

One people in mission for God's glory....



**EAST TAIERI CHURCH**

# PROFILE

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...because all people matter to God.

## **Our Vision:**

*We will be a thriving church, responding to God's grace and passionately living out our faith wherever we live, work and play.*

*Together we will work alongside others to develop thriving communities, where people feel connected, known, loved and valued.*

At ET we are passionate about seeing lives transformed through the saving power of Jesus Christ. We seek to provide a place where people of all ages and stages can encounter the living God.

Each Sunday we offer four great worship services across two locations, which range in style from contemporary to traditional. We also support a wide array of ministries, which aim to help Christians live out their faith every day of the week. Through our community work we run many events and partner with many different organisations to help our community thrive and discover the good news of the Kingdom of God.

## **Our Mission Statement:**

*One people in mission for God's glory...  
growing in Christ and making Him known in love,  
through word, sign and deed  
... because all people matter to God.*



Our logo, inspired by Ezekiel 47, shows Saddle Hill on the horizon, the cross at the centre and the river of life flowing out into the community.

Naturally there are a range of theological views among members of East Taieri Church, but the overall direction of leadership is being a faith community that is evangelical and charismatic in our worship, while still valuing our Presbyterian roots.

We value biblical preaching; worship that is open to the ministry of the Holy Spirit; and Christian life that demonstrates the presence of the kingdom of God. We understand the Kingdom of God to be the sovereign power of God active now to put things right. Often through small, mustard seed beginnings, that grow and spread, the ministry of Jesus brings God's sovereign will as it is done in heaven, in advance of the future restoration when Jesus returns.

## **Things We Value:**

**1. Our personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ and seeing others come to personal faith.**

Knowing God is important to us, not just knowledge about God. This places priority on evangelism and discipleship.

**2. The Power of the Holy Spirit**

We believe in the gifts of the Holy Spirit at work today through God's people, and we are utterly dependent on the Spirit's leading and empowering.

### **3. The Bible as our standard and guide.**

### **4. Importance of Prayer.**

### **5. Engaging all generations and groups of people.**

We believe discipleship occurs well when different generations interact, so we value ministry with children, youth, families, seniors, and different social, ethnic and economic groups.

### **6. Mission as God's mission which involves all of us wherever we are.**

This highlights the call for us to go out to serve with God and others in community ministry and in global mission partnerships.

### **7. The importance of Christian Community for spiritual nourishment, fellowship, growth and care.**

We don't follow Jesus on our own but with the support and encouragement of others. This occurs in a variety of settings from large, vibrant, contemporary worship services with biblical preaching, through to smaller interactive gatherings incorporating a meal. It is the norm for people at East Taieri to be in a life groups which are a key expression of Christian community and pastoral care.

This includes the importance of friendships with other believers throughout the week, with both new and established members.

### **Strategic Plan:**

Our strategy for the next three years highlights three strategic aims:

- Making and growing life-long disciples
- Enriching our practice and experience of worship
- Building connectedness and hospitality, and combatting loneliness in the communities in our region.

### **Covid-19 Reflections:**

As we seek God's leading in the "new-normal" post Covid-19 we are aware of several new areas of focus:

1. We are continuing our online services developed during lockdown. This involves live-streaming our 10am service. We have formed a project called "Elevate" which allocates resources to lifting high the name of Jesus in worship in person and online.

2. Faced with the economic consequences of Covid-19 we are reviewing our architectural concept plan for future mission facilities at East Taieri, with a view to being able to allocate some assets to an affordable housing project in partnership with government and other organisations. This is under investigation.

3. The ministry of the whole people of God. During lockdown a wide range of people stepped up in providing pastoral care (by phone), grocery deliveries, online contributions for services (testimonies, songs etc) and online resources for children's ministry at home. We want to continue the discipleship and ministry this represents. We aim for everyone to be serving, using their gifts and abilities.

## **History:**

In 1849 the Rev Thomas Burns preached his first service on the Taieri. The Rev William Will, who came with a young family to serve at a vast parish, followed him.

The original combined church and school building of 1853 was replaced in 1870 by the present East Taieri church. This attractive building is situated on a rise in a semi-rural setting, making it a well-known landmark.

