

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 22nd March 2026

**Fifth Sunday in Lent
Harvest Thanksgiving**

Preacher: Hamish Galloway



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.

Please remember to wear your **Name Badges** (and keep them on for morning tea). 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.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Welcome to Worship - Call to Worship based on John 12:24

Jesus said: unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains a single seed.

But when it falls into the ground, it rises and bears much fruit.

Seeds are scattered into the soil, small and unseen.

Yet God brings life from the hidden places of the earth.

The fields grow green and lush, the orchards bend with fruit,

And the earth yields its harvest in God's good time.

From the labour of farmers, the gifts of sun and rain, and the mystery of life in the soil, God provides bread, milk and wool for the world and abundance for all.

As seeds fall and rise in new life,

So God renews the earth and fills our lives with hope.

Come, let us give thanks for the harvest of the land.

Let us worship the God who turns seeds into abundance and brings life out of the earth.

Hymn: We plough the fields and scatter (WOV 59)

Prayers of Praise and Confession

Notices

(Note: pass around the prayer notebook)

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 Talk

Hymn All things bright and beautiful (WOV 70) pp.78

Reading:

Psalm 65: 9-13 (pp. 572 OT)

John 11: 17-27 (pp. 133 NT)

Sermon Autumn Abundance (including some interviews with productive parishioners!)

Hymn Seeds

Plant Your seeds of faith within us,
May they be our strength and refuge
Keep us grounded in Your promise
Built upon Your word
Help us speak Your word to others
Confident to be Your witness
May we shine through all we of – fer
Grow these seeds of faith

Plant Your seeds of hope within us,
Nurture them with words of comfort
Ever onward to the future
Always fixed on You
Those we find enslaved in shadows
May we shine to light their darkness
Offering words to lift their sorrows
Grow these seeds of hope

Plant Your seeds of love within us,
Fill our cup to overflowing
Feed us with Your constant presence
Warm our icy hearts
May we always care for others
See Your face in those around us
Giving with no thought of taking
Grow these seeds of love

Plant Your seeds and keep them growing,
In the service of Your kingdom
Here on earth as is in heaven
Let Your will be done
May our lives reflect Your glory
Out stretched arms to help each other
Serving those who live in trouble
Grow these seeds in us

Grow these seeds in us Grow these seeds in us

Prayers of Intercession

We will sing the Lord's Prayer (WOV 676) pp. 745

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*)

Hymn: Jesus is Lord

Jesus Is Lord!
Creation's Voice Proclaims It
For By His Power Each Tree And Flower
Was Planned And Made
Jesus Is Lord!
The Universe Declares It
Sun, Moon And Stars In Heaven
Cry, 'Jesus Is Lord!'

Refrain: Jesus Is Lord!
Jesus Is Lord!
Praise Him With Hallelujahs
For Jesus Is Lord!

Jesus Is Lord!
Yet From His Throne Eternal
In Flesh He Came To Die In Pain
On Calvary's Tree
Jesus Is Lord!
From Him All Life Proceeding
Yet Gave His Life A Ransom
Thus Setting Us Free

Refrain

Jesus Is Lord!
O'er Sin The Mighty Conqueror
From Death He Rose, And All His Foes
Shall Own His Name
Jesus Is Lord!
God Sent His Holy Spirit
To Show By Works Of Power
That Jesus Is Lord!

Refrain

Benediction

Amen, amen, amen (sung)

Order of Worship

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

*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*



Approaching Easter

A retreat day at Sister Evelyn Retreat Centre, Scarborough

Monday 30 March 9am - 4.30pm; Please register with Hamish

Forum

Forum is a friendly, welcoming group who meet at church on Tuesdays from 11am, for about an hour, to discuss the previous Sunday's sermon and to learn together from the Bible readings on which the sermon was based. It is open to all – whether you wish to contribute to the discussion or just sit and listen.

Pastoral Care & Hospital Visiting

As we do not always hear when someone is sick or has gone into hospital, we may miss out on visiting them, so please tell Hamish, Mark, Karen Glithero, or Gail in the office, if you know of anyone in this situation.

Monday to Friday, 12.15pm		Midday Prayer
Monday 23 rd March	11.00am	Prayer Group at Jean's home
Tuesday 24 th March	9.00am	Quilts & Crafts Group
	11.00am	Forum
Thursday 26 th March	10.00am	Pre-School Music
Sunday 29 th March	10.00am	Morning Worship



Church Rosters	This week: 22nd March	Next week: 29th March
Door Duty	Ian Gray, David & Philippa Hughes	Warren Campbell, Alana Hampton, Jill McAra
Morning Tea & Coffee	Judith & Tony Waters	Margaret Ford, David White
Bible Reading	Elisabeth Cooch	Robin McKee
Candle Lighting	Kathleen Anderson	Cecile Pierce
Food Trolley	Elisabeth Cooch	Jill McAra



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