



Cromwell & Districts

Presbyterian Church

Sunday 28th June 2026

Speaker: Reece Frith

Sermon: The Bible – Strange but True

“No Booze, Bad Food and Barbers”

Readings: Judges 13

A dramatic, high-contrast image of a cloudy sky. The text "THE BIBLE STRANGE BUT TRUE" is written in a bold, white, serif font, appearing to be illuminated from behind by a bright light source, creating a lens flare effect. The word "STRANGE" is the largest and most prominent.

**Remember all of our church services & notices are on our
website: www.cromchurch.co.nz**



All ages welcome!

28th June, 5-7pm
Includes a meal!

Please RSVP to
messychurch4cromwell@gmail.com

Koha appreciated

Tonight

Cromwell Presbyterian Church

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Praying For Others

Mondays, 7pm at the church

Enquiries to Marie 445 1814

Know Your Bible Ladies Group

Enquiries to Lesley 445 3122

Friday Ladies Bible Study/Home Group

Friday's at 10.00am

Enquiries to Ann-Marie 021 0388 912

Abide and Grow Study Group

Friday's 10.30am

Enquiries to Anna 022 109 7475

Ignite The Truth Home Group

2nd Sunday of the month @ 7pm

Enquiries to Judy 027 226 3069

Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday's at 9.45am

Enquiries to Edith 445 1340

Standing Pilates with Shirley & Joan

Monday's at 9.30am

Monday 20th April

Mainly Music

Tuesday's at 10am

Youth Group

Wednesday's at 6.30pm

Enquiries to Trish 027 442 4992

Tuesday Evening Home Group

Enquiries to June 0272 487 563

Big Change 4 Small People

May's collection went towards helping some of the children the Hansen family were working with in Hungary.

June's collection is going to help support the 40 hilltribe teenage girls living at Baan Faa Mai Home, Mae Chaem, North Thailand (which Malcolm and Sandy established in 2004). The girls live at BFM while attending the nearby government high school. While at BFM, they hear about Christ and receive the opportunity to follow and grow in Him. Thank you.

Sharing Hobbies & Crafts Expo

Saturday 1st August 2026

Watch this space — more info coming soon.....

Reading

Judges 13

13 Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, so the Lord delivered them into the hands of the Philistines for forty years.

² A certain man of Zorah, named Manoah, from the clan of the Danites, had a wife who was childless, unable to give birth. ³ The angel of the Lord appeared to her and said, “You are barren and childless, but you are going to become pregnant and give birth to a son. ⁴ Now see to it that you drink no wine or other fermented drink and that you do not eat anything unclean. ⁵ You will become pregnant and have a son whose head is never to be touched by a razor because the boy is to be a Nazirite, dedicated to God from the womb. He will take the lead in delivering Israel from the hands of the Philistines.”

⁶ Then the woman went to her husband and told him, “A man of God came to me. He looked like an angel of God, very awesome. I didn’t ask him where he came from, and he didn’t tell me his name. ⁷ But he said to me, ‘You will become pregnant and have a son. Now then, drink no wine or other fermented drink and do not eat anything unclean, because the boy will be a Nazirite of God from the womb until the day of his death.’”

⁸ Then Manoah prayed to the Lord: “Pardon your servant, Lord. I beg you to let the man of God you sent to us come again to teach us how to bring up the boy who is to be born.”

⁹ God heard Manoah, and the angel of God came again to the woman while she was out in the field; but her husband Manoah was not with her. ¹⁰ The woman hurried to tell her husband, “He’s here! The man who appeared to me the other day!”

¹¹ Manoah got up and followed his wife. When he came to the man, he said, “Are you the man who talked to my wife?”

“I am,” he said.

¹² So Manoah asked him, “When your words are fulfilled, what is to be the rule that governs the boy’s life and work?”

¹³ The angel of the Lord answered, “Your wife must do all that I have told her. ¹⁴ She must not eat anything that comes from the grapevine, nor drink any wine or other fermented drink nor eat anything unclean. She must do everything I have

commanded her.”

¹⁵ Manoah said to the angel of the Lord, “We would like you to stay until we prepare a young goat for you.”

¹⁶ The angel of the Lord replied, “Even though you detain me, I will not eat any of your food. But if you prepare a burnt offering, offer it to the Lord.” (Manoah did not realize that it was the angel of the Lord.)

¹⁷ Then Manoah inquired of the angel of the Lord, “What is your name, so that we may honor you when your word comes true?”

¹⁸ He replied, “Why do you ask my name? It is beyond understanding.” ¹⁹ Then Manoah took a young goat, together with the grain offering, and sacrificed it on a rock to the Lord. And the Lord did an amazing thing while Manoah and his wife watched: ²⁰ As the flame blazed up from the altar toward heaven, the angel of the Lord ascended in the flame. Seeing this, Manoah and his wife fell with their faces to the ground. ²¹ When the angel of the Lord did not show himself again to Manoah and his wife, Manoah realized that it was the angel of the Lord.

²² “We are doomed to die!” he said to his wife. “We have seen God!”

²³ But his wife answered, “If the Lord had meant to kill us, he would not have accepted a burnt offering and grain offering from our hands, nor shown us all these things or now told us this.”

²⁴ The woman gave birth to a boy and named him Samson. He grew and the Lord blessed him, ²⁵ and the Spirit of the Lord began to stir him while he was in Mahaneh Dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

Two Course Tuesday

Next Two Course Tuesday meal is on
Tuesday 30th June.

