



Cromwell & Districts Presbyterian Church

Sunday 23rd August 2026

Speaker: Reece Frith

Sermon: "Gideon – Finishing well"

Readings: Judges 8:22 – 35



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

ALL AGE SERVICE

30TH AUGUST 10AM

We're celebrating a
GOD OF NATIONS

Represent your home country

Bring along a flag

Wear a traditional outfit

Bring a cultural dish to share!



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

Fridays, 10.30am at the church

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

Wednesdays, 9.45am at the church

Enquiries to Edith 445 1340

Standing Pilates with Shirley & Joan

Monday's, 9.30am at the church

Mainly Music

Tuesday's, 10am during term time

Youth Group

Wednesday's, 6.30pm

Enquiries to Trish 027 442 4992

Tuesday Evening Home Group

Enquiries to June 0272 487 563

Youth Pastor

For many years as a church we have explored calling a youth pastor as part of our strategic plan. We have a great group of young people and a fantastic team that leads them. To encourage and grow this key ministry we are now at a point of seeking a youth pastor for a 25 hour per week position. This role is broadly two-fold: to help young people grow in their faith in Jesus Christ and to lead and support ministries that help Cromwell Presbyterian reach and disciple young people.

Please pray as a team oversees this process.

If you would like to know more and/or see the job description please talk to Reece.

Readings

Judges 8:22-35

²² The Israelites said to Gideon, “Rule over us—you, your son and your grandson—because you have saved us from the hand of Midian.”

²³ But Gideon told them, “I will not rule over you, nor will my son rule over you. The Lord will rule over you.” ²⁴ And he said, “I do have one request, that each of you give me an earring from your share of the plunder.” (It was the custom of the Ishmaelites to wear gold earrings.)

²⁵ They answered, “We’ll be glad to give them.” So they spread out a garment, and each of them threw a ring from his plunder onto it. ²⁶ The weight of the gold rings he asked for came to seventeen hundred shekels, ^[a] not counting the ornaments, the pendants and the purple garments worn by the kings of Midian or the chains that were on their camels’ necks. ²⁷ Gideon made the gold into an ephod, which he placed in Ophrah, his town. All Israel prostituted themselves by worshiping it there, and it became a snare to Gideon and his family.

²⁸ Thus Midian was subdued before the Israelites and did not raise its head again. During Gideon’s lifetime, the land had peace forty years.

²⁹ Jerub-Baal son of Joash went back home to live. ³⁰ He had seventy sons of his own, for he had many wives. ³¹ His concubine, who lived in Shechem, also bore him a son, whom he named Abimelek. ³² Gideon son of Joash died at a good old age and was buried in the tomb of his father Joash in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

³³ No sooner had Gideon died than the Israelites again prostituted themselves to the Baals. They set up Baal-Berith as their god ³⁴ and did not remember the Lord their God, who had rescued them from the hands of all their enemies on every side. ³⁵ They also failed to show any loyalty to the family of Jerub-Baal (that is, Gideon) in spite of all the good things he had done for them.

Two Course Tuesday

Next Two Course Tuesday meal is on
Tuesday 25th August.

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.

Missions Fish n Chip Tea -

**Friday 28th August 6pm onwards
at Harringtons**

An opportunity to support and uphold our missionary friends and representatives overseas.

Everyone's welcome to bring their own tea and share in a meal before we catch up on the latest news from our missionaries - and of course pray for them.



What a privilege and what a challenge!

See Jim/Helen H for more
info - 027 544 8842.

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.

Big Change 4 Small People

July's collection went towards the work Youngs are still involved in Malawi - printing Sunday School Teacher lesson books in the local language.

August's collection is going to help some of the children the Hansen family were working with in Hungary.

Please continue to pray for 'planted seeds to grow and produce fruit' in these young ones.

Scripture Union Supakidz Camp

The Scripture Union Supakidz camp is coming up during the next school holidays. As they've done before, Scripture Union has asked the participating churches (those with volunteers serving as leaders) to donate food items.

There will be a clipboard on the table in the foyer, where people can put their names next to the items that they are happy to donate. There will then be a marked box in the kitchen where they can drop off their donations.

We will need these by the 13th of September.

We also ask for prayer for the campers so they will experience the love of Jesus in a new and special way, and for the volunteers who will help as leaders.





Pastoral Care Workshop

Saturday 29th August

9.45am - 3pm

Workshop leads Clare & Barry Ayers

Bring finger food to share for lunch
Morning tea provided

Who should attend:
church leadership, pastoral care teams,
anyone involved in caring for people
within the church community.

At Cromwell Presbyterian Church
10 Elspeth Street,
Cromwell

RSVP to office@cromchurch.co.nz

Cost - Koha welcome

***To everything there is a season,
A time for every purpose
under heaven:***

**SUNDAY 30th AUGUST @ 7.00PM
LOWBURN ROOM**

*Come along to a service of
Worship & Reflection*

CHURCH SERVANTS FOR 23rd August 2026

Elder on Duty: Mervyn M

Manager on Duty: Lindsay B

9AM SERVICE

Welcome: Mervyn M

Welcome MT: Kay F

Prayers: Mervyn M

Readings: Lynne A

Music: Judy M

10:30AM SERVICE

Welcome: Pam K

Welcome MT: Ann Marie L

Prayers: Marie S

Readings: Lianca G

Music: Scott M

Morning tea: Lesley M & Lynne A

Church cleaning: Linda L & Jo B

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

CHURCH SERVANTS FOR 30th August 2026

10AM SERVICE

Elder on Duty: Linda L

Manager on Duty: Kiaran M

Welcome: Kids Church

Welcome MT: Kathy M & Shirley R

Prayers: TBC

Readings: TBC

Music team: Ann D

Morning Tea: Pauline C & Merle R

Church Cleaning: Kate & Lindsay B

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