Cromwell & Districts Presbyterian Church

Sunday 22nd November 2026

Speaker: Reece Frith

Title: “Taking A Stand”

Readings: Judges 15:1-17



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

AFFIRM SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28TH, 2026

9am - 4 pm $25 per person (includes lunch)

Keynote Speaker + Workshops

Cromwell Presbyterian Church
10 Elspeth St, Cromwell

Keynote Speaker:
Henare Whaanga

Henare Whaanga is the Wellington Regional Director of Thinking Matters.

Henare has a passion for Christian apologetics and has appeared on Shine Television and Life FM. He has a heart for helping Christians to engage well with Te Ao Maori (Maori worldview) from a Biblical perspective.
Henare will help us engage with cultural practices in a way that keeps Christ at the centre.

Register here:

Or email
office@cromchurch.co.nz

Conference Workshops

Peter Cheyne- “Using AI For The Kingdom of God: Possibilities and practical examples”

Rev. Dr Stuart Lange – “Church Renewal”

Aaron Johnstone – “Church Planting and the Hawea Story”

Possible option if interest is shown - Reece Frith – “Lay Preachers – An Interactive Discussion Around the Challenges and Potential of Lay Preaching”

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Praying For Others
Monday's 7pm at the church
Enquiries to Marie 03 445 1814

Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday's, 9.45am at the Church
Enquiries to Edith 03 445 1340

Know Your Bible Ladies Group
Enquiries to Lesley 03 445 3122

Standing Pilates with Shirley & Joan
Monday's, 9.30am at the church

Tuesday Evenig Home Group
Enquiries to June 0272 487 563

Mainly Music
Tuesday's, 10am during term time

Abide & Grow Study Group
Friday's, 10.30am at the Church
Enquiries to Anna 022 109 7475

Youth Group
Wednesday's, 6.30pm
Enquiries to Trish 027 442 4992

Ignite The Truth Home Group
2nd Sunday of the month @ 7pm
Enquiries to Judy 027 226 3036

Friday Ladies Home Study Group
Friday's at 10am
Enquiries to Sandy 021 057 3772
or Ann-Marie 021 0388 912

Mens Study Group
Wednesday's, 7pm at the church
Enquiries to Peter 027 678 6279

Big Change 4 Small People

November's collection is going to help some of the Roma children the Hansen family were working with in Hungary - in particular those involved in the Szelkút Church Planting Ministry. At the beginning of this year, four of these children accepted Jesus as their Savior and a recent summer camp also provided opportunities to share the gospel with these children. Please continue to pray for 'planted seeds to grow and produce fruit' in these young ones.

Readings

Judges 15:1-17

1 Later on, at the time of wheat harvest, Samson took a
young goat and went to visit his wife. He said, “I’m going to
my wife’s room.” But her father would not let him go in.
2 “I was so sure you hated her,” he said, “that I gave her to
your companion. Isn’t her younger sister more attractive?
Take her instead.”
3 Samson said to them, “This time I have a right to get even
with the Philistines; I will really harm them.” 4 So he went out
and caught three hundred foxes and tied them tail to tail in
pairs. He then fastened a torch to every pair of tails, 5 lit the
torches and let the foxes loose in the standing grain of the
Philistines. He burned up the shocks and standing grain,
together with the vineyards and olive groves.
6 When the Philistines asked, “Who did this?” they were told,
“Samson, the Timnite’s son-in-law, because his wife was
given to his companion.”
So the Philistines went up and burned her and her father to
death. 7 Samson said to them, “Since you’ve acted like this, I
swear that I won’t stop until I get my revenge on you.” 8 He
attacked them viciously and slaughtered many of them. Then
he went down and stayed in a cave in the rock of Etam.
9 The Philistines went up and camped in Judah, spreading out
near Lehi. 10 The people of Judah asked, “Why have you come
to fight us?”
“We have come to take Samson prisoner,” they answered, “to
do to him as he did to us.”
11 Then three thousand men from Judah went down to the

cave in the rock of Etam and said to Samson, “Don’t you realize that the Philistines are rulers over us? What have you done to us?”
He answered, “I merely did to them what they did to me.”
12 They said to him, “We’ve come to tie you up and hand you over to the Philistines.”
Samson said, “Swear to me that you won’t kill me yourselves.”
13 “Agreed,” they answered. “We will only tie you up and hand you over to them. We will not kill you.” So they bound him with two new ropes and led him up from the rock. 14 As he approached Lehi, the Philistines came toward him shouting. The Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon him. The ropes on his arms became like charred flax, and the bindings dropped from his hands. 15 Finding a fresh jawbone of a donkey, he grabbed it and struck down a thousand men.
16 Then Samson said,
“With a donkey’s jawbone
I have made donkeys of them.
With a donkey’s jawbone
I have killed a thousand men.”
17 When he finished speaking, he threw away the jawbone; and the place was called Ramath Lehi.

