



Cashmere Connection

Cashmere Hills Presbyterian Church—linking with its community

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Minister's Meditations

I have only been back in New Zealand for four days as I write this. Having been in Singapore, Cambodia and Malaysia, where the temperatures were in the mid 30's and the humidity was high, I am finding the need to wear plenty of clothes and a hat a high priority. But I have little to complain about for I have clothes to wear and a warm bed to sleep in at night. Unfortunately, this is not true for the poor people of Cambodia (over 90% of the population are ranked as poor). Our daughter and her husband tried to prepare us for the poverty of Cambodia but no matter the soundness of their advice, Joy and I were not prepared for what we witnessed.

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teachers and children we went back to our boat and the young mother was still where we had left her - her child was still in a comatose state and the pleading in her eyes was even more intense. Though our daughter and son-in-law and our guides had been told not to respond to people begging, Joy and I could not ignore the woman. We gave her some money and some lollies. Even as I write this I am forced to consider how little we gave to that woman. But in that floating village alone, we could have given away every US dollar that we had with us and we would have hardly begun to make a difference so deeply was poverty part of the social fabric of the country.

I enjoy photography but there were some photos I could not find it in myself to take. One was of a young mother in a dug out canoe with a child drooped over her knees begging us to give her food. The tourist launch we were on had pulled up at the floating school (run by the Government of Viet Nam) for many of the Vietnamese children who lived on the floating village in the lake by Siem Reap. We tried to ignore the pleas of the young mother for assistance and focus on the needs of the school children to whom we were taking the food we had bought for them from the market. After about twenty minutes at the school with the

The country is still suffering the effects of the Khmer Rouge Regime and Pol Pot. People still mourn the loved ones they lost during the years of that dreadful regime. "Killing Fields" reminders and memorials are clearly evident. Their living standards are abysmal compared to ours here in New Zealand. Yet the people are very cheerful, smile and seem happy, though poverty is a constant companion. Even though the majority of the people of Cambodia are Buddhist the words of Jesus in the Beatitudes (Matt 5:1-12) seemed to take on a new meaning for me. I pray I will not forget the lessons I learned from the people of Cambodia about what is of value in life.

David

Communion Services:

We extend a special invitation to join us for Communion, which will be held on Sunday 4th September.



Church Fair

Saturday 1st October

This will be held in the Church Lounge, and will feature Books and White Elephant items. Come along and see what treasures you can find!

Linwood Project

Rev Sheena Dickson of St. George's-Iona spoke to the APW about the impact on their parish. It was tragic seeing pictures of the collapse and demolition of St George's, even though those doing the demolition were very sensitive in the way they went about it. The parishioners are under big pressure, but they are trying to make a difference in the community.

Our parish took up the challenge to provide them with twenty welcome packs to give to people moving into the temporary housing on Linwood Park.

Following a lot of enterprising fossicking about by Judith Harrington, along with Lorraine Murphy and Shirley Wilson, by Sunday 3rd of July we had the wherewithal for volunteers to fill the packs after the morning service.

In addition, others have given blankets and bedding, and other gifts to be used in the Linwood-Aranui-Bexley area. Some monies have been given to buy petrol vouchers, as with the closure of the local supermarket people have had to travel much further for groceries and other needs.

Our prayers also are with the parish in this tough time.

Thank you everyone for your support.

Parish Hospitality Day **Sunday September 11th**

This day has been set aside for hostesses to offer hospitality by way of lunch or afternoon tea in their homes. We hope that as many people as possible will take this opportunity to be a guest, meeting and greeting other members of the parish in a welcoming setting.

If you would like to attend, please phone Gail in the Church Office (332 7129) or write your name on the board at a Sunday Service during August, and your personal invitation will be on it's way. A small charge of \$5 per person to your Hostess would be appreciated.



