

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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**Saying goodbye your way**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

*Theme: Pet Service*  
*Preacher: Anne Shave*

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

*Please stand as the Bible is processed in*

### Lighting of the fellowship candle

*(Kathleen Anderson)*

**Welcome and call to worship:** As part of the Church's "Season of Creation," today we celebrate God's gift of animals, particularly those animals that become part of our families. We give thanks for pets.

**Hymn:** O God, Your Creatures Fill the Earth (*Tune: Forest Green*)

O God, your creatures fill the earth with wonder and delight,  
And every living thing has worth and beauty in your sight.  
So playful dolphins dance and swim; Your sheep bow down and graze.  
Your songbirds share a morning hymn to offer you their praise.

You made the pets we welcome in — they're wondrous blessings, too.  
With paws and whiskers, wings and fins, they offer praise to you.  
O Lord, you call us to embrace these creatures in our care.  
May we show kindness, love and grace to all pets everywhere.

Your creatures live in every land; They fill the sky and sea.  
O Lord, you give us your command to love them tenderly.  
We're called to have dominion here — to care for them always.  
By loving creatures you hold dear, we offer you our praise.

- Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

**Prayer:**

Loving God, we praise and thank you because we can see your goodness and generosity in all that you have created.

***How good it is to sing praises to you, our God.***

We thank you for all that is beautiful and intriguing in the natural world.

We celebrate diversity in creation – in the seasons, in the weather, in landscapes, and in the sheer variety of living creatures that inhabit this planet.

***How good it is to sing praises to you, our God.***

We bring to you our thanks and gratitude for the special bond that can exist between animals and people, especially those animals which become part of our families.

***How good it is to sing praises to you, our God.***

*We pause to give thanks in silence.*

You have given us the blessing and responsibility of caring for animals, and for all your creation. We acknowledge that too often we fail in our responsibilities, and we ask for your forgiveness.

***We ask for your pardon and trust in your mercy.***

We also acknowledge that often we are not mindful of the needs of other people. We become absorbed in our own concerns and do not care for others as we should.

***We ask for your pardon and trust in your mercy.***

We pray that you will help us to understand your will for us and for the world you have made. Help us to walk humbly with you, our God.

***We ask for your pardon and trust in your mercy.***

We ask for your forgiveness and we thank you for your grace and love, as we pray together in the words that Jesus taught his disciples:

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.***

**Notices of church family life.**

**We share the peace of Christ with one another.**

**Time with the children:** A true story – *Winston's World* (Photographs by Debby Heard and words by Sue Allison).

**We give thanks to God for pets and animals:** We meet some animals and see photos of other pets which have been sent by members of our congregation. We ask for God's blessing on these pets.

**Let us pray together:**

***Dear God, you have given us care over all living things; protect and bless the animals who give us companionship and delight, make us their true friends and worthy companions. Amen.***

**Hymn 70 (ii): All Things Bright and Beautiful**

**Bible readings (Ian Gray)**

- Genesis 1:20-31
- Psalm 104:1,10-25

**Sermon: Lessons from St Francis of Assisi**

**Song: Father of all things**



Father, Father of all things, we bless you.  
Father, we love and adore you.  
O Father, your children praise you.  
Father, Father of light and power  
Father, your greatness surrounds the earth  
and all of your children declare  
you are Lord.

Jesus, only Son of the living God,  
Jesus, you willingly suffered  
that through you we might know his love.  
Jesus, cleanse us, your people, and fill us.  
Pour down your Spirit upon us  
that we as your body may show  
forth your love.

Spirit, sent by the Son to dwell in us,  
living and working within us  
to make us more like Jesus;  
Spirit, fall down upon us as fire.  
Fill and equip us with power  
and draw from us love and praise  
to the Lord.

**We join in our prayers of thanksgiving and intercession.**

**Offering:** *Our freewill offering to support the mission and Church of Jesus Christ will be received. Donations for the Food Bank are placed in a supermarket trolley. We give thanks for all the ways in which this parish is supported – with talents and time, and with financial gifts by cash or electronically. 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.*

*If it is comfortable for you to do so, please stand for our 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.***

**Hymn 3:** All creatures of our God and King (St Francis of Assisi) Verses 1-4  
and verse 7

**We say together:**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
praise him, all creatures here below,  
praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.***

**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.*



**Hamish** is on for a couple of weeks, returning to the office on 10<sup>th</sup> October.

Please note, **no Forum** or **Monday Prayer Group** for the next two Tuesdays, during the school holidays.

