

Cromwell & Districts Presbyterian Church

Sunday 16th August 2026

Speaker: Reece Frith

Sermon: "Gideon – Losing the Plot "

Readings: Judges 8:4-21



**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 8:4-21

⁴ Gideon and his three hundred men, exhausted yet keeping up the pursuit, came to the Jordan and crossed it. ⁵ He said to the men of Sukkoth, "Give my troops some bread; they are worn out, and I am still pursuing Zebah and Zalmunna, the kings of Midian."

⁶ But the officials of Sukkoth said, "Do you already have the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna in your possession, that we should give bread to your troops?"

⁷ Then Gideon replied, "Just for that, when the Lord has given Zebah and Zalmunna into my hand, I will tear your flesh with desert thorns and briers."

⁸ From there he went up to Peniel and made the same request of them, but they answered as the men of Sukkoth had. ⁹ So he said to the men of Peniel, "When I return in triumph, I will tear down this tower."

¹⁰ Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor with a force of about fifteen thousand men, all that were left of the armies of the eastern peoples; a hundred and twenty thousand swordsmen had fallen. ¹¹ Gideon went up by the route of the nomads east of Nobah and Jogbehah and attacked the unsuspecting army. ¹² Zebah and Zalmunna, the two kings of Midian, fled, but he pursued them and captured them, routing their entire army.

¹³ Gideon son of Joash then returned from the battle by the Pass of Heres. ¹⁴ He caught a young man of Sukkoth and questioned him, and the young man wrote down for him the names of the seventy-seven officials of Sukkoth, the elders of the town. ¹⁵ Then Gideon came and said to the men of Sukkoth, "Here are Zebah and Zalmunna, about whom you taunted me by saying, 'Do you already have the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna in your possession, that we should give bread to your exhausted men?'" ¹⁶ He took the elders of the town and taught the men of Sukkoth a lesson by punishing them with desert thorns and briers. ¹⁷ He also pulled down the tower of Peniel and killed the men of the town.

¹⁸ Then he asked Zebah and Zalmunna, "What kind of men did you kill at Tabor?"

"Men like you," they answered, "each one with the bearing of a prince."

¹⁹ Gideon replied, "Those were my brothers, the sons of my own mother. As surely as

the Lord lives, if you had spared their lives, I would not kill you.” ²⁰Turning to Jether, his oldest son, he said, “Kill them!” But Jether did not draw his sword, because he was only a boy and was afraid.

²¹ Zebah and Zalmunna said, “Come, do it yourself. ‘As is the man, so is his strength.’” So Gideon stepped forward and killed them, and took the ornaments off their camels’ necks.

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.

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 anyone, 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.

*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*



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.

Notes

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

Two Course Tuesday

Cromwell Presbyterian Church
10 Elspeth Street
Cromwell



\$15

12pm

Tuesday, 25th August 2026



To register email: office@cromchurch.co.nz before 12 noon
the day before or phone 03 445 3078 and leave a message

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

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9am-2:30pm .

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