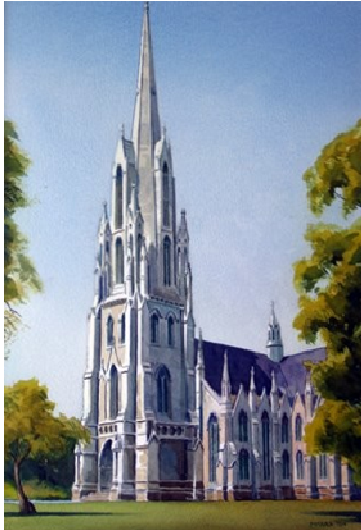
Forthcoming Services

Sunday 21 August	10.00am	Morning Worship
	11.30am	Healing Service
Sunday 28 August	10.00am	Morning Worship (with Sunday School)
		Parish AGM
Sunday 4 September	10.00am	Communion (Father's Day)
Sunday 11 September	10.00am	Family Service—Spring Flower Service
Sunday 18 September	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 25 September	10.00am	Morning worship (with Sunday School)
	11.30am	Healing Service
Sunday 2 October	10.00am	World Communion Sunday
Sunday 9 October	10.00am	Family Service
Sunday 16 October	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 23 October	10.00am	Morning Worship
	11.30am	Healing Service
Sunday 30 October	10.00am	Morning Worship (Reformers of the Church Sunday)
Sunday 6 November	10.00am	Morning Worship (All Saints—November 1)
Sunday 13 November	10.00am	Family Service (Remembrance Sunday)

Healing Service with Communion

Held at 11.30am on the 4th Sunday of every month - all welcome.

First Presbyterian Church of Otago



Parishioners and visitors will not fail to notice a recent addition to the church/lounge foyer. Local artist Don McAra has generously offered to exhibit a number of his more recent paintings. These paintings are for sale with, a portion of the proceeds going to Cashmere Presbyterian Church. All enquiries should be made to the Church Office.

The first exhibit is of the historic *First Presbyterian Church of Otago*. Designed by noted architect, R.A. Lawson, it was opened on 23 November 1873, just 25 years after the first settlers arrived in Dunedin. The Reverend Thomas Burns was the first Minister. Ornately sheathed in creamy Oamaru stone with a base of Port Chalmers, stone it was earthquake strengthened in the 1990's.

Vouchers for the Eastside

Rev Martin Stewart, Moderator of the Christchurch Presbytery, has updated us on one of the projects he has been involved in - handing out supermarket vouchers to folk on the eastside of the city.

"The project kick-started some months back after Anne and I went over and handed out \$1,000 to a family we had heard about who were struggling after the February earthquake. The family were strangers to us (but not to God, we believe!) I wrote about what took place that bleak but hopeful day and how the Highgate Parish in Dunedin had given us some money to do something special with, and within days several people had committed quite some thousands of dollars to help us do it again in some form. Over the last 3 months, thanks to people talking and Angela Singer from the national office picking up on the story, over \$70,000 has now been raised! Even people and parishes from far off places like Auckland and Scotland have donated generously, and Foodstuffs have come up with a percentage discount enabling us to make the money go further.

So...on 14 August, people from St Stephen's, St Mark's and St Giles in Christchurch are going to walk out more than 350 \$200 supermarket vouchers after church. It is a classic case of the mustard seed parable, the feeding of the five thousand, and any other biblical illustrations of the way that the kingdom of God, with the Spirit of God at work, moves mountains. We are so thrilled to be playing some small part in this expression of the unfolding of God's generous grace. Thanks to the many who have been inspired to contribute to this wonderful effort."

Cashmere Friday Flicks

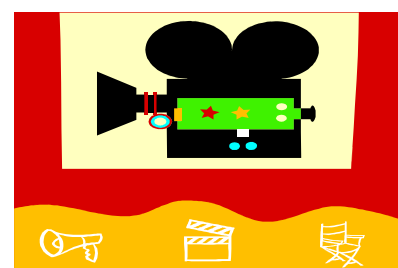
Held in the Church Lounge at 7.30pm. Ice creams, popcorn and hot chocolate at Interval. Admission by Koha/donation. Bring a friend for a great evenings entertainment!

Friday August 19th 'THE WORLDS FASTEST INDIAN'

Starring Anthony Hopkins, who plays Invercargill Motorbike legend Burt Munroe, this is a gripping and yet often humorous true story about the eccentric New Zealander who broke world speed records on his ancient Army Indian bike. A classic!

