

Cromwell & Districts

Presbyterian Church

Sunday 5th July 2026

Speaker: Reece Frith


Sermon: The Bible – Strange but True

“Saul, Samuel and the Summoning”

Readings: 1 Samuel 28:3-20



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

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GIVE
THANKS 

Combined class
School Holidays
Program

'I AM SECURE'
5TH, 12TH & 19TH
JULY



Kids Church
**MOVIE
DAY**



parents welcome



JULY 15TH
WEDNESDAY | 10.30AM- 12.30PM

52 ERRIS STREET, OLD CROMWELL

Text Emily 0212574256 or email
kidschurch4cromwell@gmail.com
[Some snacks provided]

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

On recess until Friday 24th July

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

On recess until Wednesday 22nd July

Enquiries to Edith 445 1340

Standing Pilates with Shirley & Joan

On recess until Monday 20th July

Mainly Music

On recess until Tuesday 21st July

Youth Group

On recess until Wednesday 22nd July

Enquiries to Trish 027 442 4992

Tuesday Evening Home Group

Enquiries to June 0272 487 563

Big Change 4 Small People

June's collection went towards helping support the teenage girls Baan Faa Mai Home in Northern Thailand, that Malcolm and Sandy Potter helped establish - They are currently there now!

July's collection is going to support the work Youngs left behind in Malawi – the 'STUM Sunday School Project'. The money will be used to print Sunday School Teacher lesson books (in their own language) that are widely distributed and much appreciated throughout Malawi. Jim Young and family are actually in Malawi now, so please pray for them as they continues to encourage and help direct this work.

Sharing Hobbies & Crafts Expo

Saturday 1st August 2026

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

Reading

1 Samuel 28:3-20

³ Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in his own town of Ramah. Saul had expelled the mediums and spiritists from the land.

⁴ The Philistines assembled and came and set up camp at Shunem, while Saul gathered all Israel and set up camp at Gilboa. ⁵ When Saul saw the Philistine army, he was afraid; terror filled his heart. ⁶ He inquired of the Lord, but the Lord did not answer him by dreams or Urim or prophets. ⁷ Saul then said to his attendants, "Find me a woman who is a medium, so I may go and inquire of her."

"There is one in Endor," they said.

⁸ So Saul disguised himself, putting on other clothes, and at night he and two men went to the woman. "Consult a spirit for me," he said, "and bring up for me the one I name."

⁹ But the woman said to him, "Surely you know what Saul has done. He has cut off the mediums and spiritists from the land. Why have you set a trap for my life to bring about my death?"

¹⁰ Saul swore to her by the Lord, "As surely as the Lord lives, you will not be punished for this."

¹¹ Then the woman asked, "Whom shall I bring up for you?"

"Bring up Samuel," he said.

¹² When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out at the top of her voice and said to Saul, "Why have you deceived me? You are Saul!"

¹³ The king said to her, "Don't be afraid. What do you see?"

The woman said, "I see a ghostly figure^[a] coming up out of the earth."

¹⁴ "What does he look like?" he asked.

"An old man wearing a robe is coming up," she said.

Then Saul knew it was Samuel, and he bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground.

¹⁵ Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?"

"I am in great distress," Saul said. "The Philistines are fighting against me, and God

has departed from me. He no longer answers me, either by prophets or by dreams. So I have called on you to tell me what to do.”

¹⁶Samuel said, “Why do you consult me, now that the Lord has departed from you and become your enemy? ¹⁷The Lord has done what he predicted through me. The Lord has torn the kingdom out of your hands and given it to one of your neighbors—to David. ¹⁸Because you did not obey the Lord or carry out his fierce wrath against the Amalekites, the Lord has done this to you today. ¹⁹The Lord will deliver both Israel and you into the hands of the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons will be with me. The Lord will also give the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines.”

²⁰Immediately Saul fell full length on the ground, filled with fear because of Samuel’s words. His strength was gone, for he had eaten nothing all that day and all that night.

IGNITE THE TRUTH

Come Join Us

Sunday 12th July

7pm

Judy & Mervyn Mitchell's Home

15 Carlow Place

Phone 027 226 3069 for more information.

Two Course Tuesday

Next Two Course Tuesday meal is on
Tuesday 14th July.

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.

If you are already on the roster or if you are new to us and would like to help in any way, please fill in the form and return/submit.

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.

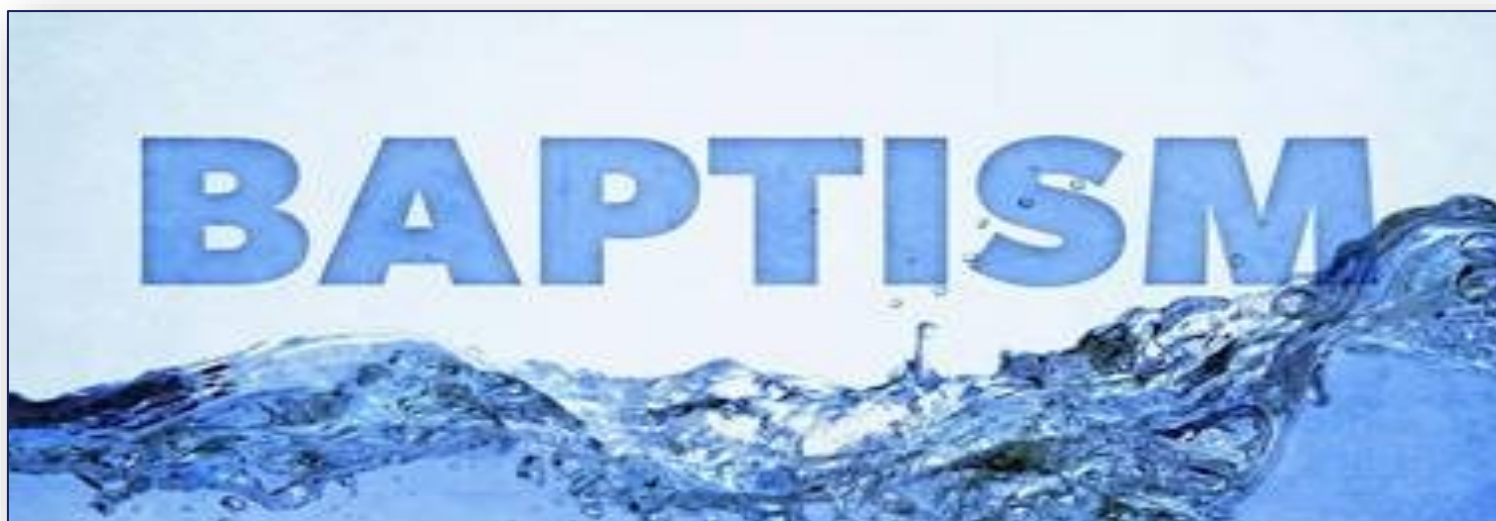
Help Urgently Needed

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 12th July 2026

Elder on Duty: Sandra H

Manager on Duty: Mark D

9AM SERVICE

10:30AM SERVICE

Welcome: Mervyn M

Welcome: Ross H

Welcome MT: Phyllis S

Welcome MT: Tim W

Prayers: Mervyn M

Prayers: Christine H

Readings: Lynne A

Readings: Ross H

Music: Judy M

Music: Scott M

Morning tea: Lesley M & Lynne A

Church cleaning: Linda L & Jo B

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.