During the 1950's and 1960's there was a strong Bible class and Sunday School, as was common throughout New Zealand. East Taieri Church embraced the charismatic renewal of the 1980's with "Life in the Spirit" seminars having a major impact on many of the congregation. In the 1990's the Allanton church was closed due to lack of support. In 2001 The Very Rev Peter Willsman retired after 24 years of leading the parish. During his ministry the organization moved from a solo minister model to a pastoral team and multiple worship services. The ministry team was expanded under the Rev. Dr. Michael Schwass who served at East Taieri for 6 years. During this time the Saddle Hill parish joined with East Taieri. During the vacancy after Michael left, FUEL, a breakfast café fresh expression of church was planted in the Fairfield church.

The Rev. Dr Martin Macaulay was inducted as the new senior pastor in May 2008.

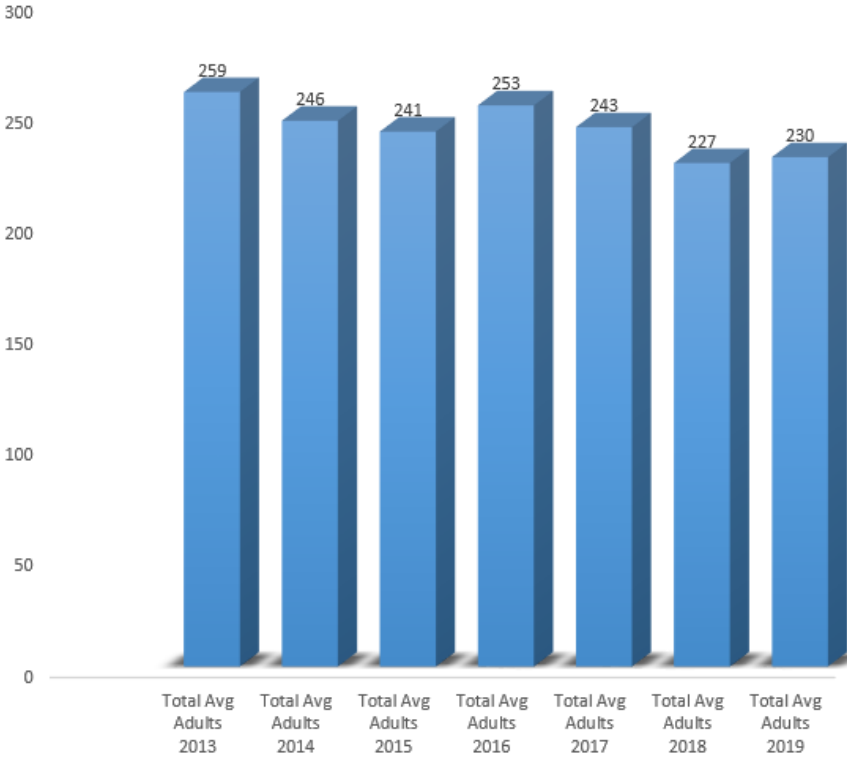
## **Multiple Worshipping Congregations:**

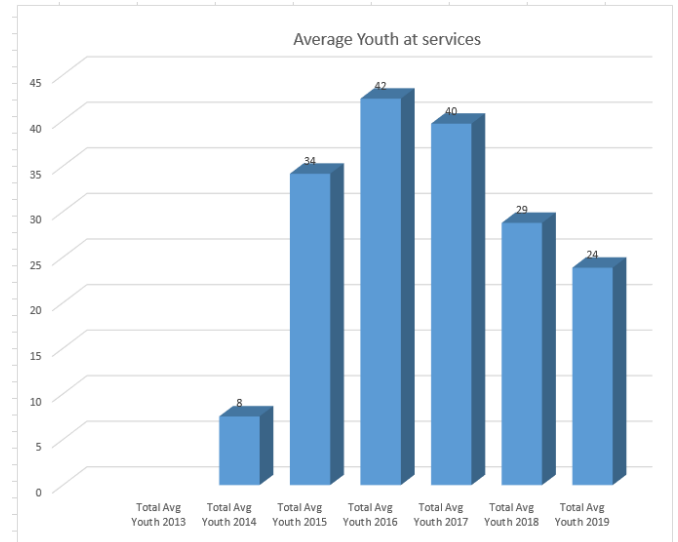
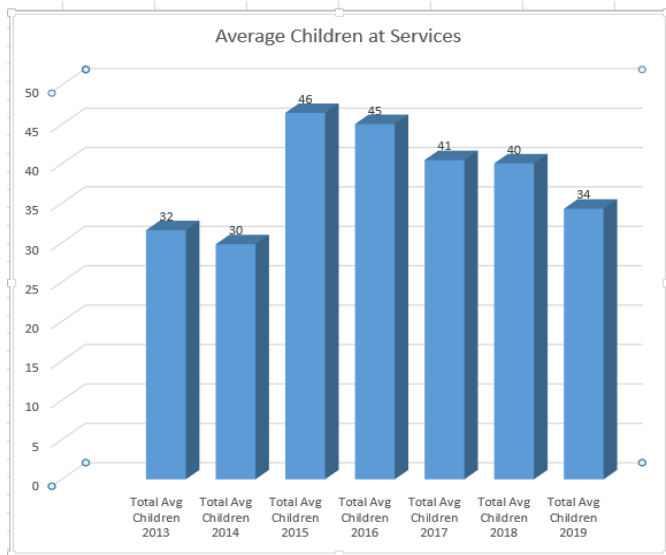
East Taieri Church has a strategy of multiple congregations over three sites: There are currently four Sunday congregations:

