



Cromwell & Districts

Presbyterian Church

Sunday 12th July 2026

Speaker: Reece Frith

**Sermon: The Bible – Strange but True
“A History of Violence”**

Readings: Joshua 10: 28 & 11: 12-15

Judges 3: 12-23 & 4: 16-22

2 Samuel: 10: 9-10



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

& WONDERFUL

GIVE
THANKS

Combined class
School Holidays
Program

'I AM SECURE'
5TH, 12TH & 19TH
JULY



Kids Church
MOVIE
DAY



parents welcome



JULY 15TH
WEDNESDAY | 10.30AM- 12.30PM
52 ERRIS STREET, OLD CROMWELL

Text Emily 0212574256 or email
kidschurch4cromwell@gmail.com
[Some snacks provided]

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

On recess until Friday 24th July

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

On recess until Wednesday 22nd July

Enquiries to Edith 445 1340

Standing Pilates with Shirley & Joan

On recess until Monday 20th July

Mainly Music

On recess until Tuesday 21st July

Youth Group

On recess until Wednesday 22nd July

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.

Missions Fish n Chip Tea – Friday 17th July 6pm onwards at Harringtons

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

With special guest speakers Paul & Jocelyn Johnstone, updating us just before they leave for Zambia and Liberia a couple of days later. Plus Judy & Mervyn Mitchell will share about their involvement with Bridges for Peace in Israel. 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 - 027 544 8842.

Readings

.Joshua 10:28

²⁸ That day Joshua took Makkedah. He put the city and its king to the sword and totally destroyed everyone in it. He left no survivors. And he did to the king of Makkedah as he had done to the king of Jericho.

Joshua 11:12-15

¹² Joshua took all these royal cities and their kings and put them to the sword. He totally destroyed them, as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded. ¹³ Yet Israel did not burn any of the cities built on their mounds—except Hazor, which Joshua burned. ¹⁴ The Israelites carried off for themselves all the plunder and livestock of these cities, but all the people they put to the sword until they completely destroyed them, not sparing anyone that breathed. ¹⁵ As the LORD commanded his servant Moses, so Moses commanded Joshua, and Joshua did it; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses.

Judges 3:12-23

¹² Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD, and because they did this evil the LORD gave Eglon king of Moab power over Israel. ¹³ Getting the Ammonites and Amalekites to join him, Eglon came and attacked Israel, and they took possession of the City of Palms.^[a] ¹⁴ The Israelites were subject to Eglon king of Moab for eighteen years. ¹⁵ Again the Israelites cried out to the LORD, and he gave them a deliverer—Ehud, a left-handed man, the son of Gera the Benjamite. The Israelites sent him with tribute to Eglon king of Moab. ¹⁶ Now Ehud had made a double-edged sword about a cubit^[b] long, which he strapped to his right thigh under his clothing. ¹⁷ He presented the tribute to Eglon king of Moab, who was a very fat man. ¹⁸ After Ehud had presented the tribute, he sent on their way those who had carried it. ¹⁹ But on reaching the stone images near Gilgal he himself went back to Eglon and said, “Your Majesty, I have a secret message for you.” The king said to his attendants, “Leave us!” And they all left. ²⁰ Ehud then approached him while he was sitting alone in the upper room of his palace^[c] and said, “I have a message from God for you.” As the king rose from his seat, ²¹ Ehud reached with his left hand, drew the sword from his right thigh and plunged it into the king’s belly. ²² Even the handle sank in after the blade, and his bowels discharged. Ehud did not pull the sword out, and the fat closed in over it. ²³ Then Ehud went out to the porch^[d]; he shut the doors of the upper room behind him and locked them.

Judges 4:16-22

¹⁶ Barak pursued the chariots and army as far as Harosheth Haggoyim, and all Sisera’s troops fell by the sword; not a man was left. ¹⁷ Sisera, meanwhile, fled on foot to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, because there was a¹⁸ Jael went out to meet Sisera and said to him, “Come, my lord, come right in. Don’t be afraid.” So he entered her tent, and she covered him with a blanket. n alliance between Jabin king of Hazor and the family of Heber the Kenite. ¹⁹ “I’m thirsty,” he said. “Please give me some water.” She opened a skin of milk, gave him a drink, and covered him up.

²⁰ “Stand in the doorway of the tent,” he told her. “If someone comes by and asks you, ‘Is anyone in there?’ say ‘No.’” ²¹ But Jael, Heber’s wife, picked up a tent peg and a hammer and went quietly to him while he lay fast asleep, exhausted. She drove the peg through his temple into the ground, and he died. ²² Just then Barak came by in pursuit of Sisera, and Jael went out to meet him. “Come,” she said, “I will show you the man you’re looking for.” So he went in with her, and there lay Sisera with the tent peg through his temple—dead.

2 Samuel 10:9-10

⁹ Joab saw that there were battle lines in front of him and behind him; so he selected some of the best troops in Israel and deployed them against the Arameans. ¹⁰ He put the rest of the men under the command of Abishai his brother and deployed them against the Ammonites.

IGNITE THE TRUTH

Sunday 12th July

(Tonight) 7 pm

Judy & Mervyn Mitchell's Home

15 Carlow Place

Phone 027 226 3069 for more information.

Two Course Tuesday

Next Two Course Tuesday meal is on
Tuesday 14th 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.

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.

EVERGREEN SERVICE

2ND TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH
AT 10.45 AM

Tuesday 14th July

Sharing Hobbies & Crafts



arts & crafts



Lego



*patch
working*

Saturday 1st August 2026

10am - 2pm

**Cromwell Presbyterian Church
Gymnasium**



photography



stamp collecting



models

CHURCH SERVANTS FOR 19th July 2026

Elder on Duty: Ann D

Manager on Duty: Kiaran M

9AM SERVICE

10:30AM SERVICE

Welcome: Alistair S

Welcome: Jim H

Welcome MT: Sandra H

Welcome MT: Martin U

Prayers: Jeanette T

Prayers: Jim H

Readings: Jeanette T

Readings: Alexa W

Music: Gill S

Music: Anna W

Morning tea: Pauline C & Lyn D

Church cleaning: Anna & Blair 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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Newsletter items by **9am Thursday**, please.