



Cromwell & Districts

Presbyterian Church

Sunday 12th April 2026

Speaker: Peter Eaton

Sermon: 'Our 'new life' with the risen Lord'

Readings: Acts 5:17-42



'Our 'New Life' with the Risen Lord'

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Praying For Others

Mondays, 7pm at the church

Everyone is welcome

Enquiries to Marie 445 1814

Know Your Bible Ladies Group

Enquiries to Lesley 445 3122

Friday Ladies Bible Study/Home Group

Friday's at 10.30am

Enquiries to Sandy 021 057 3772

Abide and Grow Study Group

On term break;

Resumes Friday 24th April

Enquiries to Anna 022 109 7475

Ladies Bible Study

On term break; resumes 22nd April

Enquiries to Edith 445 1340

Standing Pilates with Shirley & Joan

On term break; resumes

Monday 20th April

Mainly Music

Resumes Tuesday 21st April

Youth Group

On term break; resumes 22nd April

Enquiries to Trish 027 442 4992

EVERGREEN SERVICE

2ND TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH
AT 10.45 AM

Tuesday 14th April

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

Acts 5:17-42

¹⁷ Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. ¹⁸ They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. ²⁰ “Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people all about this new life.”

²¹ At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people.

When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent to the jail for the apostles. ²² But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported, ²³ “We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside.” ²⁴ On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were at a loss, wondering what this might lead to.

²⁵ Then someone came and said, “Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people.” ²⁶ At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them.

²⁷ The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸ “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings! ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

³³ When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death. ³⁴ But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. ³⁵ Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: “Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. ³⁶ Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. ³⁷ After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered. ³⁸ Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. ³⁹ But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”

⁴⁰ His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

⁴¹ The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. ⁴² Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

IGNITE THE TRUTH

Come Join Us

Tonight, Sunday 12th April

7pm

Judy & Mervyn Mitchell's Home

15 Carlow Place

Phone 027 226 3069 for more information.



Messy[®] Church



JOIN OUR TEAM!



creativity

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Christ-centered

celebration

all-age



SPEAK WITH EMILY OR JAN IF INTERESTED

Arm Chairs

There has been requests for more chairs with arms from some people.

Each chair is \$450.00.

If you would like to contribute to the purchase of a chair please either mark a clear bank deposit, put your contribution in a named envelope or see me directly at treasurer.cromchurch@gmail.com

Thank you Christine Hansen — Treasurer

Baan Faa Mai Hilltribe Girls Ministry

"We have been gifted copies of a book of poems (hot off the press) by a Central Otago poet which include many gospel poems.

The books will be given to those who donate a suggested minimum of \$25 to Baan Faa Mai while books are available.

Please contact us if you would like to view, or reserve, a book.

Also available are very creative cards and key rings (\$5 each) made by Clarissa and the BFM girls.

Malcolm & Sandy"

Sharing Hobbies and Crafts

We are looking for expressions of interest from people who would like to show their hobbies/crafts to others at our exhibition on Saturday 18th July 2026 here at the Cromwell Presbyterian Church.

If you would like to be involved, then please contact Edith Geddis 03 445 1340; Ann-Marie Leyser 021 038 8912; or Ted Corry 03 445 0676 before the 1st June 2026 or pop your contact details onto the clipboard in the foyer

Big Change 4 Small People

March's collection went towards helping support the teenage girls Baan Faa Mai Home in Northern Thailand, that Malcolm and Sandy Potter helped establish.

April's collection is going to support the work Youngs left behind in Malawi – the 'STUM Sunday School Project'. The money will be used to print Sunday School Teacher lesson books (in their own language) that are widely distributed and much appreciated throughout Malawi.

Please continue to uphold this work in your prayers.

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.

Notes

CHURCH SERVANTS FOR 19th April 2026

Elder on Duty: Sandra H

Manager on Duty: Annie J

9AM SERVICE

10:30AM SERVICE

Welcome: Sandra H

Welcome: Bev C

Welcome MT: Sandra H

Welcome MT: Raewyn U

Prayers: Edith: Sandra H

Prayers: Marie S

Readings: Lynne A

Readings: Alexa W

Music: Judy M

Music: Ann D

Morning tea: Pauline C & Merle R

Church cleaning: Suzy & Peter W

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