

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Praying For Others

Mondays, 7pm at the church
Enquiries to Marie 445 1814

Ladies Bible Study

In recess until Wednesday 1st May
Enquiries to Edith 445 1340

KYB Ladies Group

Enquiries to Lesley 445 3122

Youth Group

In recess until Wednesday 1st May

Standing Pilates with Shirley & Joan

In recess until Monday 29th April

Mainly Music

10am Tuesdays during School Term

Message from Board of Managers

The church has received a letter of resignation from Nicola, our amazing administrator. We are sad but grateful for the tremendous work she has accomplished in just over five years of service as administrator. Her last day will be 31 May. Nicola has said she and Richard are setting off on a new adventure and we wish them well with God's richest blessings.

Lindsay Borrie for Board of Managers

Two Course Tuesday's—Helpers Required

See the whiteboard in the foyer and pop your name in a space that you feel that you can help with. You do not need to be available for every time. Your assistance would be appreciated.

Church Membership

Are you interested in becoming a member of our church family? A key part of membership is being able to participate in major decision-making processes of our Church life.

If you have been a member of another church family and wish to formalise being part of this Parish, this is the time to do so. Please contact Tony.

Big Change 4 Small People

March's collection went to help the work the Potters are involved in, in Thailand. April's collection is going to 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. Please continue to uphold this work in your prayers.

From The Ministers Desk

It is wonderful to be back in the parish after a very happy and busy time visiting my daughter Rachel and her family in Burleigh Waters, Gold Coast. We are now in the fourth Sunday of Eastertide where we continue to reflect on the resurrection of Jesus.

The disciples of Jesus were taken off guard by his arrest and his death. They spent the day after he died alone, scattered, confused and grieving. They were defeated.

These men would go on to be bold defenders of the Christian message. Jesus had 12 close followers who are often referred to as his "disciples." One of these men, Judas, had betrayed Jesus and killed himself afterward. The other eleven witnessed Jesus alive. Ten of them were eventually killed for testifying that Jesus lived, and the eleventh was exiled and imprisoned.

We should ask, what would cause this group of scared and discouraged men to suddenly change? They persisted even as they faced the choice of renouncing their message and admitting it was a lie or giving up their lives. They chose death.

The only explanation for such a change of attitude is that they believed with confidence that they had witnessed Jesus alive and well following his crucifixion and that the truth that he was alive was worth dying for.

Not one of them renounced his testimony during his lifetime. Why would so many men die for something that they knew is not true? The only reasonable conclusion is that it is true.

Blessings
Tony

CHURCH SERVANTS FOR 28th April 2024

Elder on Duty: Stewart B

Manager on Duty: Ross H

9AM SERVICE

Welcome: John T

Prayers: Stewart B

Readings: Dorothy M

Music: Trevor M

Morning tea: Leslie M & Diane W

10:30AM SERVICE

Welcome: Bev C

Prayers: Cathy M

Readings: Cathy M

Music: Ann D

Church cleaning: Suzy & Peter W

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

Donations can be made electronically to the church's bank account number:
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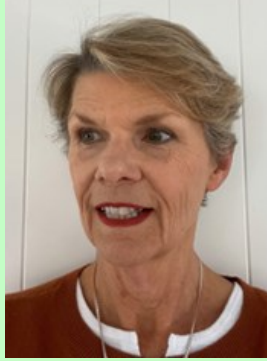
**Cromwell & Districts Presbyterian Church
Notice of Congregational Meetings
at the conclusion of
9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Services,
Sunday 28th April 2024
To Elect 3 Elders**



Sandra Hunter



Aisea Ma



Ann Davis

There are copies of the full bio available at the church or email office@cromchurch to request an emailed copy.

Note—voting will be on Sunday 28th April after each service. You will need to be at either service to vote.

There will be no proxy or early voting.

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**Cromwell & Districts
Presbyterian
Church**

Sunday 21st April 2024

SPEAKER: Tony Martin

SERMON: Faith & The Interplay of Reason & Revelation

READINGS: Acts 5:27-32; Revelation 1:4-8 &
John 20:19-31

FAITH AND THE INTERPLAY OF



REASON AND REVELATION

Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." John 20:27