

Cashmere Hills Presbyterian Church



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Mission Statement

Cashmere Hills Presbyterian Church will make the life and teachings of Jesus Christ known and will share in God's loving purposes of truth, justice, peace and wholeness for all people and the world.

Sunday 5th February 2012

Epiphany 5

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.

You are invited to stay for Morning Tea, which will be served in the Lounge after the service.

Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147:1-11, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39

Thought for the Week

“Christ wears ‘two shoes’ in the world: Scripture and nature. Both are necessary to understand the Lord, and at no stage can creation be seen as a separation of things from God.”

- John Scotus Eriugena

Freewill Offerings cards for the offering plate, for those who offer by way of automatic payment, are at the entrance to the Church.

Order of Worship

(Congregational responses are printed in bold italics)

Lighting of the Fellowship Candle: *Alan Simson*

Call to Worship:

We worship a God who never grows weary of loving us.

All creation is held in God's embrace, encouraging moments of goodness and faithfulness.

Even as we fail, as all of us do, our God touches us with grace and invites another day of new beginnings.

There is no end to love and understanding as we journey on in the company of God.

Let us worship God!

Hymn 109: Tell out my soul

Greeting:

May the grace and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you, with all whom you love, and all whom you pray for here this day.

And may the grace and peace of our Lord be with you also.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession:

Sometimes, God, we pray with others, for healing and wholeness, and joy in your presence.

At other times, we need to be on our own, alone with our thoughts and concerns, the things that weigh heavily upon us.

In this time of worship may we find times of togetherness and solitude

Patient God, there are times when we have been too busy to stop, and have hurt ourselves by becoming disconnected from you.

There are times when we have hurried along and not seen those in our community reaching out for help, for healing, for love.

There are times when the noise of our activity drowned your call, the cries of the lonely, the forgotten, and the ignored in our community.

Receive our confession we pray and help us to face life with renewed vigour and overflowing compassion.

A moment of silence

Words of Assurance:

Hear these words from Isaiah: Do you know? Have you heard? God is everlasting, the Creator of all that lives. God does not tire or wear out; God understands more than we can imagine.

In God, those who faint, even the powerless, receive strength.

Rely on God and renew your strength – fly on wings like eagles, run with endless energy, continue on and you will not grow tired. Do you know? Have you heard?

God is everlasting – we rely on God and we renew our strength. Amen

Notices: *Elizabeth Cooch*

We pass the Peace of Christ to each other

Recovenanting Service: Introduction:

All Stand: Together let us renew our covenant with God.

Do you turn away from evil and turn to follow Jesus?

We turn to follow Jesus.

Do you offer your talents, your time and your possession in the service of Jesus?

We offer our talents, our time and our possessions in the service of Jesus and his Church.

Do you offer to God your gifts of ministry?

Loving God we give you our gifts of ministry. Help us as we serve you and each other in our community.

Do you promise to support and love one another, to work to welcome everyone who comes into our community of faith?

Loving God we promise to support and love each other and to welcome everyone who comes into our community of faith.

Prayer: John Willis and Vivienne Boyd (Parish Clerks)

Hymn: Bind us together Lord

Chorus:

Bind us together, Lord

Bind us together

With cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord

Bind us together, Lord

Bind us together with love.

1. There is only one God
There is only one King
There is only one Body
That is why we sing.....

2. God has many gifts
given by His Son
building the Body of Christ
Creating a faith that is one.....

3. We are the family of God,
Joined together by the Spirit above,
Working together with Christ
Growing and building in love....

Introduction to the Readings: (Reader: Marjorie Columbus)

Isaiah 40:21-31 (p.701 OT): God does not grow weary. Those who wait on God will renew their strength and mount up with wings like eagles.

Mark 1:29-39 (p.46 NT): Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law and then heals many others who are in great need.

Prayer before the Sermon

Sermon: Signs and Wonders

Hymn: The Last Journey (Tune CH4, 730)

1. From the falter of breath,
Through the silence of death,
to the wonder that's breaking beyond;
God has woven a way,
Unapparent by day,
For all those of whom heaven is fond.

2. From frustration and pain,
Through hope hard to sustain,
to the wholeness here promised, there known;
Christ has gone where we fear
and has vowed to be near
On the journey we make on our own.

3. From the dimming of light,
Through the darkness of night,
To the glory of goodness above;
God the Spirit is sent
To ensure heaven's intent
Is embraced and completed in love.

4. From today till we die,
Through all questioning why,
To the place from which time and tide flow;
Angels tread on our dreams
And magnificent themes
Of heaven's promise are echoed below.

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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.

Offertory Prayer

O God, it is a privilege to bring our gifts to you. We know we can never match your generosity to us, but still we bring what we can today asking your blessing upon our gifts.

Use us and our gifts in your service through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray, Our Father... (Sung 676)

Prayers of the People

Hymn 173: I will sing the wondrous story

Benediction:

Threefold Amen

Sung Blessing

Now unto him who is able to keep,
Able to keep you from falling,
And present you faultless
Before the presence of his glory
With exceeding joy;
To the only wise God, our Saviour,
Be glory and majesty,
Dominion and power,
Both now and forever. Amen



Wedding Invitation

Adrian Easton and Marliese Cook extend a warm welcome to all to attend their wedding to be held on Friday 10th February at 2pm in this church.

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday 19 February - This meeting has been called to address the motion raised at the last Annual General Meeting (28 August 2011) 'that Worship services during June, July and August commence at 10.30am instead of 10am'.

