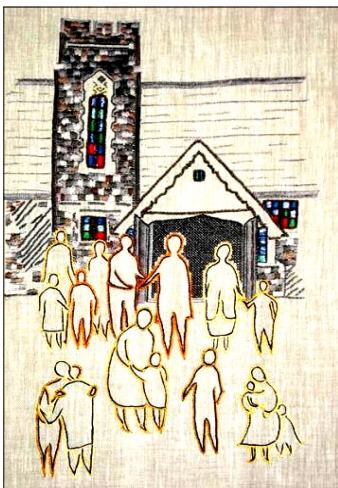


# Cashmere Connection

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

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## From the Minister

This will be my last Cashmere Connection foreword before I conclude my two year half time stint, at the end of September, assisting Hamish and the congregation during Hamish's term as Moderator of the General Assembly. Being back with the congregation has refreshed my memory of how much I enjoyed your fellowship and the joy of ministering within Cashmere.

Over the past few weeks Hamish, Anne and I have been leading a series of sermons following the fortunes and dysfunctionality of the family of Isaac and Rebecca from the birth of the twins, Esau and Jacob, through to the deception of Jacob's sons who sold their brother into slavery in Egypt.

Family harm and abuse are major political topics of discussion as we negotiate this season leading up to the General election on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Crime and punishment also rank high as electioneering discussion points.

It is over 46 years since I was ordained as a Minister of the Church. During those many years I have been privileged to share the joys and sorrows, tears, heartbreak and smiles of so many people. One of the things that has stood out for me during those years of ministry is just how relevant the events recorded in Scripture are for us today. The account of Isaac and Rebecca and their dysfunctional family are but just one from which we can learn much.

Lack of honesty in family relationships can lead to disharmony and abuse. Lying and deception tend to further the disharmony and increase the abuse. These traits can follow from generation to generation as if

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they were a normal part of life, accepted as the way to relate to each other.

I recall one family where intergenerational deception and dependence on the Welfare system went back through at least three generations of the family. One of the attitudes which came through strongly in that family was "entitlement." Yet with every right comes a responsibility. This is true for living in community as well as living in a family. As John

Donne wrote;

*No man is an island entire of itself;  
every man is a piece of the continent,  
a part of the main;  
if a clod be washed away by the sea,  
Europe is the less,  
as well as if a promontory were,  
as well as any manner of thy friends  
or of thine own were;  
any man's death diminishes me,  
because I am involved in mankind.  
And therefore never send to know  
for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.*

With every reaction of anger should also come sorrow. With every act of abuse should also come the seeking of forgiveness. Living in a state of conflict, whether family or otherwise, is destructive and can be very difficult to overcome as we see from the recidivist behaviour of many caught up in our Correctional system. Rather than anger, hate and abuse we should, as Paul wrote, live with faith, hope and love in our lives, reflecting this in our relationships with all people.

*David Coster*

## Communion Service

We extend to all an invitation to our quarterly **Communion Service** which will be held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 10am



## Annual General Meeting Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September

After our service of Morning Worship we will have time for a cuppa, and will then move into the AGM.

Copies of the Annual Report are being delivered with this Cashmere Connection, and can also be downloaded from our website's "News" page.



## *Quiet Day at Te Waiora House*

Fifteen members of the Cashmere congregation participated in a very peaceful day held at Te Waiora House, Hororata, on 24th June. The theme of the day was "Draw Near". We began by exploring some Bible verses in which individuals and groups are invited to come to God, and we also recalled that God chooses to come close to us. As James 4:8 says, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." We then focused on the gospel passage in which Jesus says, "Let the children come to me" (Matthew 19:13-15), and spent time in contemplating some artists' interpretation of this scene.



*Some of those who attended the quiet day*

For the remainder of the day, individuals could choose where and how they wished to spend their time, with some gathering in the chapel to watch an inspiring DVD ("The Big Silence"), some drawing, others sleeping in big recliner chairs in the library, many walking around the garden or visiting the prayer hut, and others enjoying reading. We enjoyed sharing morning tea and lunch together, as well as quiet conversations with one another throughout the day. It was a special and memorable day.

## *Chasing the Blues Away*

Many of us go into hibernation during winter and see far fewer people than we do in the warmer months so, during July, we held a series of midwinter fellowship evenings.

Over the four Fridays in the month we enjoyed two musicals (Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, and Singing in the Rain), celebrated Matariki, and had an evening of board games and cards. Popcorn, pizza, or soup and rolls were served to keep our energy up for these most enjoyable get-togethers.

We do hope to repeat this again next year, so keep an eye out nearer the time for details.



*Some photos from the Matariki and Games evenings*





# PLANTARAMA

Cashmere Presbyterian Church  
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Friday  
1<sup>st</sup>  
December  
2023

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### THE CHURCH BUDGET

WHERE THE AXE IS LIKELY TO FALL

#### SERMONS

6 MINUTES  
SHORTER



#### PRINTING

ONLY  
INTERESTING  
NOTICES  
ALLOWED



#### WASTE

CUTTING  
DOWN  
ON IT



#### CRAYONS

REDUCTION IN  
UNNECESSARY  
COLOURS

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## Te Waiora House Fundraising Morning Tea

Te Waiora House offers affordable accommodation in a beautiful and extensive rural setting. It is located 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. Their aim is to be a place of peace and refuge for those who need to recharge their batteries, emotionally, physically, or spiritually.