Movie & Craft Helpers

If you are able to volunteer some time on Saturday 5th December to help children make Christmas Crafts or with the Nativity Movie then pop your name onto the clipboard in the foyer at a time that works for you.

Are you willing to host Mary and Joseph for a night over Advent?

Mary and Joseph will be making their way to the manger on Christmas Eve via the people of Cromwell Presbyterian.

After hosting overnight Mary and Joseph are taken to the recipients the next day.

If you would like to do so please add your name to the list in the foyer.

For more details please have a chat to Reece.



What is grief?
How do we cope in our loss?
What does the Bible say about grief and how can it help us?

Small Group Discussions

An interactive discussion exploring the journey of grief, taken by a **trained counsellor/facilitator**.

Date: Thursday, 3rd December
Time: 6:45 pm – 9:00 pm
Location: Cromwell Presbyterian
10 Elspeth Street, Cromwell
Coffee supplied
Questions or queries please text June: 027 248 7563

Youth Pastor

Feel called to serve in a Christ-centred ministry for the long haul? Are you passionate about working with youth of a range of ages and cultures? Will you show leadership and co-create programmes tailored to the local community's needs through Scripture and the Holy Spirit's guidance? Would you welcome the support of an established team of volunteers to augment your leadership in this role.
Gather` Grow` `Go! Is the vision for this ministry: through positive relationships, shared experiences, exploring faith, growing together in maturity, and going in mission.
Cromwell Presbyterian Church is seeking a Youth Pastor for 25 hrs per week.
To express your genuine interest and obtain a fuller job description email: office@cromchurch.co.nz

Children's Ministry Coordinator Update

From February 5th, 2027 Emily will be taking maternity leave. As this is a key ministry we are seeking someone to fill this position on a short-term contract basis.

Please talk to Reece or Barbara if you are interested and for more details.

Two Course Tuesday

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

$15 per person

Cromwell Presybterian Church

12pm Tuesday 8th December

RSVP to Nicola in the office before
12noon Monday 7th December.
email: office@cromchurch.co.nz
or phone 03 445 3078

Christmas Carol Singing 4th & 5th December - Expressions of Interest

We are looking for anyone interested in joining a group to sing Christmas carols at churhc as part of our 'Christmas Celebration' when we Bless our community with an 'all free Cafe, and Crafts & Movie' for children and families.
The proposed times are:

* Friday 4th December - afternoon
* Saturday 5th December 1 morning & 1 afternoon session

We'll be singing for approximately 30 minutes at each performance for members of the community who come along to enjoy the Christmas Crafts, Movie and Baking.

You're very welcome to join us for all or just some of the sessions - whatever suits!

I you're interested in being parrt of the Christmas Carol singing group, please get in touch with Victoria Mitchell on 020 4093 4255

SIM Mission Invitation

You are invited to SIM NZ's 100th anniversary celebration dinner to celebrate God's faithfulness through SIM NZ. We will honour those who have gone before us, give thanks for the many lives touched through mission, and look ahead with hope to God's ongoing work among the nations.

Where: Calvin Community Church, 25 Robertson Street, Gore, Saturday 28 Nov at 5:45pm; Price: $50 pp - Register for the dinner at sim.org.nz or see Jim Harrington

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- AFFIRM Conference - Saturday 28th November. Remember to register

- Combined Church Service at 10am - Sunday 29th November

- Christmas Cafe, Crafts and Movies are coming in the first week of December. Pop your name on a time that works for you to help

- Tuesday 8th December - Last Evergreen Service for the year

- Tuesday 8th December - Two Course Tuesday Christmas Lunch at 12 noon

- Sunday 13th December - Childrens Celebration Service

CHURCH SERVANTS FOR 29th November 2026

Elder on Duty: Mervyn M **Manager on Duty:** Christine H

10.00am Service

Welcome: Mervyn M
Welcome MT: Raewyn U
Prayers: Mark D
Readings: Jenna E
Music: Ann D
Morning Tea: Sandy P & Lyn D
Church Cleaning: Anna & Blair W

If you are unable to serve, please arrange a swap and advidse 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 Presbyterain Chruch**
- Account number: 02 0920 0013787 00
- Reference: Tithes for Offerings os **BC4SP** for Big Change 4 Small People

Contacts

Minister: Rev Reece Frith Mobile: 021 112 4035
Email: minister.cromchurch@gmail.com
Session Clerk: Barbara Carston
Email: sessionclerk.cromchurch@gmail.com Mobile: 027 445 3415
Church Office: Administrator: Nicola Clark Phone: 03 445 3078
Postal: 10 Elspeth Street
PO Box 100, Cromwell
Email: office@cromchurch.co.nz Website: www.cromchurch.co.nz

Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9am - 2.30pm
Newsletter items by 9am Thursday please.