Friday September 2nd 'MRS HENDERSON PRESENTS'

Another deliciously, charming, musical comedy, starring Dame Judy Dench who plays Mrs Laura Henderson, founder of London's famous 'Windmill Theatre'. A must see!





Te Waiora Christian Healing centre

Due to earthquake damage and subsequent demolition, Te Waiora House is closed until further notice. There are, however, plans for a new facility with en suite rooms (see illustration). For further information see <http://www.tewaiora.com/>

Restorative Justice Services

The Christchurch Restorative Justice Services is operating from a garage at the home of Jennifer Cato (the manager) at present, while the search continues for suitable premises, preferably with other community organisations that were part of the Community House community at 141 Hereford Street pre-earthquake. In the meantime the contact details are: Restorative Justice Services Otautahi Christchurch PO Box 29 704, Fendalton, Christchurch 8540

Phone: 358 3798, Fax: 358 3802, email: rjservices@clear.net.nz; website: www.restorativejusticechch.org.nz



The 5th National Restorative Justice Aotearoa and 3rd Restorative Practices International 2011 Conferences

The 5th Restorative Justice Aotearoa National and 3rd Restorative Practices International Annual Conferences will be held 23–27 November 2011 at Amora Hotel, Wellington, New Zealand. More details at:

<http://www.confer.co.nz/rpi-rjaconf2011/>

A Better Way

Increasingly, one hears the charge that environmentalists care more about birds than people, but more pointedly that they care more about species than about human beings who are poor.

Peter Harris of A Rocha continues: Every Christian leader I've ever met in poor parts of the world understands that they live an unmediated relationship with the creation. That means that if there is damage done to the creation, there is damage done to the human community. I would argue that the economic possibilities lie now in the building of a sustainable economy; that's where the smart money is today. In any case, an economy founded on degrading the creation is theologically incoherent. The old model that you can make your money any which way and then give some of it away when you're rich enough is lacking biblical warrant. A much better way is to make money in a way that impacts the poor and the planet beneficially.

It would be disastrous if we turn the biblical vision into a code that "good" Christians follow—something like, thou shalt eat muesli, wear sandals, and look miserable. I think the environmental movement has been perceived as judgmental and angry, claiming moral high ground and issuing rules with disapproval. Recently a social scientist at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology told me that studies have shown one of the marker personality traits among environmentalists is anxiety. The Christian approach is very different: it is celebratory and grateful and hopeful. www.arocha.org

World Fair Trade Organisation 2011 Conference

John Sinclair attended the World Fair Trade Organisation Conference 2011 at Mombasa, Kenya, 22-26 May. Their theme was “Common Good”, and groups of delegates from all over the world wrestled with issues underlying that slogan. They made decisions designed to keep costs of administration at a minimum while promoting Fair Trade effectively. Another big issue is to ensure the standards and integrity of what is sold under their auspices, while developing as viable businesses—especially as there are so many factors and so many cultures to take into account. There is steady progress on evolving those standards under the Sustainable Fair Trade Management System. Some clients are artisans and craftsmen. Others are marginalised people who need help to learn a skill—which is the situation for those at Freeset, Kolkata, with whom John is working.



John Sinclair

We at Cashmere Presbyterian Centre aid Fair Trade through our stall after the services, and the plunger coffee. Thank you for your support, and Elizabeth and Jill for organizing it.

10 Principles of Fair Trade

World Free Trade Organization prescribes 10 Principles that Fair Trade Organizations must follow in their day-to-day work, and carries out monitoring to ensure these principles are upheld:

- 1) Creating Opportunities for Economically Disadvantaged Producers
- 2) Transparency and Accountability
- 3) Fair Trading Practices
- 4) Payment of a Fair Price
- 5) Ensuring no Child Labour and Forced Labour
- 6) Commitment to Non Discrimination, Gender Equity and Freedom of Association
- 7) Ensuring Good Working Conditions
- 8) Providing Capacity Building
- 9) Promoting Fair Trade
- 10) Respect for the Environment

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Manorom Christian Centre



Helen Wells (far right of picture) is working in a Christian Convention Centre at Manorom, in Central Thailand. She writes about numerous encouragements from the activities at the centre and in the local community. There is a language school associated with the centre also, where skilled young staff are now working.