**Music for worship:** It is 350 years since the birth of the great hymn writer, Isaac Watts. Our church service on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October will include some of his most well-known hymns. Would you like to contribute by being involved in singing in harmony in a small group, or playing a musical instrument – just for one or two hymns? This would not be a big commitment – just come to church at 9am on that Sunday for a little practice. Speak to Anne if you are interested.

**Faith and Hope in Midlife:** Anne Shave's book will be available for sale in the foyer today and until 13<sup>th</sup> October. Based on interviews with Presbyterian, Anglican and Catholic churchgoers, clergy and spiritual directors, Faith and Hope in Midlife explores the experiences of Christians between the ages of about 40 and 70, and considers ways that churches can support people in this life stage. Questions for reflection and discussion are included. The cost is \$30 - payment by internet banking or cash.

### **October Bible study group: Exploring Parables**

The series will use *lectio divina* to look at four of the parables of Jesus. Held in Anne Shave's home from 7:30pm - 9pm on the following dates:

1. Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October
2. Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October [note that this is a Wednesday]
3. Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October
4. Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October

All welcome. Please contact Anne - [shavea6@gmail.com](mailto:shavea6@gmail.com) - or the church office, if you would like further information.

### **Sister Eveleen Retreat House may need you!!**

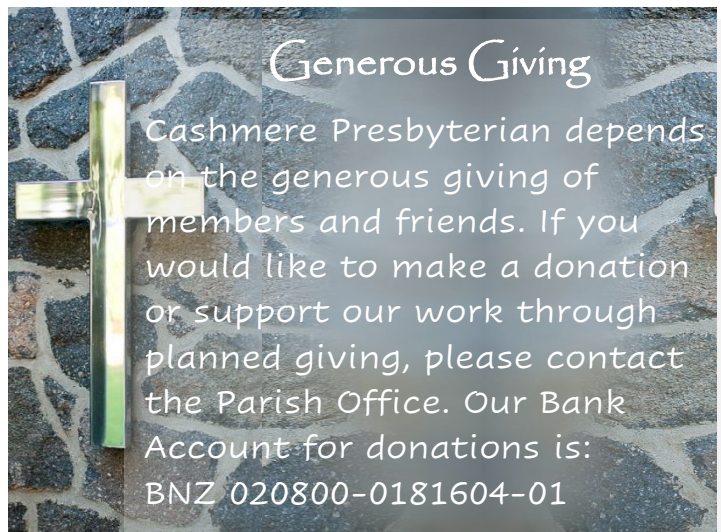
Vacancy for a Live-In Host. Interested in serving God through the gift of hospitality?? We have a vacancy for a **Live-in Retreat House Host (RHH)**, paid 10 hours a week, accommodation provided. The RHH works with the Director to provide a hospitable welcome to guests and a presence at the house when the Director has left for the day. Please see our website - [www.sistereretreat.com/post/interested-in-serving-god-through-the-gift-of-hospitality-at-sister-eveleen-retreat-house](http://www.sistereretreat.com/post/interested-in-serving-god-through-the-gift-of-hospitality-at-sister-eveleen-retreat-house) - for more info or get in touch with us [enquiry@sistereretreat.com](mailto:enquiry@sistereretreat.com)



Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October

9.00am Quilts & Crafts Group  
10.00am World Communion Service

<b>Church Rosters</b>	<b>This week: 29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Next week: 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>Door Duty</b>	David & Jane Kim, Helen Wells	Karen Glithero, Ken Austin, Margaret Ford
<b>Morning Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	Cecile Pierce, Margaret Ford	Elizabeth Taggart, Kathleen Anderson
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Ian Gray	Elisabeth Cooch
<b>Candle Lighting</b>	Kathleen Anderson	Cecile pierce
<b>Food Trolley</b>	Helen Matthews	Niki & Tim Davis
<b>Money Counting</b>	Gordon Dewar	Annette McAdam



**PLANTARAMA**  
is in just 3 weeks time –  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October!**

There are some posters available today – please take some if you have somewhere they could be put up.

Like and share the post about it from our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/cashmerepresby](http://www.facebook.com/cashmerepresby)), and encourage family, neighbours, friends (and enemies!) to come along.

Can you help? Tric has some sign-up sheets where you can indicate how and when you can help – setting up, packing down, manning a stall.....

**PLANTARAMA**

Cashmere Presbyterian Church  
corner Dyers Pass Road & Macmillan Ave

**SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
9AM TO 12 NOON

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

Sausage Sizzle  
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For more info. contact the Church office: 332 7129