- 10am - contemporary worship at East Taieri. Children are invited to their Kidzown programme (Years 1-6), Littlies (age 2-4) and Plunge (Years 7-9).
- 2pm - Inspiring Traditional Worship at East Taieri
- FUEL @ Fairfield – A fresh expressions, breakfast café church including a children's programme and a youth programme.
- EPIC – youth focussed discipleship service on Sunday evenings at The Hub.

We are in the process of planting a new fresh expression of church on the Coast, around the Brighton/Ocean View area. At the moment a small group of people are meeting monthly for "Kai on The Coast".

### Average Adult attendance





## **Evangelism and Discipleship:**

East Taieri Church is enthusiastically committed to Alpha as a means of presenting the gospel. We run at least one Alpha course each year. We are also committed to training Christians to share their faith individually and have used XEE evangelism explosion material, as well as a course we have developed called “What’s the Story?”

There over 15 Life Groups meeting during the week, as well as people meeting for one-on-one discipleship. We also promote the use of spiritual disciplines, prayer ministry and Christian counselling as other means of growing spiritually.

Our Turning Point Counselling service has four qualified counsellors and is well respected in the community, receiving referrals from WINZ, Family Mental Health, and the Dunedin City Council.

## **Pastoral Care:**

Much pastoral care occurs through the life group network, but a large team of pastoral visitors carries out regular visiting. Another team of pastoral care people meet more specialised care needs. (See the church guidelines for pastoral care). A volunteer updates our pastoral database.

Services are carried out in rest homes, and home communion is taken to home care members.

## **Local and Global Mission:**

In addition to the evangelistic and disciple making focus described above, East Taieri Church has a longstanding commitment to community ministry, which has grown and established new partnerships in the last 10 years. The Saddle Hill Foundation Trust (SHFT) was established by East Taieri Church to be the funding and visioning group for community and youth work. SHFT gains funding from various agencies to support its community and youth ministries, including staffing these areas with a full time Community Facilitator, and SHFT Executive Officer, and youth workers. East Taieri Church has a very good reputation in the community as a church that is doing things to work with people and see communities develop and thrive. Some of these ministries include:

- Christmas Day Lunch
- Neighbours Day
- Community Expo's
- Community Foodbank
- Parenting Groups
- Seniors Mid Winter Lunch
- Business Breakfasts

Our youth programmes include a mixture of church youth and community youth. Some programmes run all year and some are short courses aimed at promoting social skills and leadership in youth. Youth workers connect with our local high school, Taieri College in a range of ways including chaplaincy. In 2018, we were approached by Taieri College and asked to provide an "intervention" type programme for their most troubled year 7 boys, which we were able to put in place quickly with the experience and expertise of our chaplains.

**Global Mission:** East Taieri Church supports 5 missionary ministries, three of these are in Thailand which provides a focus for our global mission partnership. Short term teams from East Taieri have been on life changing visits to Thailand, Vanuatu and Malawi. Young people are very much encouraged to participate in short term mission trips, with the Vanuatu trips being completely youth lead and the other trips involving a variety of age groups. We are excited to have one of our young members preparing to go to South Sudan for medical missionary work with SIM International.

**Other Churches in our Region:** There is another Presbyterian Church in central Mosgiel which is a separate parish, although we have some interaction. Youth East Taieri partners with a third Presbyterian Church in Outram, to provide a chaplain in Outram School.

East Taieri participates in both the Taieri Ministers Association and the Dunedin Combined Churches.

