



Cromwell & Districts Presbyterian Church

Sunday 26th July 2026

Speaker: Reece Frith

Sermon: "Gideon – Back Yard Obedience"

Readings: Judges 6:25-32



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

Cromwell Presbyterian Church



SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST 5-7PM
INCLUDES A MEAL!

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APPRECIATED

PLEASE RSVP TO
MESSYCHURCH4CROMWELL@GMAIL.COM



OUR ANNUAL LIGHT PARTY IS FAST
APPROACHING, IF YOU HAVE A CREATIVE
EYE WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO HELP WITH
THE DECORATING OF THE CHURCH FOR
THIS EVENT!

GET IN TOUCH WITH EMILY IF KEEN

CREATIVE

Team

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

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.

Two Course Tuesday

Next Two Course Tuesday meal is on
Tuesday 28th 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.

Judges 6:25-32

²⁵ That same night the Lord said to him, “Take the second bull from your father’s herd, the one seven years old. Tear down your father’s altar to Baal and cut down the Asherah pole beside it. ²⁶ Then build a proper kind of^l altar to the Lord your God on the top of this height. Using the wood of the Asherah pole that you cut down, offer the second bull as a burnt offering.”

²⁷ So Gideon took ten of his servants and did as the Lord told him. But because he was afraid of his family and the townspeople, he did it at night rather than in the daytime.

²⁸ In the morning when the people of the town got up, there was Baal’s altar, demolished, with the Asherah pole beside it cut down and the second bull sacrificed on the newly built altar!

²⁹ They asked each other, “Who did this?”

When they carefully investigated, they were told, “Gideon son of Joash did it.”

³⁰ The people of the town demanded of Joash, “Bring out your son. He must die, because he has broken down Baal’s altar and cut down the Asherah pole beside it.”

³¹ But Joash replied to the hostile crowd around him, “Are you going to plead Baal’s cause? Are you trying to save him? Whoever fights for him shall be put to death by morning! If Baal really is a god, he can defend himself when someone breaks down his altar.” ³² So because Gideon broke down Baal’s altar, they gave him the name Jerub-Baal that day, saying, “Let Baal contend with him.”



**Update from Tim & Sarah and
girls,
serving in South East Asia
(See our Missions Noticeboard)**

"We have now been here for 18 months or so. We're grateful to God for the people he has placed in our path - landlords, teachers, local pastors, team members, university staff.

We have just had the chance to get away for a training conference with our sending organisation and a short break alongside that recently.

The groundwater research project Tim is involved in is going well, although it has had plenty of challenges of course. Sarah finds great joy in helping at the school our children attend, which relies on volunteers to keep the program varied and to prevent burnout of the full time staff. Long term sustainability of this small school is a real challenge for everyone given the requirements the govt places on posts there.

Both of us feel really privileged to be able to walk alongside the young people in our fellowship in different ways.

A few weeks ago we were able to help some leaders to organise a community clean up above the river near our house, bringing together youth from four churches. Pray that it will have a lasting impact, and especially that it will help the small church that's in the area we were working to reach their local community.

For more details, email us at zestaotearoa@gmail.com to get our monthly newsletters

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

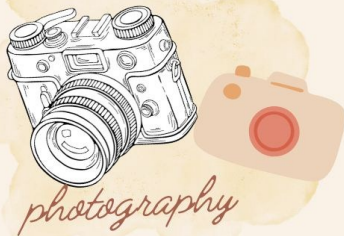
Did you know you can access prayer support in various ways in church? If and when you would like someone to pray with you or for you, you can

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.

Sharing Hobbies & Crafts



Saturday 1st August 2026
10am - 4pm
Cromwell Presbyterian Church
Gymnasium



A gold coin
donation would
be appreciated



Help...

We seem to be missing some bits and pieces from the kitchen.

Do you have any pots, platters, dishes, ramekins etc that belong to the church lurking in your cupboards?

Maybe you have taken food home on them and forgotten to bring them back.



CHURCH SERVANTS FOR 2nd August 2026

Elder on Duty: Linda L

Manager on Duty: Peter L

9AM SERVICE

Welcome: Jim H

Welcome MT: Kay F

Prayers: Sandra H

Readings: Bette C

Music: Helen H

Morning tea: Lesley M & Lynne A

10:30AM SERVICE

Welcome: Pam K

Welcome MT: Joy & John McD

Prayers: Marie S

Readings: Lynley B

Music: Ann D

Church cleaning: Suzy & Peter W

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

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