Cost of the meal is \$15

Please RSVP to Nicola in the office on 03 445 3078 or
email office@cromchurch.co.nz to register no later
than noon the day before.

Church Volunteers & Helpers

As some of our wonderful church volunteers age gracefully, move on or step back from 'not being so involved'. We are asking where more of our church family can help in the many and varying things that go on in this busy and vibrant place.

Also if you are new to us and would like to help in any way.

Please take time to scan the QR code below and fill in the online form and submit it. If you do not know how to use the QR code then pick up a paper copy of the form from the side desk in the foyer and fill in the questionnaire.

Thank you for taking the time to do this for us.



PRAYER SUPPORT

Did you know you can access prayer support in various ways in church? If and when you would like someone to pray with you or for you, you can

1. Approach any elders after church service
2. If you prefer, you can also write your prayers and put them in the Prayer box in the foyer (left as you go thru main entrance). Pen and paper available. Every Monday evening, the church Prayer Group will support and join you in your prayers. The prayers will not be read by any one, they will be presented to the Lord and then burnt or shredded.
3. Contact Pastoral Care coordinator, Sandra Hunter, who can arrange for someone to come and pray with you.

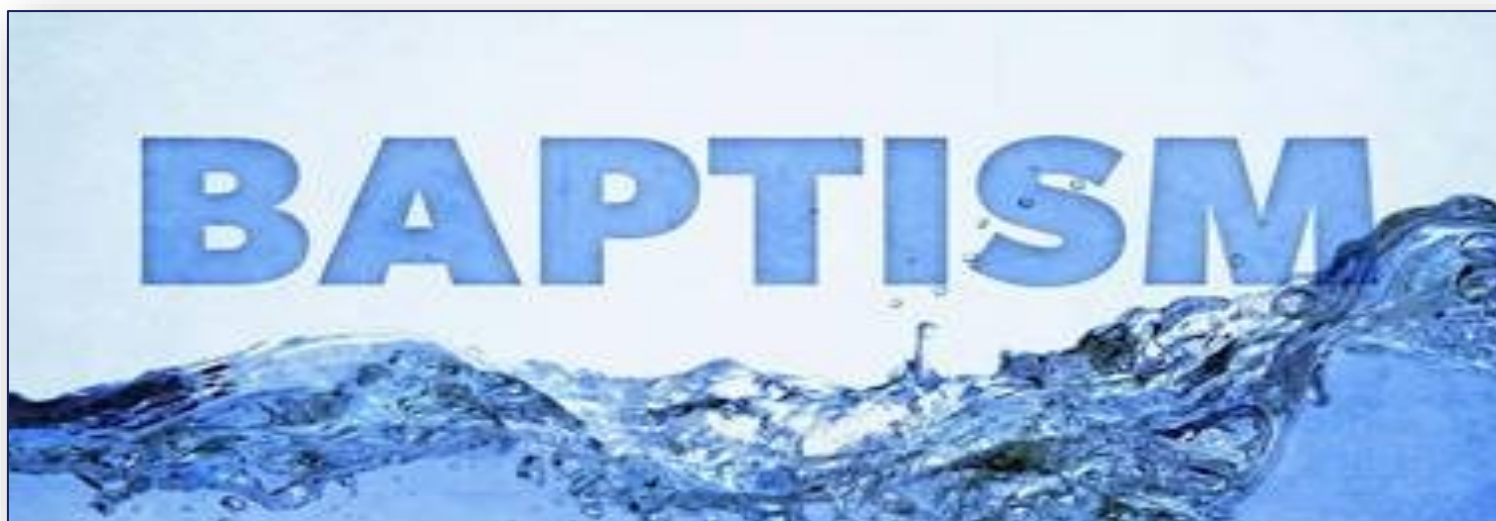
Help Urgently Needed

We are looking for more people to be Sound operators from the back desk on Sunday mornings. There is training available` for anyone who is keen to learn.

If you would like more information please contact
Peter Townend 027 678 6279 or Peter Lamb 0204 052 0029 .

Also, we are asking if there are any people in the congregation who are able to play musical instruments including drums etc and can help as part of the worship team.

If this is something that you are keen to help with then please contact
Ann Davis 021 757 414



Have You Considered Being Water Baptised?

Baptism is an important part of what it means to follow Jesus.

If you are interested please talk to Reece.

CHURCH SERVANTS FOR 5th July 2026

Elder on Duty: Paul J

Manager on Duty: Peter L

9AM SERVICE

10:30AM SERVICE

Welcome: Sandra H

Welcome: Pam K

Welcome MT: Sandra H

Welcome MT: Raewyn U

Prayers: Sandra H

Prayers: Marie S

Readings: Bette C

Readings: Lynley B

Music: Helen H

Music: Murray R

Morning tea: Irene W & Dorothy M Church cleaning: Helen & Jim H

If you're unable to serve, please arrange a swap and advise the church office.

Donations To Our Church

Did you know there are many ways you can give to **Cromwell Presbyterian Church?**

- * Cash or *Eftpos (available on request)
- * Direct credit or internet banking into **Cromwell Presbyterian Church**
- * Account number: **02 0920 0013787 00.**
- * Reference: Tithes for Offerings or **BC4SP** for Big Change 4 Small People

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Newsletter items by **9am Thursday**, please.