

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Praying For Others

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

Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday's 10am
Enquiries to Edith 445 1340

KYB Ladies Group

Enquiries to Lesley 445 3122

Youth Group

Wednesday's at 6.30pm

Standing Pilates with Shirley & Joan

Monday's at 9.30am

Mainly Music

10am Tuesdays during School Term

Congregational Meeting & Shared Finger-food Lunch

12pm Sunday 19th May

There will be a congregational meeting to vote to call Reece Frith to be the next Minister at Cromwell and Districts Presbyterian Church. Please make the effort to attend this important meeting. This is a Full Member and Associate Member vote only. Following the meeting there will be a shared finger-food lunch with the Frith Family

Office Vacancy

The position of Part-time Administrator has become available at this church. This is a 25 hours per week job. It includes a range of administration skills along with managing bookings for the facility.

Full job description available.

Please contact Christine Hansen (021 269 9263) or apply via email with a covering letter and CV to treasurer.cromchurch@gmail.com

Big Change 4 Small People

April's collection went to the work Youngs left behind in Malawi - to print Sunday School Teacher lesson books (in their own language). May's collection is going towards children's ministries in Hungary that the Hansen family were involved in. There it will be used to buy resources for the Roma kids ministry and to provide help for those in need.

Donations can be made electronically to the church's bank account number:
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From The Ministers Desk

In Luke 13:34-35, Jesus expresses deep compassion and longing for the city of Jerusalem. Let's explore the spiritual significance of these verses: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!"

Here are some key points to consider:

- 1. Jerusalem's Rejection:** Jesus addresses Jerusalem, a city with a history of rejecting God's messengers, including the prophets. Despite this, his love for the people remains unwavering.
- 2. Hen and Chicks Imagery:** Jesus compares himself to a protective hen. Just as a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings to shield them from danger, Jesus desires to gather and protect the people of Jerusalem.
- 3. Unwillingness:** The tragedy lies in the people's unwillingness. Despite Jesus' longing to embrace them, they resist his love and grace.
- 4. Symbolic Meaning:** This passage symbolizes God's heart for humanity. God yearns to gather us, protect us, and offer salvation, but our stubbornness and rejection hinder his purpose.

In summary, Luke 13:34-35 reveals Jesus' compassionate love and his desire to gather and protect those who turn to him. It serves as a reminder of God's relentless pursuit of our hearts, even when we resist.

Blessings,

Tony

CHURCH SERVANTS FOR 19th May 2024

Elder on Duty: Mervyn M

Manager on Duty: Ross H

9AM SERVICE

Welcome: Jim H

Prayers: Edith G

Readings: Bette C

Music: Helen H

Morning tea: Shirley R & Sandy P

10:30AM SERVICE

Welcome: Pam K

Prayers: Mervyn M

Readings: Sandy P

Music: Murray R

Church cleaning: Linda L & Jo B

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



Kids Church

Available every Sunday during the school terms.

Contact:

Stated Supply: Rev Dr Tony Martin
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Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9am-2:30pm Newsletter items by 9am Thursday, please .



Cromwell & Districts Presbyterian Church

Sunday 12th May 2024

SPEAKER: Tony Martin

SERMON: Jesus Laments Over Jerusalem....

READINGS: Philippians 3:17—4:1 & Luke 13:31-35



Matthew 23: 37-39 (70 A.D.)

Jesus laments over Jerusalem
 and their stubbornness to repent; as well
 as the *future devastation* that will come.

Rend your hearts and not your garments; turn back to the Lord your God:
 who is gracious and compassionate, long-suffering and abounding in love.

Joel 2:13