Funding for the house comes from various sources, including fundraising and donations.

At the end of June, Anne Shave hosted morning tea at her house, inviting those attending to donate for Te Waiora House whatever they might otherwise have spent on going out for morning tea to a café.

To find out more about Te Waiora House, go to [www.tewaiorahouse.org.nz/](http://www.tewaiorahouse.org.nz/)



## Sally Lunn Buns

*Chef Robert has given us two different recipes for making Sally Lunn Buns. These buns are a type of batter bread, made with a yeast dough including cream and eggs, similar to the sweet brioche breads of France. Sometimes served warm and sliced, with butter, it was first recorded in 1780 in the spa town of Bath in southwest England*

### (1867) SALLY LUNN, No. 1.

A quarter of a pound of butter, a pound of flour, two eggs, salt to taste, half a gill of yeast, with milk enough to make a soft dough. Cut up the butter and warm it in a little milk ; when the milk is lukewarm, stir it into the flour, with eggs beaten light, and the yeast. Butter your cake mould, and set it near the fire to rise. When perfectly light, bake it in a moderate oven. It is always eaten hot.

### (1867) SALLY LUNN, No. 2.

Sift into a pan, one and a half pounds of flour ; make a hole in the middle of it, and pour in two ounces of butter, warmed in a pint of sweet milk, a saltspoonful of salt, two eggs, well beaten, and two tablespoonfuls of the best brewer s yeast. Mix the flour well with the other ingredients, and bake it in a turban form, or bread pan well greased. It requires to be put to rise at three o'clock, in order to bake it at seven o'clock.

## Forthcoming Services

Sunday 28 August	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 3 September	10.00am	Communion Service
Sunday 10 September	10.00am	Family Service
Sunday 17 September	10.00am 11.30am	Morning Worship Healing Service
Sunday 24 September	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 1 October	10.00am	World Communion
Sunday 8 October	10.00am	Family Service
Sunday 15 October	10.00am 11.30am	Morning Worship Healing Service
Sunday 22 October	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 29 October	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 5 November	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 12 November	10.00am	Family Service

**The gospel is less about how to get into the Kingdom of Heaven after you die, and more about how to live in the Kingdom of Heaven before you die.**

## Healing Services

Healing Services, including Communion, are held each month, usually on the 3rd Sunday, at 11.30am. All are welcome to attend this service, to pray for your own needs, or those of others.



## Revisiting Vanuatu

Lynley Fraer-Wright recently revisited Vanuatu, returning to places where she had worked alongside her late husband, Ian, and bringing greetings from all at Cashmere Presbyterian. Here she tells us about her visit.

My feelings and expectations were mixed when, 6 weeks ago, I prepared to return to a farm-building project to which we were sent, with a special blessing, from Cashmere Presbyterian Church fifty years ago. What would I find at Navota, on the south west coast of the largest island in Vanuatu?

With my late husband, Ian, and three children, Brenda (9), Craig (8) and Gwyn (7), I lived there from 1972–74, in a bamboo hut. Without electricity (except for 2 hours each evening) we washed in the river, cooked on a double-burner primus, and I taught our children their schooling aided by Correspondence School lessons from New Zealand.

This recent trip, lovingly planned by my family for May 2020 to celebrate my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, had to be postponed until now due to Covid. When we left 50 years ago, Vanuatu (then the New Hebrides) was jointly governed by Britain and France, an administration which had worked relatively well. In 1980 they gained independence. Very little had changed, except that insidious commercialisation has multiplied the number of shops in both Vila (the capital on Efate) and Luganville (the main business area on Santo). I have been told that the government is typical of most in any new third world entity—sadly open to corruption, tribal jealousies and land disputes.

We had two main goals; the first, of course, to visit Navota and, secondly, Onesua Presbyterian College, which Ian had helped to build from 1956-58. The road to Onesua High School (on east Efate) is most pleasantly paved now (save the odd, easily detected potholes where the underlying white coral shows starkly through the dark grey bitumen. By contrast, the still unpaved road to Navota was bone-shakingly shocking. Our skilled driver, Domase, wove a swerving route in a valiant effort to avoid the recurring deep potholes. Where one was unavoidable (there were many of these!) he negotiated down into it in low gear, climbing out the other side

ready for the next one.

About 20 years ago, a young NZ man from a 1972 work party had returned to Navota, standing in the compound covered in peanut weed to weep amidst the neglected and empty buildings. So imagine my surprise and delight to find that Navota Farm was in great business, even to sporting a brand new, shiny Kabota tractor in the pristine compound! There were students in the classroom and dormitories and all other buildings were being fully utilised for the purpose for which they were built! It has recently been taken over by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries and Biosecurity (MALFFB) to establish its basis of operation in rural areas, to ensure that it provides the same level of services there as those in urban areas. Minister of Education, Samson Samsen, said the development will

directly impact rural livelihoods. He has called on the young people to take advantage of the initiative, learn and benefit from activities and programmes offered at the Navota base.

