



**Cromwell & Districts**

**Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday 7th June 2026**

**Speaker: Paul Johnstone**

**Sermon: "The Hallmarks of Grace"**

**Readings: Psalm 103:8-14; Matthew 18:21-35;  
& Ephesians 2:4-10**



**The Hallmarks of**

**GRACE**

**"For it is by Grace you have been saved"**

**Ephesians 2:8**

**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

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 Sandy 021 057 3772

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

Friday's 10.30am

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**

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

### **Tuesday Evening Home Group**

Enquiries to June 0272 487 563

## **IGNITE THE TRUTH**

Come Join Us

Sunday 14th June

7pm

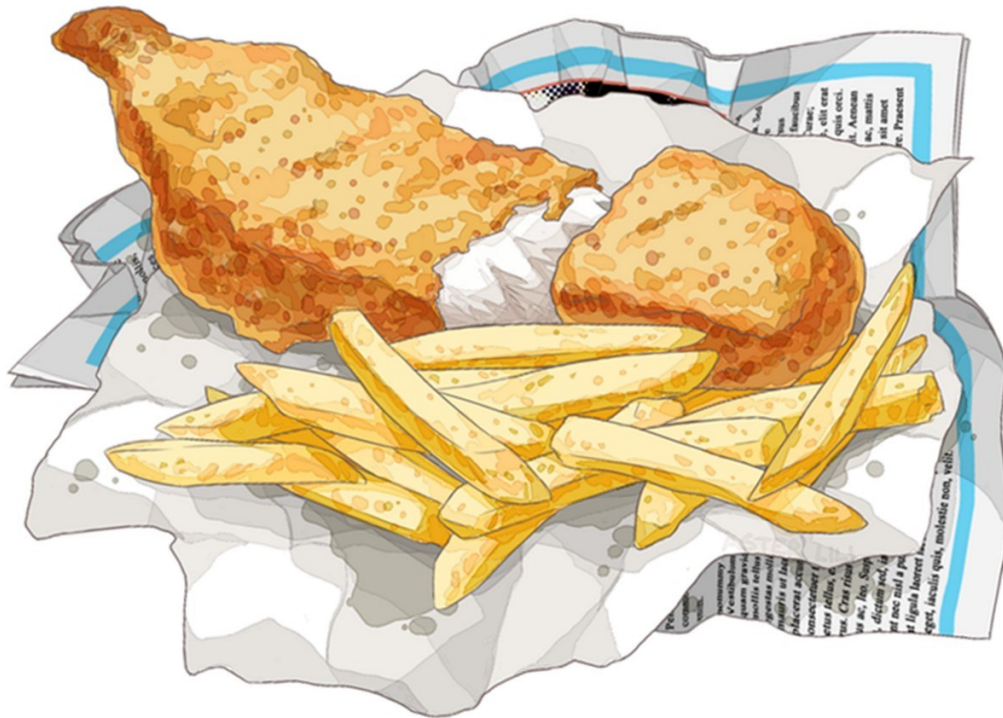
Judy & Mervyn Mitchell's Home

15 Carlow Place

Phone 027 226 3069 for more information.

# Missions Fish n Chip Tea

Friday 12th June 6pm  
onwards at Harringtons



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

With special guest **Clarissa Bochel** giving a final update before going to Thailand at the end of this month.

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.

## 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

# EVERGREEN SERVICE

2ND TUESDAY  
OF THE MONTH  
AT 10.45 AM

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June**



## **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

### **Psalm 103:8-14**

<sup>8</sup> The Lord is compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.

<sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse,  
nor will he harbor his anger forever;

<sup>10</sup> he does not treat us as our sins deserve  
or repay us according to our iniquities.

<sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his love for those who fear him;

<sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

<sup>13</sup> As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;

<sup>14</sup> for he knows how we are formed,  
he remembers that we are dust.

### **Matthew 18:21-35**

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup> “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. <sup>25</sup> Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

<sup>26</sup> “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ <sup>27</sup> The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

<sup>28</sup> “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins.<sup>1</sup> He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

<sup>29</sup> “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

<sup>30</sup> “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

<sup>32</sup> “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. <sup>33</sup> Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ <sup>34</sup> In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

<sup>35</sup> “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

## **Ephesians 2:4-10**

<sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

## Sermon Notes

\* The Grace of God is Undeserved.

Romans Ch 5 Vs 8 “While we were yet sinners Christ died for the ungodly”

\* The Grace of God is Unearnable.

Ephesians Ch 2 Vs 8-9 “For it is by Grace you have been saved through Faith, and this is not of yourselves. It is the gift of God, lest anyone should boast”

\* The Grace of God is Unrepayable.

Matt Ch 6. Vs 14-15 “For if you forgive others when they sin against you, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others, your Heavenly Father will not forgive your sins”

## Free Indeed

In out tattered rags He bids us come

Compassion on His face.

He sees our garments soiled by Sin

Yet he holds for us a place

We don't deserve His mercy, His Love we cannot earn.

And trying to repay, The debt He forgave

Is Just folly—we need to Learn.

For our Guilt will not condemn us,

As it's He who pleads our case.

Yes by Faith in Christ—we're free Indeed.

Through the wonder that is Grace.

## 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.

Also if you are new to us and would like to help in any way.

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.



## Two Course Tuesday

Next Two Course Tuesday meal is on Tuesday 16th June.

Cost of the meal is \$15

Please RSVP to Nicola in the office on 03 445 3078 or email [office@cromchurch.co.nz](mailto:office@cromchurch.co.nz) to register no later than noon the day before.

Cromwell Presbyterian Church

# SAMSON

*Messy Hero*

**Messy Church**

All ages welcome!

**28th June, 5-7pm**  
**Includes a meal!**

Please RSVP to  
[messychurch4cromwell@gmail.com](mailto:messychurch4cromwell@gmail.com)

Koha appreciated



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music** est. 1990

**WE NEED LEADERS**

**An outreach to young children and families who may not otherwise experience the good news.**

**Come and join our team!**

**TUESDAYS 10AM  
DURING SCHOOL TERM**



**Messy Church**

**JOIN OUR TEAM!**

creativity  
hospitality  
Christ-centered  
celebration  
all-age

**SPEAK WITH EMILY OR JAN IF INTERESTED**

## **Big Change 4 Small People**

May's collection went towards helping some of the children the Hansen family were working with in Hungary.

June's collection is going to help support the 40 hilltribe teenage girls living at Baan Faa Mai Home, Mae Chaem, North Thailand (which Malcolm and Sandy established in 2004). The girls live at BFM while attending the nearby government high school. While at BFM, they hear about Christ and receive the opportunity to follow and grow in Him. Thank you.

## **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

## CHURCH SERVANTS FOR 14th June 2026

Elder on Duty: Stewart B

Manager on Duty: Kiaran M

### **9AM SERVICE**

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

Welcome: Alistair S

Welcome: Ross H

Welcome MT: Sandra H

Welcome MT: Shirley R

Prayers: Jeanette T

Prayers: Christine H

Readings: Lynne A

Readings: Ross H

Music: Beth M

Music: Kathryn G

Morning tea: Pauline C & Merle R

Church cleaning: Mark & June D

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

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