Cromwell & Districts Presbyterian Church

Sunday 1st November 2026

Speaker: Reece Frith

Title: "It's Sunday but there's an election coming!"

Readings: 1 Timothy 2:1-4;
1 Peter 2:13-17; &
Romans 13:1-7



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

Cromwell Presbyterian Church

Messy Church

Integrity:

STAND UP & BE COUNTED

All ages welcome!

SUNDAY 15TH NOV 5-7PM

BBQ MEAL & MARSHMELLOW ROASTING!

PLEASE RSVP TO
MESSYCHURCH4CROMWELL@GMAIL.COM

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

October's collection went towards the work Youngs are still involved in Malawi - printing Sunday School Teacher lesson books in the local language.

November's collection is going to help some of the children the Hansen family were working with in Hungary.

Please continue to pray for 'planted seeds to grown and produce fruit' in these young ones.

Readings

1 Timothy 2:1-4

2 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers,
intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—
[2] for kings and all those in authority, that we may live
peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.
[3] This is good, and pleases God our Savior, [4] who wants all
people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the
truth.

1 Peter 2:13-17

[13] Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human
authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme
authority, [14] or to governors, who are sent by him to
punish those who do wrong and to commend those who
do right. [15] For it is God's will that by doing good you
should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. [16] Live
as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-
up for evil; live as God's slaves. [17] Show proper respect to
everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor
the emperor.

Romans 13:1-7

13 Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities,
for there is no authority except that which God has
established. The authorities that exist have been
established by God. [2] Consequently, whoever rebels
against the authority is rebelling against what God has
instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on
themselves. [3] For rulers hold no terror for those who do
right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be

free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. 4 For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.
6 This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. 7 Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.



Update from Session

From our AGM on 13 Oct 2026. The following changes in personnel on our Board of Managers are: The stepping down of Lindsay Borrie as Chairman and the resignation of Kiaran McMurray as a member.

Diane Brockbank and Christine Hansen were elected. Subsequently, Board of Managers have elected Diane Brockbank as Chair. The team is Diane Brockbank, Lindsay Borrie, Mark Dean, Carl Geel, Christine Hansen, Annie Jason & Peter Lamb for 2026/27. Suzy Wood is Treasurer.

On your behalf, both Lindsay & Christine were thanked for their long-serving roles (as Chairman & Treasurer, respectively) and presented with flowers and a gift voucher each.

Rev Reece asked us to talk to the people around us and reflect on what you could give praise for and pray a prayer of thanks to God for the past and what is to be.

As your Session Clerk, I would like to encourage you as part of our Church Family to look around you and consider where you can give a helping hand.

There are many ministries and practical tasks that always need willing hands. This is our family. Can you help? Come & see us.

As your Rep on Southern Presbytery, I attended their gathering in Gore on 17 Oct where Rev Ken Williams of Calvin Community Church was inducted into the role of Presbytery Moderator (Otago and Southland). Rev Andrew Harrex from Lawrence was the previous Moderator and thanked for his time in this role.

Blessings, Barbara

The 17th Ultimate Men's Camp 6th-8th Nov 2026

(at Brassknocker Rd, near Alexandra)

This is a great event designed for all men & sons of all ages to have some good quality time and fun together under the stars.

Shooting; camping; digger driving; bonfires and so much more,

Plus a great speaker at night with worship and lots of meat.

Action packed and inspiring...What more could a man want!

All meals provided including an all you can eat BBQ lunch and full evening roast! $99 per person or $320 per group of 4. Under 5y is free (Jim H is trying to arrange groups of 4 so it's a bit cheaper).

And if you're not going there's an opportunity to help sponsor someone else.

More details at https://www.bkr.camp/

This resource is available to you online.

As you prepare to vote in the upcoming General Election, this resource will help you vote for the politicians and parties that share your values and will speak up for them.

Available online ValueYourVote.nz

Youth Pastor

For many years as a church we have explored calling a youth pastor as part of our strategic plan. We have a great group of young people and a fantastic team that leads them. To encourage and grow this key ministry we are now at a point of seeking a youth pastor for a 25 hours per week position. This role is broadly two-fold to help young people grow in their faith in Jesus Christ and to lead and support ministries that help Cromwell Presbyterian reach and disciple young people.

Please pray as a team oversees this process.

If you are would like to know more and/or see the job description please talk to Reece.

Thank You

To the congregation,

It's been a year since my stroke and I would like to say Thanks for your prayers and practical help during that time. Knowing that you and God were there greatly helped my recovery.

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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


Cromwell Presbyterian Church
Newcomers Evening
Food and Fellowship
Are you new to Us or Cromwell and would like to learn more about our Church Community & Leadership.
Join us for a Fun Family-Friendly get together on
Friday 13th November from 5.15 – 7.30pm
Cromwell Presbyterian Church;
10 Elspeth Street, Cromwell
RSVP by 10th November to office@cromchurch.co.nz or
Jocelyn on 026 313 7681
Lite Meal provided at no cost.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- 7th November - remember to vote in the General Elections
- Recharge Service 7pm Sunday 8th November - Bannockburn room
- Newcomers evening 5.15pm Friday 13th November
- Next Messy Church - Sunday 15th November - remember to register
- Register for the AFFIRM conference
- Christmas Cafe, Crafts and movie are coming in the first week of December. Start thinking about where you can help

CHURCH SERVANTS FOR 1ST November 2026

Elder on Duty: Sandra H **Manager on Duty:** Mark D

9AM Service
Welcome: John T

Prayers: Jeanette T
Readings: Lynne A
Music: Gill S
Morning Tea: Pauline C & Merle R

10.30am Service
Welcome: Lyn D
Welcome MT: June & Mark D
Prayers: Mark D
Readings: Lianca G
Music: TBC
Church Cleaning: Kate & Lindsay B

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

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Newsletter items by 9am Thursday please.