(The newsletter from Helen is available on our website)

“If you had asked me a few years ago what peace-making boils down to, I would have given you a long and convoluted answer. Nowadays, I would simply say one word: love. It is love that leads us to forgiveness, which is the only thing that can prevent the pain of the past from dictating the future. Jesus taught us to love our enemies, but generally we do not even like them. Much of my time is spent with unpleasant people and so before I approach them I simply pray, ‘Lord, help me to love them!’”
Canon Andrew White, Vicar of Baghdad.

The Evening Group

This resumes on **Tuesday 16 August** and will be held in the Church Lounge starting at 7.30pm. Guest Speaker will be the Rev Ivan Pierce recounting life as an Assistant Minister in Glasgow. Although of 50 years ago the experience feels as fresh and warm as if it happened just yesterday. Cardonald Parish had 1965 members, a Minister, Deaconess and an Assistant. It also had a live-in caretaker called a Church Officer who on Sunday wore a frock coat, led in with the Bible and dimmed the lights for the Sermon— a little different from NZ? To hear more put this date in your diary now! Tea and coffee provided. Koha/donation welcomed.

Obituaries

George Gordon Calder—19 February 1919 ~ 30 June 2011



Cashmere Presbyterian Church lost a loyal and long-serving parishioner with the recent death of Gordon Calder. He was a sincere, quietly-spoken and humble man—a real “salt of the earth”.

Gordon was an elder of the church and for many years he was leader of a large Sunday School. He gave generously of his time and skills as an outstanding cabinet maker. His fine work can be seen in the Bible lectern, the Christening font, and the board listing the names of all the ministers who have served the parish—all of which items are in the church.

Family members were supported by a large congregation of friends and church members at his funeral service on 4th July. At 92 years of age, Gordon maintained his interest in life and his quiet wisdom. He will be sadly missed.

Muriel Daisy Smith—10 April 1903 ~ 27 June 2011

Daisy Smith was, until her recent death at the age of 108, the oldest resident of Christchurch, and thought to be the second oldest person in New Zealand. Her sister Dulcie also reached the century, dying at 102.

Daisy moved to Cashmere with her family in 1941, and she attended Cashmere Presbyterian Church. She led a Bible Class here, as she had previously done at St James' Church in Spreydon, and she was a conscientious teacher. For many years she sang in the choir and attended church regularly, as well as being present at special functions.

In later years Daisy moved to Riccarton and joined St Ninian's Presbyterian Church, enjoying the fellowship there for many years. In 2004, at the age of 101, Daisy was present at the 75th Anniversary Celebrations for Cashmere Hills Presbyterian Church. Possibly of more significance, however, is the fact that in February 2009 Daisy was present when the good folk at St James celebrated their Centenary. It was revealed that she had been present with her family at the very beginning of that parish 100 years earlier. Is this a record—for someone to attend a Centennial Celebration of a Parish when they had been in attendance when it started?



Daisy, with Michael Thawley, cutting the cake at Cashmere's 75th Anniversary.

Concert Review ~ Tim Emerson and Friends

It was an afternoon to remember for those who attended the concert on 19th June. There is little opportunity to hear musicians of this calibre in our city at the moment, so this concert was particularly timely. Three musicians performed that afternoon—Tim Emerson on piano, Benjamin Caukwell, baritone, and Bryony Gibson-Cornish on viola. Tim again showed his support for emerging musicians by accompanying Bryony when she played the De Falla Suite of Spanish Folk Songs. Ben has sung for us twice before at Cashmere.

Personally I found myself engaging and interacting in an enjoyable way with the pieces that were well-known to me, of which the Liszt composition *Etude No.3* was one. The clear top notes contrasted with the treble, but it had an overall sense of lightness about it. I appreciated hearing the music that was new to me, like the Brahms *Intermezzo No.2, Opus 118*, and *Intermezzo No.6, Opus 116*, which were, by contrast, more sedate.

