

# How you can be involved...

## You can pray...

- Please pray that God's plan will be revealed
  - 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](mailto:accounts@etchurch.co.nz) for more information

## You could arrange to set up a bequest

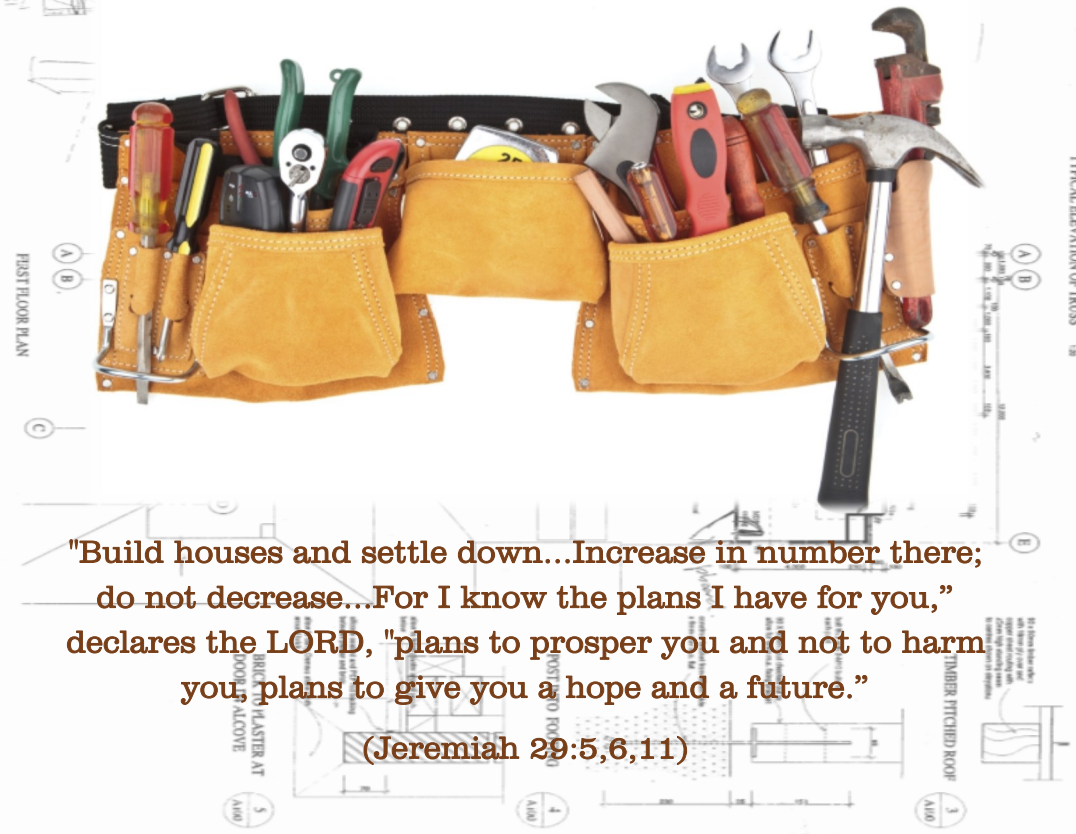
You can continue to play a part in this through your will or by a legacy or bequest. It is easy to arrange, and can cost you nothing. When you make your Will simply talk to your solicitor or legal advisor. If you have a current Will all you need do is add a codicil to your Will. In doing so you are making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

# Thriving Church, Thriving Community

## 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 including playgroup, painting group, pilates, life groups, and various meetings and classes. However, these rooms are also thoroughfares with people walking through to offices, photocopier, kitchen and toilets. We would rather avoid disturbing a speaker, prayer time or ladies doing pilates!

At this stage we are under no obligation to cease using the historic church, but engineering reports have made it clear that significant seismic strengthening will be needed in the future to bring it into compliance with earthquake-prone building policy.

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century mission.



# The process so far...

East Taieri Church has always sought to improve facilities to resource mission. 27 years ago, (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.

Four years ago, Elaine Scurr was appointed as chair of the Mission Facilities group, existing members of the group recommitted to being involved and new members were recruited. It was acknowledged that something needs to happen in this place or we won't exist as a church for the next generation.

The group consists of: Elaine Scurr, Rob Crosbie, Simon Dalton, Sarah McDonald, Leeanne McKinlay, David Yates, Fiona Dodds, Martin Macaulay and Peter Bylsma. As you can see there are many different skills and abilities covered with this team of people.

There have been consultations with James Palmer, CEO Christian Savings, and Grant Harris, Kingdom Solutions.

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.

# What's next?

On Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018, the Mission Facilities Group is interviewing architects and will communicate their recommendation and the quoted cost for developing a concept plan.

In early February we are going to be asking the congregation to vote to spend money on an Architect to work with us to develop a "Concept Plan" for our new missional facilities.

The Architect will work from a brief that we have supplied which outlines what we need to enable mission to happen in this place. The Architect will suggest ways to achieve this. Many things need to be taken into consideration, including dealing with our earthquake-prone historic places category 2 listed church, cost, timeframes and groups that use our facilities.

**In order for this next step to be taken, our elders have chosen to set ourselves a voting threshold of 80% of the people at the congregational meetings voting "Yes".**

In the case that we receive over 20% of our people voting "No", then we can move no further with our missional facilities and eventually we will be required to stop using the earthquake-prone church and find a new spiritual home. It is as simple as that!

There will be a meeting/forum for people to attend to ask questions or make comments before the vote. Please take note of these 2 very important dates:

**Meeting/Forum in Oak Lounge—Tuesday 29th January 2019—7.30pm**

**Congregational Vote in all services—Sunday 3rd February 2019**

We need courage to step out with God and spiritual wisdom and leading to discern the right steps at the right time...

*Exodus 40: 36-37:*

*"Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. "*