Door Duty - The next Door Duty list (commencing 4 March) is to be compiled soon. If you would like to volunteer to be on this list please let Gail in the Church Office know. *Would all those currently on Door Duty please also advise Gail if there are any dates that you cannot do.*

Choir

Practices for Easter Music will begin on Wednesday 15th February, 7.30pm, in the Church. The Choir Service will be held on Palm Sunday – 1st April. New members always welcome – please contact Bryan Gainsford (9421658)

Christchurch APW

The first meeting for 2012 will be held on Wednesday 8th February commencing at 9.45am at St Martin's Presbyterian Church. Our speaker for the morning will be the Youth Worker at St Margaret's Church. There will be a Sales Table. All welcome.

Head, Heart and Hand – Experiencing God

Seminar weekend at Cashmere Hills Presbyterian Church, 4th – 6th May 2012, with Dr Lynne Baab, Jack Somerville Lecturer in Pastoral Theology, University of Otago. The point about Christian spirituality is that it helps us to understand the heart of God better so that we can live out God's life and purposes in society better. Dr Baab will help us explore how we experience God through some lectures and through some practical opportunities, as well as by sharing in the morning service. More details on her website: www.lynnebaab.com

Canterbury Scottish Cultural Festival

The third annual Canterbury Scottish Cultural Festival will be held on Sunday 12th February at Riccarton Bush, Kahu Road, Riccarton, between 9.30am and 4.30pm. All welcome. Admission free.

Results of Church Life Survey

67 adults from Cashmere Hills completed this survey last November. Our findings (results) are now available and these can also be compared with those from other Presbyterian churches who participated in this survey. Some copies of the Cashmere findings have been printed and will be available over morning tea for perusal. Alternatively if you use email John and Vivienne can send you an electronic copy of this printout. (johnandviv@snap.net.nz) If you would like to view on the Church Life Survey web site (www.clsnz.com) our results compared with those of other Presbyterian churches, please ask or email John or Vivienne for the access codes that will enable you to do this.

Finance Committee Report

Details of offerings, donations and Red Spot donations for the six months ending 31 December, 2011.

	6 months 2011/12	6 months 2010/11	Budget 2011/12
Automatic Payments	19,222	20,127	20,000
Envelopes	10,069	10,322	10,000
Loose	2,792	2,881	2,875
Donations	12,610	12,134	11,000
Red Spot Donations	3,619	2,580	2,750
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	48,312	48,044	46,625
Weekly Average	1,858	1,848	1,793

The Parish Council thanks the congregation for their support during this period. The offerings for the six months totals \$48,312 which is \$1,687 ahead of budget for that period. The surplus for the period is due in the main to an increase in Donation rebates and Red Spot. The actual giving from Envelopes, Automatic payments and Loose totalled \$32,063 compared to the budget for these same items of \$32,875, a deficit of \$792. The budget presented at the Annual General Meeting showed a deficit of \$7,625. With the repairs to the Church (other than Tower and offices etc.) having been completed we were able to resume services in the Church on 18 December 2011, and all facilities are now available for weddings and rental. As at 31 December 2011 the figures to 30 June 2012 have been updated based on bookings etc, and the deficit is now projected to be \$5,505. The result of the March fair could change these projections. We cannot continue to operate on a deficit budget and would ask that those that are able to, assist by increasing their regular giving or by making special budget donations - these can be included with the Red spot donations, placed in an envelope marked budget donations.

Later in the year we will again provide the congregation with the opportunity to make part or all of their Donation Rebate available to the Church. Several members of the congregation have in the past made these donation rebates available to the Church and it has greatly assisted the funding of the deficits.

Parish Council are looking to set up a special committee to look at ways to fund the deficits and to fund the major maintenance requirements. We need to all work together to reduce the deficits.

If you are able to assist by way of Donation rebate or other donations either leave at the Church office or discuss with Bill Harrington (Offering Secretary) or Bruce McAlister (Treasurer). The Treasurer will be on holiday 3rd to 15th February and during this period communication should be directed to Gail at the Church Office.

Bruce McAlister, Treasurer

Collective Memories Service at St George's

It is almost a year since St George's was demolished, and there will be a "Collective Memories" service on Sunday 26th February, 2.30pm in our next door neighbours place - Presbyterian Support's building. Afternoon tea will be provided at 3pm in St George's hall. We would be delighted to have you join us in this opportunity to share in a celebration of the faith and life of this community. If you have any memorabilia e.g. photographs, perhaps you presided at a service and still have a copy of your sermon, talk, reflection etc, and you don't mind us keeping it for our timeline, please send it to us at: Collective Memories service, St George's/Iona Presbyterian Parish, P.O.B 24050, Eastgate, Chch 8642

Sheena and Session of St George's/Iona Presbyterian Parish

Christian World Service

Christchurch-based Christian World Service is pleased to announce that February will mark their return to the central city area and a new office. The move into modern premises is a big step toward returning normal working life to CWS. Their new address is 7 Halkett Street, near South Hagley Park

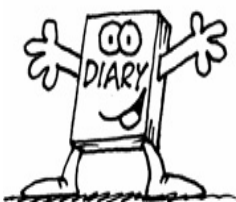
A Home for Life

Every child needs a special family where he feels he belongs. Are you able to offer a home to a child who does not have one? Child, Youth and Family services are seeking long term foster parents. If you feel able to open your hearts to such a child, please speak with David Coster, who has more information from CYF.

Sunday 12th February 2012

Service at 10.00am

- Door Duty – Annette & Kirsty McAdam, Carol Cree
- Morning Tea – Judith & Brian Irwin
- Bible Reading – *Family Service*
- Candle Lighting – *Family Service*
- Food Trolley – Rachael & Ruurd Bekema
- Notices – Annette McAdam
- Flowers – Shirley Wilson



Tuesday 7 th February	7.30pm	Parish Council
Wednesday 8 th February	10.00am	Forum
Thursday 9 th February	7.00pm	Living the Questions
Wednesday 15 th February	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Sunday 19 th February		Congregational Meeting