Clerk of the Presbyterian Church in Vanuatu, Pastor Nippy Ayong (who we knew as a young lad at the nearby District School back in 1972), commended MALFFB for its cooperation in bringing essential services to the people in South Santo.

As a family, we allowed ourselves some pride, knowing that Ian's effort, together with Rev Paddy Jansen's foresight, planning and the work teams—local as well as NZ work parties—with their high standard of building practices, had stood the test of time.

Onesua Presbyterian College has recently been hit by two devastating cyclones and the buildings will take some time to recover. The school staff are in good heart and the NZ church has offered significant ongoing financial support. One main need is the building of a new chapel. I was able to personally deliver some books and greetings from Helen Wells to Pastor Shem and the principal, Mrs Rosie Caleb, as well as assure them of Cashmere Church's continued prayer and support, such as the \$1,300 recently raised and deposited in the school's bank account. Helen also sent a book and message to Pastor Titus at Tangoa Training Institute on Santo.



Above: The old chapel at Onesua, which the school intends to rebuild; Right: A brilliant view of Navota, taken from a drone.



## The Back Page—for the young & young at heart

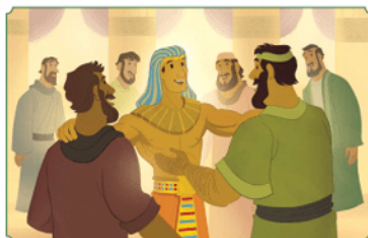
We recently explored the story of Joseph, and his journey from despised brother to slave to a leader in Egypt.  
The story can be found in Genesis 37, and 39-46

### Joseph Word Search

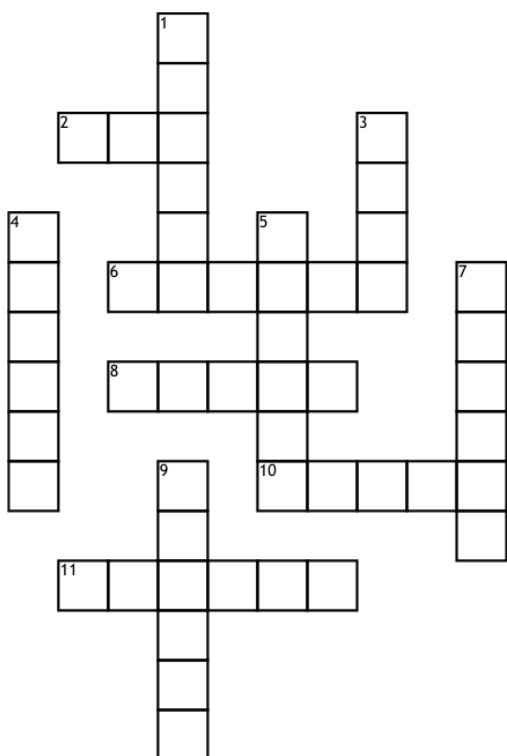
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Joseph Forgave His Brothers



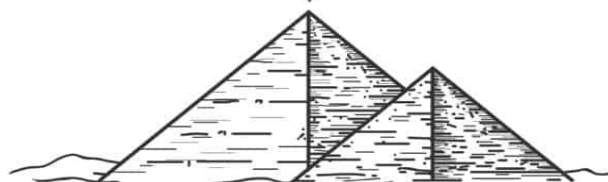
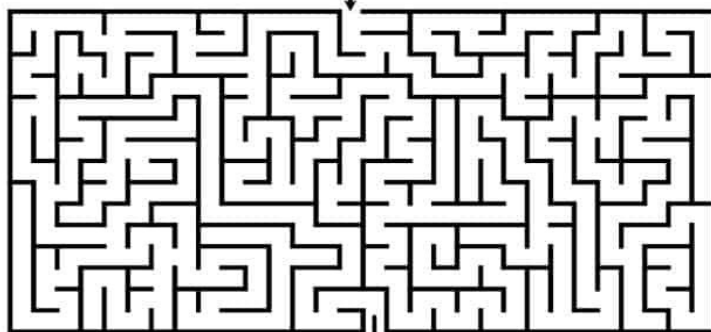
Joseph was willing to forgive his brothers for what they had done to him and decided to walk in love with them.



#### Across

2. The first seven cows/grain were...
6. Pharaoh was troubled by his...
8. Pharaoh's second dream was about stalks of ...
10. Joseph was living in the country of ...
11. The second seven cows/grain were...

### THE JOURNEY TO EGYPT



#### Down

1. Who remembered that Joseph could help Pharaoh understand his dreams?
3. Pharaoh's first dream was about ...
4. Pharaoh made Joseph ..... in command of Egypt
5. The seven skinny cows/grain represent seven years of ...
7. The seven fat cows/grain represent seven years of .....
9. Where was Joseph forgotten?



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