Ben sang three pieces accompanied by Tim. The Brahms *Die Mainacht Op.43, No.2* provided the opportunity for Ben to display the sheer power and range of his voice. He sang Bellini *Ah Per Sempre io ti Perdei* and, rightly or wrongly, I felt he was trying to explain something to us or engage us in some way. He was certainly communicating with us through song. Ben sang a Vaughan Williams piece, *The Vagabond*, where we were again recipients of the skills he has with his voice.

Tim's rendition of the Schubert *Impromptu in G Flat* showed his agility and skills on the piano. When playing the *Scherzo in B Flat Major* he showed the contrast in tones between the right and left hand, producing a rippling, lilting quality.

Chopin must be one of Tim's favourite

composers, for he played three of his compositions. *Etude Opus 10, No.12* displayed the sheer strength and power Tim was able to elicit from the piano, whilst *Etude No.2* from *Trois Nouvelles* was more sombre and brooding. *Etude Opus 25, No.12* was played with passion and agility.

After the interval Bryony, accompanied by Tim, played Manuel de Falla *Suite of Spanish Folk Songs* for viola and piano. It was made up of six parts, all with a different pace and timbre to them, and I felt they reflected the lifestyle feeling of Spain. *El Pano Moruno* was played in a fast and "pacy" way while *Nan* was more sombre. *Cancion* reflected the lively Spanish culture, while *Polo* was full of passion, sunshine, and gaiety. *Jola*, the most well known piece, was full of verve and played with confidence and skill. Bryony dressed for the part in a full shirt and lace bodice.

Tim finished the concert with two Chopin pieces. Once again his passion and musical skill was displayed by this composer's music. *Nocturne in A Flat Major Opus 32, No.2* was full of contrasts between the lightness of the upper hand and the depth in the lower hand. Chopin's *Ballade Opus 52, No.4* was played with unswerving confidence, full of vibrancy and power. It engaged all of us in the moment.

After the concert there were many positive comments about the music and players. One woman said how enjoyable it was to hear solo piano pieces, for that was not very common in concerts today, echoing my own view of the concert. I am conscious that I haven't done justice to the musicians, but I do hope it might tempt you to come to another concert to hear for yourselves the musical skills that are in our community. Many thanks to Cecile Pierce and her committee for organising the concert.

Elizabeth Taggart.

Advance Notice—mark your diaries now!

Christmas Fare

Saturday 3rd December: A selection of edible Christmas treats will be on sale.

Art Exhibition

Thursday 10th to Saturday 12th November: Featuring local artists

The Back Page

for the young and young at heart

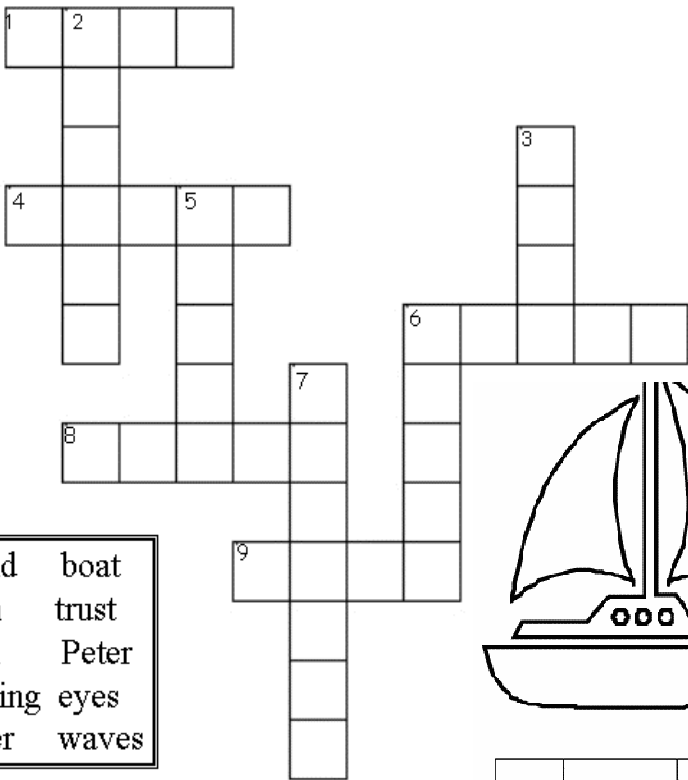
Jesus walks on water Crossword

Across:

