#### WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Praying for Others Monday evening 7pm Enquiries: Marie, 445 1814 Mainly Music 10am Tuesdays. Enquiries; mainlymusic4cromwell@gmail.com Stretching Exercises for Seniors Monday's at 9.30am in the Auditorium. Ladies Bible Study at Church 9.45am Wednesday's Enquiries: Edith 445 1340 Know Your Bible Ladies Group Enquiries: Lesley 445 3122 Youth Group 6.15pm Wednesday's Enquiries: Trish 027 442 4992

### **Congregational Meeting**

Session calls a Congregational meeting to be held after worship (which is at 10am) on Sunday 21st August 2022 to be chaired by the Convenor of the Ministry Settlement Board, Ian Hyslop. The purpose of the meeting is to confirm the 'terms of call' for the next minister for Cromwell and to consult with the congregation on the qualities, gifts and skills that will be important for the next minister at the Cromwell Presbyterian Church.

## Two Course Tuesday's Last Meal

The next meal is on Tuesday 23rd August at 12pm. Cost is \$15 per person

Put your name and phone number onto the clipboard in the foyer or contact Nicola in the office 03 445 3078 or email office@cromchurch.co.nz to register by midday the Monday before.

### Sunday 21st August

10am Combined Service followed by the Congregational Meeting then a Soup and Bun lunch here in the foyer.



# Big Change 4 Small People

July's collection went towards helping some of the Roma kids the Hansens work with (in Hungary) attend a church camp, get their eyes tested and pay for some glasses. August's collection is going to the Muirs who work in Lusaka, the capital of Zambia. In August & September they have a spiritual retreat there for the Sunday school kids aged 7 to 12y, where they'll be away for 3 days doing Bible studies, having times of worship and just plain fun. The kids are very excited! All money given will be used to help lower the cost, especially for those who are struggling to pay. Thank you so much to Cromwell Pressy for helping put this event on with your gifts!

# Message from Paul

"Over recent days I have been in and out of our Church Buildings quite frequently, attending various meetings, attending a concert, and briefly helping prepare for the 'Hungarian Evening' fundraiser for the Hansen's.

The overriding impression that I have been left with, is not just 'that our facilities are very regularly used and appreciated by the Community and our Church Groups alike', but more importantly, 'that our church (i.e. the people) has very many hard working people who are using their time and talents to ensure that our Church life continues as it should.

As a Church, we have been in 'Vacancy' for over three months now, but thanks to so many people using their God given talents, resources and time, our church life continues, largely without interruption.

Indeed even new initiatives, have been undertaken, for example, the Missions Saturday Jumble Sale. It was well organized, and being supported by the congregation and community, it was very successful.

Other regular church ministries, including our Sunday services, kids church, Youth Group, 2 course Tuesday, Mainly Music, Rest home services, Missionary Support and ongoing Pastoral care etc, to name but a few, continue through our various folk working in these and other areas.

While we may have been without our 'Ordained Minister', many have continued to serve each other and the Community through recognizing that we are all 'Ministers' when we use the gifts and talents that God has given us, in accordance with Gods will.

Thank You all, on behalf of Session, for remembering this concept of 'Every member ministry' May we all be encouraged as the body of Christ, to develop and grow in our gifts and in our service of God and one another in the days to come.

Romans Ch 12 Vs 5. "so in Christ we who are many form one body and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts according to the grace given to

	us. Blessings	CHURCH SERVANTS FOR 21st August 10am Combined Service	
	Paul Johnstone	Elder on Duty: Stewart B Welcome: Bev C & Alistair S Prayers: Jeanette T Soup & Bun Lunch	Manager on Duty: Ross H Music team: Trish C Readings: Ross Church Cleaning: Phyllis S & Jan S
Donations can be made electronically to the church's bank account number:			

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# JONAH WHALE" OF A TIME!



August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 5-7pm Cromwell Presbyterian Church

DONATIONS/ KOHA WELCOME - INCLUDES A MEAL

Please book@ www.cromchurch.co.nz (before August 10th, 2022)



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Session Clerk: Barbara Carston 027 445 3415



**Cromwell & Districts** Presbyterian Church

Sunday 14th August 2022

SPEAKER: Peter Eaton

**SERMON:** The Blessings of Obedient Love

READING: John 14:22-31



"Anyone who loves Me will obey My teaching. My Father will love them, and We will come to them and make Our home with them." John 14:23