

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Praying for Others

Monday evening 7pm
Enquiries: Marie, 445 1814

Mainly Music

Restarting 3rd May. Enquiries;
mainlymusic4cromwell@gmail.com

Stretching Exercises for Seniors

Monday's at 9.30am in the Auditorium.

Blokes Breakfast

On hold over holidays
Enquiries Jim 027 544 8842

Ladies Bible Study at Church

On holiday. Resumes 5th May
Enquiries: Edith 445 1340

Know Your Bible Ladies Group

On hold over the holidays
Enquiries: Lesley 445 3122

Youth Group

On hold over the holidays
Enquiries: Trish 027 442 4992

Important Congregational Notice

A Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday May 8th 2022 at the conclusion of our 10 a.m. Combined Service to elect 4 members of the Congregation to a Ministry Settlement Board (MSB). The meeting and the Settlement Board will be chaired by Rev Ian Hyslop from the Upper Clutha Parish. The MSB will include the Interim Moderator, Rev Andrew Howley (from Alexandra), Mrs Vicki Paulin, an elder from Wanaka and 2 members appointed by Cromwell Session, Barbara Carston & Paul Johnstone.

The functions of the Settlement Board include reviewing the life of the congregation, confirming the 'terms of call', seeking Presbytery approval to proceed to call a minister, preparing a Parish profile which will include the qualities, skills and gifts required for the next ministry and then getting on with the process of finding a new minister for Cromwell & Districts Presbyterian Church. This will take a number of months.

If you are considering nominating someone then please seek their permission prior to the meeting.

Members and Associate Members are eligible to vote.

Big Change 4 Small People—a note from the Muirs in Zambia

April's collection is going to the Muirs in Zambia. Every few months the church they are part of puts on a kids outreach event. There was a big Christmas outreach and more recently a crafts event. On the 16th of April there is a kids sports outreach.

These events go the whole day and kids come from all over the city. They do fun stuff, the Gospel is shared, and of course all are fed. "It would be a huge blessing to put the milk powder money towards food expenses - the budget is very low and us Sunday school teachers often pick up the leftover bills ourselves. Thank you"!

From the Minister's Desk

A big thank you to the Easter Trail team who worked so hard to have the stations up and running for Holy Week. They were so creative! During the week from my desk I could see people here and there moving around the stations. Riponburn retirement village brought a van and carload through and I know others have received positive feedback from the community. There are a few improvements and new ideas percolating around, which all bodes well for next year's trail. Also, if you're wondering, the three large crosses will be up till Pentecost.

When I was praying about what to preach as my time here draws to a close, the topic of unity kept coming to mind. Jesus prayed for unity in his last prayer for his disciples, it is stressed in the New Testament letters and fulfilled in the book of Revelation. On top of this, Satan knows disunity makes it easy to divide, conquer and even destroy a local church. And in these pandemic times unity in local churches has been pushed to breaking point. So, this morning, in light of covid, we'll explore how to be united in a way that honours God - even if we don't agree with each other. It may sound impossible, but the Bible demonstrates that unity is possible, even under extreme pressures, as we allow the Holy Spirit to guide and direct.

Blessings, Douglas

CHURCH SERVANTS FOR 1st May

10am Combined Service

Elder on Duty: Ann-Marie L

Manager on Duty: Ross H

Welcome: Alistair S

Prayers: Jeanette T

Readings: Alexa W

Music team: Murray R

Cuppa after Service: TBC

Church Cleaning: Ann-Marie & John L

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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MAINLY MUSIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
TUESDAYS STARTS MAY

MESSY CHURCH TEAM MEMBERS

KIDS CHURCH TEACHERS & HELPERS

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH
JAIMIE PHIPPS 021 298 8727
OR CONTACT
kidschurch4cromwell@gmail.com

"...we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord..." (Psalm 78:4)



Foodbank Donations

Donations may be left in the basket on the foyer table.

Non—perishable food like tinned fruit, baked beans, spaghetti, coffee & basic toiletries like toothpaste.

For monetary donations their account number is:
02-0920-0002340-00

These donations are all passed onto the Cromwell Foodbank and directly.

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

Newsletter items by **9am Thursday**, please - you may need to leave a message.

Session Clerk: Barbara Carston 027 445 3415



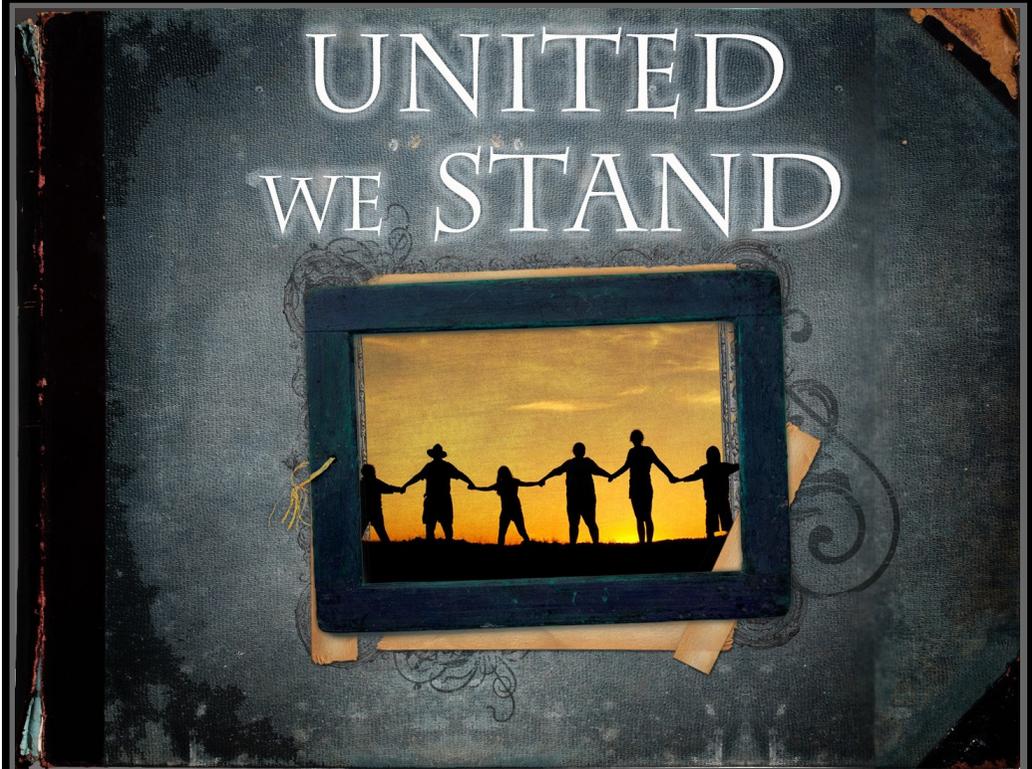
Cromwell & Districts Presbyterian Church

Sunday 24th April 2022

SPEAKER: Douglas Bradley

SERMON: United We Stand

READINGS: Romans 14:13-16; 1 Corinthians 8:4-9



For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God... Romans 14:17–18