## **Leadership Structure:**

**Eldership Team:** The senior pastor and a team of elders meet at least monthly as our church council to pray and exercise their governance and spiritual oversight of East Taieri Church life. This role involves setting and determining East Taieri's overall mission, values and policies and priorities. The Senior Pastor is the connection between elders and the staff ministry team.

**Ministry Leadership Team:** The senior pastor and senior staff (associate pastor, parish manager, community facilitator, children and families worker and SHFT executive officer) make up the Ministry Leadership Team (MLT). The MLT are responsible for the day to day ministry of the parish along with overseeing the implementation of the particular mission and vision direction established by the session. This team meets fortnightly.

**Saddle Hill Foundation Trust (SHFT):** This is a separate legal entity which oversees all aspects of our community and youth ministry both within the church and in the wider community. Appointments to the board are made with the support of the Eldership team. SHFT was set up this way to enable funding to be effectively obtained from a variety of sources outside the church.

**PFC—Property and Finance Committee:** Responsibility for the practical aspects of the life of the church is delegated to this committee of church council which includes the Parish Manager. They oversee the finances, property, technology, health & safety and human resources of the parish in order to resource our mission.

**Relationship to the wider Presbyterian Church:** East Taieri comes under the oversight of the Southern Presbytery and is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. (see [www.presbyterian.org.nz](http://www.presbyterian.org.nz))



## **Ministry Team:**



***Martin Macaulay***—Senior Pastor (Full time Paid) leads the ministries related to our worship life along with the overall Leadership and Eldership Teams.



***Leeanne McKinlay*** - Parish Manager – (Full time paid) taking care of the day to day running of the parish.



***Jo Thorn*** – Administration Assistant (part time paid) runs the office and undertakes a wide range of administrative tasks, through to creative work with bulletins, flyers and newsletters



***David Yates***—Finance Assistant (part time paid) undertakes a wide range of administrative tasks focusing on the financial side of the running of the church.

## **SHFT Staff:**



***Andy Doncaster***- SHFT Executive Officer (Full time paid – employed by SHFT). Church and community youth work.



***Renee Faithful***—Youth and Community Worker (Full time paid – employed by SHFT). Helping people to discover Jesus' offer of relationship through youth and community based and community facing ministries that express Christ's love and compassion through creative and relevant pathways.



***Larissa Pearce*** —Community Youth Worker (Part time paid – employed by SHFT).



***Ryan Roxburgh*** — Youth Worker (Part time paid – employed by SHFT)

## **Teamwork:**

One of the fun and encouraging things about serving at East Taieri Church is being a part of the supportive and highly committed and focused ministry team. On Tuesdays the staff and others meet for Chapel and morning tea. The team meets at other times for training, preparing for particular ministries, and to plan ministry for the year. Most days those who can, including staff working out of the Hub, share morning tea time at 10.15am.

## **Our East Taieri Ministry Team Values:**

**Trust:** We are 100% honest about things that affect our ministry and relationships within the team. This occurs within the safety of knowing we respect each other, keep each other's confidences, and have each other's backs, so we can be non-defensive in our interactions.

**Encouragement:** We celebrate and enjoy ministry together, and positively encourage each other on to good things in ministry and in our own growth in Christ. We support each other and own one another's ministries.

**Grace:** We look for the best in each other, working with each other's God-given strengths, while facing up to mistakes and failures, and forgiving each other.

**Strengthsfinder:** We are a "strengths based team" that requires much more than everyone simply working on their strong points; it requires a deep knowledge of each team member's strengths and weaknesses and, importantly, the orchestration of those strengths and weaknesses to fit the goals of the team.

## **Ministries:**

### **Children and Young People:**

- Kidzown and Plunge on Sunday mornings at East Taieri for preschoolers and years 1-9.
- Pitstop and Diesel for Children and youth at FUEL.
- Dynamyte for years 7-8, Friday nights at the Hub.
- R@ndom for years 9-13. Friday nights at the Hub.
- Ground Zero – leadership programme for year 7's
- Summit – leadership programme for year 8's
- Challenge – leadership programme for year 9's
- Sugar and Spice for Girls years 3-6, fortnightly at the Hub
- Go Girls years 3-6, fortnightly at FUEL
- Mainly Music at Fairfield and Coast Community churches weekly.
- Taieri Tots playgroup at East Taieri weekly.
- Bible in schools – in East Taieri, Fairfield and Outram schools.
- Holiday Hub which runs during one week of each school holiday break.

