had begun in 1910!

There are two national holidays for religious celebrations, Christmas for the coming of Jesus Christ, and also Bodhi Day, the day when the Buddha received enlightenment.

Thank you, David and Jane, that you and your family have shared fellowship and friendship for so many years, with all of us in our church family here in Cashmere.

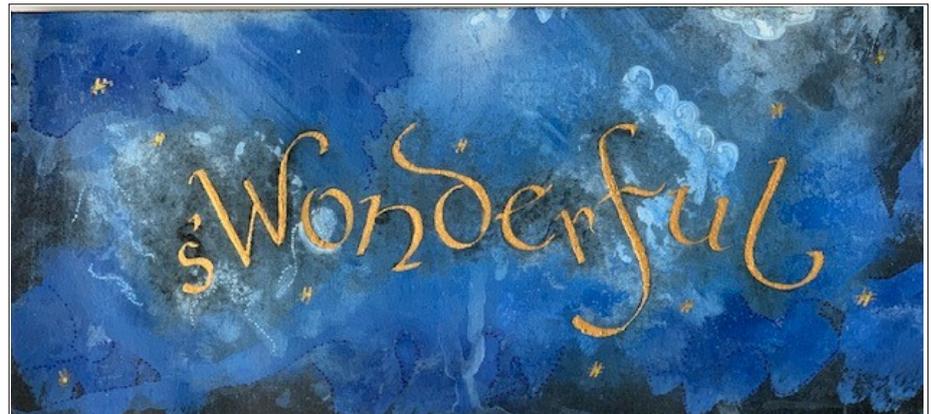
Beauty in Craft & Nature



Nature's Beauty: a special moment as the light catches the 'Woman at the Well' sculpture just right.



Beauty in black & white



Using our talents to create beauty (Judy Newbury)

The human soul is hungry for beauty; we seek it everywhere—in landscape, music, art, clothes, furniture, gardening, companionship, love, religion, and in ourselves. No one would desire not to be beautiful. When we experience the beautiful, there is a sense of homecoming. (John O'Donoghue)

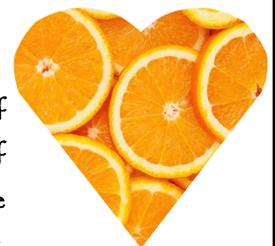


This is a receipt from 1820 from "An Italian Confectioner", the database for which has only recently been transcribed.

Our thanks, again, to Chef Robert at The Curiosity Shop for sharing his recipes with us.

To make
ORANGE HEARTS

One pound of Sugar, one pound and a quarter of yolks of Eggs, four caps of preserved Orange Peel, one quarter of a pound of sweet almonds, the raspings of four lemons, the whites of eight Eggs, and three quarters of a pound of flour.



Take your yolks of eggs, powder sugar, preserved orange peel, pounded, the almonds pounded very fine with rose water and the lemon raspings, and mix all together, stirring it with a wooden spoon in a circular bottomed pan, till it comes to a light paste ; when the paste is very light, whisk up your whites of eggs to a strong snow, and put the paste to them, turning it over gently till the whites are well mixed in ; sift your flour, and stir it in as lightly as possible. Bake these biscuits in a slack oven, in tins, the shape of a heart, with five sheets of paper under them ; observe to butter your tins well, and ice the biscuits before they are baked.

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