



**Cromwell & Districts**

**Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday 10th May 2026**

**Speaker: Reece Frith**

**Sermon: "Repent!"**

**Readings: Matthew 3:1 – 12; & Mark 1:14-15**



Remember all of our church services & notices are on our  
website: [www.cromchurch.co.nz](http://www.cromchurch.co.nz)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### **Praying For Others**

Mondays, 7pm at the church

Everyone is welcome

Enquiries to Marie 445 1814

### **Know Your Bible Ladies Group**

Enquiries to Lesley 445 3122

### **Friday Ladies Bible Study/Home Group**

Friday's at 10.30am

Enquiries to Sandy 021 057 3772

### **Abide and Grow Study Group**

Friday's 10.30am

at the church

### **Ladies Bible Study**

Wednesday's at 9.45am

Enquiries to Edith 445 1340

### **Standing Pilates with Shirley & Joan**

Monday's at 9.30am

Monday 20th April

### **Mainly Music**

Tuesday's at 10am

### **Youth Group**

Wednesday's at 6.30pm

Enquiries to Trish 027 442 4992

## 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.

## Readings

### **Matthew 3:1-12**

**3** In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea <sup>2</sup> and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup> This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.’”

<sup>4</sup> John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup> Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup> And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup> The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup> “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

### **Mark 1:14-15**

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

# Two Course Tuesday

Cromwell Presbyterian Church  
10 Elspeth Street  
Cromwell



**\$15**

**12pm**

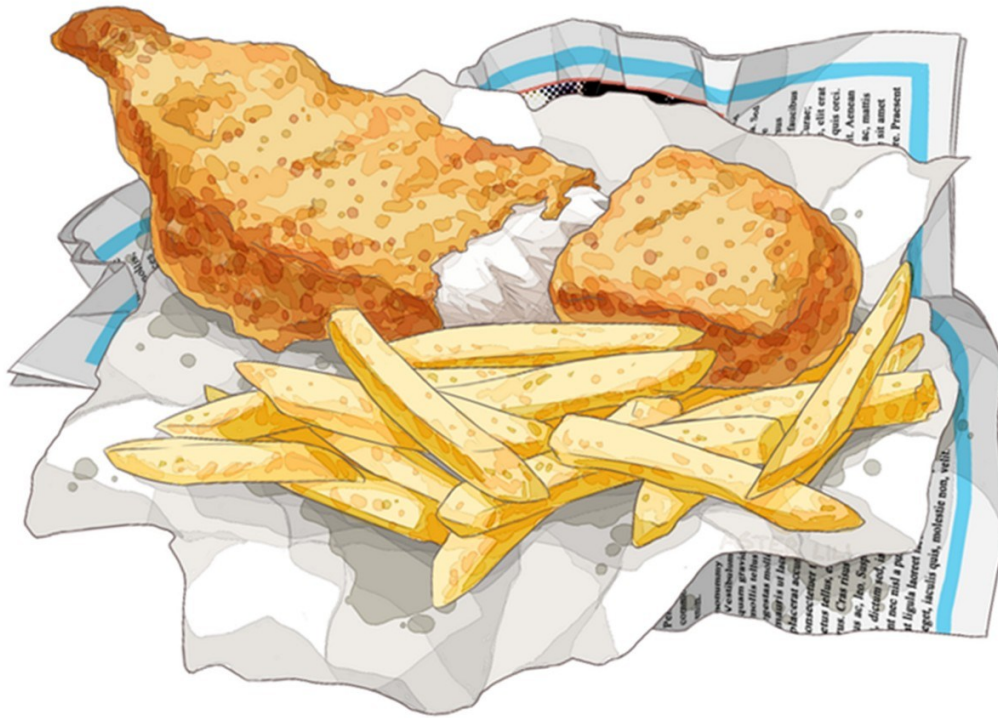
**Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026**



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

# Missions Fish n Chip Tea

Friday 15th May 6pm  
onwards at Harringtons



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

With special VIP guests Malcolm & Sandy Potter giving a final update before they go to Thailand

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

- 445 3364; 027 544 8842.

Recharge Worship Service

# SURRENDERED

SUNDAY 31ST MAY @ 7.00PM  
LOWBURN ROOM

Come along to a service of  
Worship & Reflection





# Training Event

## CROMWELL



16 May 2026

9.30am - 3.00pm

Cromwell Presbyterian Church

10 Elspeth street, Cromwell

\$20 p/person

LUNCH: Bring your own

Morning and Afternoon tea provided

REGISTER  
NOW

[www.messychurch.nz](http://www.messychurch.nz)

JOIN US

**MESSY CHURCH SESSION**

**SATURDAY 4-6PM**

Invite your friends and family to experience  
Messy Church!

Any questions:

Mandi Geustyn ([mandi@messychurch.nz](mailto:mandi@messychurch.nz))





16 May 2026

4-6 pm

Cromwell Presbyterian Church

10 Elspeth street, Cromwell

Please let us know you're coming!

[mandi@messychurch.nz](mailto:mandi@messychurch.nz)



**JOIN US AND**

**EXPERIENCE**

**MESSY CHURCH!**

**All ages welcome!**

Parents must accompany their children.



**Includes a meal**

**Koha appreciated**



# Messy<sup>®</sup> Church



## JOIN OUR TEAM!



creativity

hospitality

Christ-centered

celebration

all-age



SPEAK WITH EMILY OR JAN IF INTERESTED

**Men of the Word - Men's Conference**

Saturday 16th May 2026

Calvin Community Church, Gore

Tickets \$45 each at [www.southernchristianconference.co.nz](http://www.southernchristianconference.co.nz) click on  
'Get Tickets'

Let Jim H know if you are going as he is arranging transport if you wish to  
carpool.

Contact Jim for more info on 027 544 8842

**Big Change 4 Small People**

April's collection went towards the work Youngs left behind in Malawi -  
printing Sunday School Teacher lesson books in the local language.

May'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.

(Is 55:11 - My word that proceeds from My mouth will not return to Me  
empty, but it will accomplish what I please).

**IGNITE THE TRUTH**

Come Join Us

**Sunday 10th May**

7pm

Judy & Mervyn Mitchell's Home

15 Carlow Place

Phone 027 226 3069 for more information.

## **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.

## **Two Course Tuesday Helpers**

If you would like to be added to our list of helpers who help with setting up, breaking down, cleaning up, serving etc at our fortnightly Two Course Tuesday's then please let us know.

You can do this by emailing Nicola office@cromchurch.co.nz or by contacting Linda Lamb 0204 143 4638

**Notes**

## CHURCH SERVANTS FOR 17th May 2026

Elder on Duty: Stewart B

Manager on Duty: Carl G

### **9AM SERVICE**

### **10:30AM SERVICE**

Welcome: Sandra H

Welcome: Pam K

Welcome MT: Kay F

Welcome MT: Sandy P

Prayers: Edith: Sandra H

Prayers: Marie S

Readings: Edith G

Readings: Lianca G

Music: Helen H

Music: Murray R

Morning tea: Pauline C & Merle R

Church cleaning: Kate & Lindsay 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

### **Contacts:**

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

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