**Periodic courses:**

- Marriage Course
- Toolbox Parenting Courses
- ET School of Ministry
- Alpha Course

**Pastoral:**

- ET Cares – An umbrella brand for pastoral care including practical help is offered by providing meals and firewood.
- A designated pastoral care team is in place to oversee pastoral matters. People are encouraged to make their first point of contact their lifegroup leader.

**Counselling:**

- We employ 4 counsellors through Turning Point Counselling.

**Prayer:**

- Individual Prayer is offered after every service
- Emergency Prayer Chain in operation

**Ministry Groups:**

- Painting Group
- Worship teams
- Choir
- Catering Team

**Prison Ministry:**

- A trained prison ministry team takes church services, in the prison, once a month.
- The team also provide some extra visiting.

**South Island Ministry Conference:**

East Taieri hosts this conference in May each year to encourage and equip people in ministry throughout the South Island.

**Christmas Eve Outreach:**

Multiple services are run each Christmas Eve as an important way to build a connection with the wider community. There are two children's productions with a free BBQ and a contemporary Christmas service with a free café. Around 800 people attend over the course of the evening and over 50 people serve on the Christmas Eve team. Some people say of their faith journey, "I first came to East Taieri when I was invited to a Christmas Eve service."

**Internship:**

We offer support and mentoring for students studying at Knox Centre of Learning and Ministry, as well as internships for youth work.

We resource all this work primarily through the generous giving of God's people in response to God's generosity to them, but we also apply for a whole range of funding grants, especially for community work and new initiatives. Additionally, we are beginning a journey in missional enterprise by being better stewards of our various assets. Currently this is an opportunity shop in the main street of Mosgiel called "Shop 'n Taieri".

## **Parish Buildings:**

We have a mixture of excellent facilities and information technology, and some older facilities needing attention. Architects have been appointed to develop a concept plan for the development of excellent facilities for God's mission in this place.

### **The East Taieri Church and Fellowship Centre:**

Built in 1870 the church seats 240 and is a category 2 historic places building. The adjoining Fellowship Centre provides for all kinds of ministry activities and community groups, as well as having staff offices. There is a Mission Facilities Group actively progressing new missional facilities on the East Taieri site.

These buildings are set on 7 acres of land.

### **The Hub – Multi Purpose Youth Centre:**

The original part of this building was built in 1963. In 2006 an addition was added to redevelop the site as a Youth centre, also incorporating the renovated Kinmont Hall built in 1911.

### **Fairfield Church:**

Situated on a rear section at 78 Main South Road, with off-street parking. This is the site for FUEL, our breakfast café church plant. There is also a Mission Facilities Group looking at the future missional needs for this facility.

### **Ocean View Church:**

Situated at 863 Brighton Road, Ocean View, this wooden building seats thirty people.

### **East Taieri Manse:**

Built in 1877, adjacent to the church, this home is a gracious old two-storied building and is presently used as a rental property.

## **The Mosgiel, Fairfield and Coast Community:**

Although Mosgiel is a separate town with its own identity, it is only a 15 minute drive (18km) from the centre of Dunedin City, and 15 minutes from Dunedin Airport. The population of Mosgiel at the last census was 13,400. Fairfield, Brighton and Saddle Hill contribute another 5,000 people. The population is growing, with a number of new subdivisions, as people build modern homes on the Taieri plain.

Mosgiel shopping centre has two supermarkets, a range of shops, takeaways and cafes including Mitre 10 and The Warehouse.

Mosgiel has a range of sporting facilities including gyms, football and soccer grounds, squash and tennis clubs, four golf courses and a cycling velodrome. A new swimming pool complex is being planned. There are two Retirement Villages and five Rest Homes.

**Climate:**

The Taieri summer daytime temperatures range between 15 and 30 degrees Celsius and in the winter from 5 to 16 degrees Celsius, with frosts. Generally it is a few degrees warmer than in Dunedin. Winter frosts are common.

**Healthcare:**

There are two Medical Centres offering general practice services. Hospital care is available in Dunedin. There are also dentist facilities and physiotherapists.

**Schools**

Mosgiel has four primary schools ranging in decile rating between 6 and 9.

- Silverstream
- East Taieri
- Elmgrove
- St Mary's

Taieri College caters for Year 7 and up, has a roll of around 1,200 and is decile 6. These schools are all experiencing growth.

There are also several early childhood centres and three Kindergartens.

Other schools in the area:

- Outram School
- Fairfield School

(Both these schools are full primary Years 1-8). As with the Mosgiel schools these two schools are also experiencing growth.

**Website:**

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