

Cashmere Hills Presbyterian Church



Minister

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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 29th January 2012

Epiphany 4

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.

Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28

Thought for the Week

Christianity doesn't deny the reality of suffering and evil... Our hope... is not based on the idea that we are going to be free of pain and suffering. Rather, it is based on the conviction that we will triumph over suffering."

- Brennan Manning

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: *Judith Harrington*

Call to Worship:

Jesus calls us.

We recognize the voice of our teacher.

Jesus calls with a renewed message.

We are straining our ears for this good news.

Jesus calls a new realm into being.

We hear the call with hope and anticipation.

Jesus calls to a new way of life.

We will answer the call, we will follow.

Hymn 112: God who stretched the spangled heavens (Tune Austria 374i)

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:

Praise God. We thank you, God, with all our heart. You have created an amazing world for us to live in and we are thankful.

Your love is steadfast and true. Your intent is for all to be happy and whole.

We witness your way of love in all creation, and are pleased to be invited to be part of it.

We praise your holy name, as we seek to live out Wisdom's teaching, in harmony with creation and breathing the breath of life.

God, sometimes we live with troubled spirits. We are disturbed by grief or guilt, shame or restlessness.

Sometimes we live with hurt spirits, in pain from physical or mental illness, relationship heartaches, betrayal, disappointment.

Sometimes we live with faltering spirits, overcome with worry, fear, doubt, uncertainty.

Sometimes we live with spirits that keep us isolated because we are misunderstood, or unable to communicate or interact. We bring our spirits to you, whatever they are like today, because you ask us to.

A moment of silence

Words of Assurance:

When our spirits are troubled, ***God brings us peace.***

When our spirits are hurting, ***God is our source of healing.***

When our spirits falter, ***God gives us strength to carry on.***

When our spirits alienate us from others, ***God reconciles us to community.***

In God who is peace and healing, strength and reconciling love, we trust.

Amen.

Notices: *Bill Harrington*

We pass the Peace of Christ to each other

Hymn: As the deer pants for the water

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| 1. As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you. | 2. I love you more than gold or silver
Only you can satisfy
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye. |
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*You alone are my strength, my shield
To you alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.*

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| 3. You're my friend and you are my
brother
Even though you are the king
I love you more than any other
So much more than anything |
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Introduction to the Readings: (*Reader: June Bennett*)

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (p.212 NT): Paul writes to the Corinthians about the nature of Christian freedom – that freedom which is limited only by concerns for the good of the Christian community.

Mark 1:21-28 (p.45 NT): Jesus appears at the synagogue where he orders an unclean spirit to come out of a disturbed man, evoking amazement from those gathered.

Prayer before the Sermon

Sermon: Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up!

Hymn 176: A man there lived in Galilee

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:

It is with joyful hearts that we bring you our gifts, O God. We are so thankful for your kindness to us and we long to share some of that with others. 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 667: The love of God is broad like beach and mountain

Benediction

Threefold 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.

Church Fair – change of date

Please note that the Church Fair will now be held on Saturday 10th March

Door Duty - The next Door Duty list (commencing 4 March) will be being compiled soon. If you would like to volunteer to be on this list please let Gail in the Church Office know.

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.

Cashmere Connection- Items for the next edition of Cashmere Connection should be at the Church Office by Friday 3rd February

Forum - Forum will resume for the year on Wednesday week - 8th February - at 10am in the Parish Centre. New members welcome, enquiries to Alan Simson on 337 9505

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.

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

Community Comment:

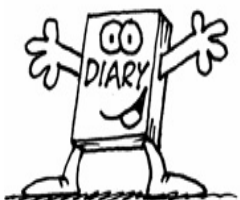
Dr Betsan Martin Vulnerable children in New Zealand

St Albans Uniting Parish, Nancy Ave/Knowles St. Friday 3 February 7:30pm
At the first Community Comment for 2012, the Rev Dr Betsan Martin, Convenor of the Public Questions Network of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, will provide some information and invite discussion about a fact of life for many of our children. New Zealand has a high number of vulnerable and abused children. The Minister of Social Development has asked for public discussion on what we should do to reduce their vulnerability and abuse. The minister has provided a *Green Paper* to give information and guidelines for discussion. This is an opportunity for the whole community to take part in considering this serious social concern, and will also enable Dr Martin to prepare a submission to the minister on behalf of the Methodist Church. Tea & coffee provided from 7pm. Koha to help cover expenses.

Sunday 5th February 2012

Service at 10.00am

- Door Duty –John Willis, Vivienne Boyd, Jenny Bailey
- Morning Tea – Judith & Tony Waters
- Bible Reading – Marjorie Columbus
- Candle Lighting – Alan Simson
- Food Trolley – Graham McCormick
- Notices – Elisabeth Cooch
- Flowers – Wedding



Monday 30 th January	2.00pm	Foot Clinic
Tuesday 31 st January	9.30am	Foot Clinic
Thursday 2 nd February	7.00pm	Living the Questions
Tuesday 7 th February	7.30pm	Parish Council