

How you can be involved...

You can pray...

- Pray for God's mission to prosper
- Pray for resources to be released for this project

You can give...

Imagine if ...everyone gave a generous response to what God has given us.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Cor 9:7

You could set up regular direct debits into the building project account.

Account Name: East Taieri Church

Account Number: 02 0938 0018236 097

Reference: Building Fund

Contact accounts@etchurch.co.nz for more information

You could arrange to set up a bequest

You can continue to play a part in this through your will or by a legacy or bequest. It is easy to arrange, and can cost you nothing. When you make your Will simply talk to your solicitor or legal advisor. If you have a current Will all you need do is add a codicil to your Will. In doing so you are making a donation to East Taieri Church which will live on long after you have died.

The following is provided for your solicitor, Trustee Company or the Public Trustee:

I give (\$ _____) to the EAST TAIERI CHURCH, 12a Cemetery Rd, Mosgiel, New Zealand 9024, for the building fund, and I DECLARE that the receipt of the secretary, treasurer or other proper officer of the nominated beneficiary will be a full discharge for my trustees who will not be bound to see its application.



Planning for new mission facilities at East Taieri



"Build houses and settle down...Increase in number there; do not decrease...For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."

(Jeremiah 29:5,6,11)

Why we need new mission facilities

Our vision is to be a thriving church, responding to God's grace and passionately living out our faith wherever we work live and play. Together we will work alongside others to develop thriving communities, where people feel connected, known loved and valued.

While our vision includes resourcing FUEL in Fairfield and a new missional work on the Coast, this information brochure focuses on the East Taieri site.

Current church facilities on the East Taieri site restrict our worship. People are stuck in uncomfortable pews. Families with young children are not well catered for. If children need to be taken out of the church they must either go outside in the weather, or walk out the front in view of everyone. The church foyer is cold and unsuitable as a welcoming space. Lighting and sound is difficult to control for performance events, and the view of the stage and projection screens is restricted in some areas. High ceilings, large windows and no insulation make the church cold and expensive to heat.

The existing church is not big enough for events like Ministry Conference, Christmas Eve, and large funerals. Hospitality is a big part of who we are, yet our hospitality team tell us our kitchen facilities cannot cater for large groups of people. Queues at the toilets reveal they also cannot cope with larger numbers.

During the week many different groups use Oak Lounge and the Fellowship Centre, however, these rooms are also thoroughfares with people walking through to offices, photocopier, kitchen and toilets, as well as counselling clients accessing counselling services.

Our Vision for the East Taieri site

Imagine if... people could arrive at church and walk into a spacious, open, warm, friendly foyer, where they could catch up with friends and greet new people, even enjoying a cup of coffee, before going into church. Such a foyer would be accessible for wheelchairs and those with disabilities.

Imagine if... our amazing catering team could cook for 150 people without tears of frustration, and we had an attractive modern café space. We would be communicating that this church is going places and is not stuck in the 19th Century.

Imagine if... we had family friendly toilets, adequate for large numbers of people, where either mums or dads are able to change a baby and assist their children.

Imagine if ... parents were able to take their children out of church if they were upset, but still be able to see and hear what is going on?

Imagine if ... we could have creative worship options with comfortable, flexible seating and good control of lighting, sound, heating and technology.

Imagine if ... the worship space was large enough to seat everyone who came on Christmas Eve and no one was turned away.

Imagine if ... church and community groups were able to complete their activities without being interrupted by people walking through.

Imagine if ... the heritage church could be worked on so we have safe, warm facilities fit for purpose for 21st Century mission.

Imagine if... we could welcome people from the new Grange Retirement Village into a café overlooking the Taieri Plain.

The process so far...

East Taieri Church has always sought to improve facilities to resource mission. In 1991 the Fellowship Centre was added with some offices and the current kitchen and toilets. Then in 1999 stage 2 of that development opened Oak Lounge, further offices and the foyer.

Over the years since, various teams have considered the next step in mission facilities, consulting, researching, thinking and praying. Each person involved on the team has acknowledged that something needs to happen in this place or we won't exist as a church for the next generation.

There have been consultations with James Palmer, CEO Christian Savings, Grant Harris, Kingdom Solutions and more recently McCoy & Wixon Architects.

The Fairfield Manse was no longer needed to house a minister, so the property was subdivided off from the Fairfield Church and sold. The net profit of \$425,000 is available for new building work.

In 2019 a Concept Plan was presented to the church, with an estimated cost of \$9 million. After consulting and surveying the congregation, we decided to revise plans after the first Covid lockdown for several reasons:

- We believed we didn't need a larger auditorium for worship services at this time as Covid restrictions limited numbers and people made use of the online livestream. Our in-person worship attendance is down.
- Larger services could be accommodated with better overflow facilities including livestreaming to a nearby room.
- The ongoing economic effects of Covid were still not clear, but it seemed that a more modest first step would be prudent.

It is now time to present the revised Concept Plan that focuses on values such as worship, outreach and hospitality. It provides a spacious entry foyer, expanded kitchen and toilets, better use of our offices and meeting spaces, and a café space looking out over the Taieri. The revised Concept Plan uses more of our existing footprint, with additions, and utilises the historic church as the main worship space.

This revised Concept Plan has an estimated cost of \$4.3 million. This figure includes replacing the roof and refurbishing the historic church and its stained glass windows.

Further consultation with the congregation will be happening in the near future.

The Concept Plan 2021