1. As soon as Jesus got into the boat the water became _____.
4. When Peter first started to walk on water he had lots of this.
6. Jesus (and Peter for a bit) are the only people to ever walk on this.
8. The name of the disciple that wanted to go out on the water.
9. Peter started to sink when he took these off of Jesus.

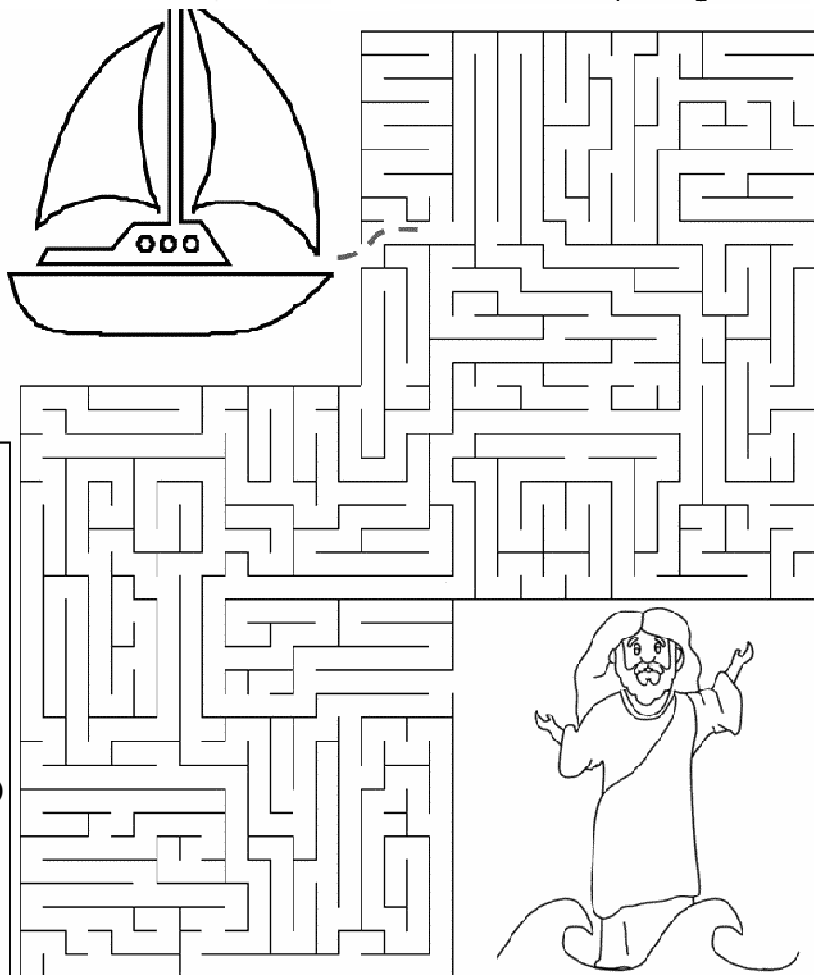
Down:

2. When the disciples first saw Jesus they were _____.
3. The disciples were in this when they saw Jesus on the water.
5. We can always _____ God to be here for us!
6. There were many _____ in the water because it was so windy.
7. Jesus wasn't on the boat because he was _____ by himself.



afraid	boat
calm	trust
faith	Peter
praying	eyes
water	waves

Help the fishermen find their way to Jesus.



People Events

Baptisms:

We welcome into the family of the Church:
Nicholas Donald Preston,
 son of Timothy and Fabiana Preston (24 July)

Weddings:

We congratulate and extend best wishes to:
Phoebe Henderson and Timothy Cronin (11 June)

Deaths:

We extend our sympathies to the families of:
George Gordon Calder (Gordon) (30 June)
Muriel Daisy Smith (Daisy) (27 June)

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