Giving Update

One of my roles as Parish Manager is to keep track of our operational budget and as part of the Property and Finance Committee, I am reporting that offerings for the year to date are slightly below budget overall.

We are very thankful for God's provision through offerings, and we recognise that some people may be facing personal financial pressures in these uncertain times, but we encourage you to take this opportunity to look at your direct debits and consider increasing them by 10% if you are able to, so that we can resource East Taieri's mission and services in the church and the community.

If you would like to contribute to the wonderful work that God is calling us to do, you will find out how to do so on our website, <u>www.etchurch.co.nz</u>

What is this resourcing achieving? We celebrate what God is doing through us:

- Our wonderful Outreach Team have debriefed last years Christmas event and are already working on a plan for 2025!
- Turning Point Counselling is helping many people in the church and in the community.
- Our Ministry Settlement Board has been meeting regularly to pray and work through the process to find a new Senior Pastor. In the meantime we have an amazing team of staff and elders who have been ensuring that everything runs smoothly in the vacancy. All of our Sunday services are well resourced, our lifegroups and pastoral care team are looking after anyone who needs a bit more support and our Thursday morning Prayer Breakfast are praying through the issues that we are facing.
- All of our children's and youth programmes have started up for the new year.
- Our monthly worship nights provide a wonderful way to worship God.
- We hosted a Newcomers Lunch where people new to the church were able to meet other newcomers and staff and learn more about who we are as a church.

Parish Manager: Leeanne McKinlay

	Giving	Giving Budget	% of Budget	
Offerings	Actual 2024-25	Budget 2024-25 % of budget		
July	\$37,302	\$38,719	96.34%	
August	\$34,828	\$31,117	111.93%	
September	\$30,990	\$31,117	99.59%	
October	\$37,327	\$38,719	96.40%	
November	\$30,366	\$31,117	97.59%	
December	\$36,025	\$31,117	115.77%	
January	\$30,752	\$38,719	79.42%	
Total as at end January 2025	\$237,590	\$240,625	98.74%	

Fuel Breakfast Café 78 Main Rd, Fairfield Term Time only 8.30am

East Taieri Church 12a Cemetery Rd, Mosgiel Services at 10am & 2pm NIGHT CHURCH 12a Cemetery Rd, Mosgiel Term time only 6.30pm

Welcome to the service 30 March 2025 10am: Gareth Bruce What did Jesus Command? www.etchurch.co.nz ph: 489 6308

Gareth will be teaching on Jesus' commands. Jesus told us to make disciples, teaching them to obey all His commands, but what were Jesus' commands? Off the top of your head, how many could you list?

If you want to think about this more, there is a list of 50 commands on the table outside the office. You can also go to <u>www.followers.org.nz</u> and type "commands" into the search.





lessons from the past... hope for the future

SOUTH ISLAND MINISTRY CONFERENCE 13 & 14 May 2025

East Taieri Church, Mosgiel-www.etchurch.co.nz

Ministry Conference

Keynote Speaker: Chris Marshall (previous NT lecturer at Laidlaw College and teacher of Religious studies at Victoria University)

This is a difficult time for the church but God has not changed. The church has faced tough times before and God has done remarkable things. The first three centuries of the church were not easy but it grew phenomenally, from a tiny minority in a backwater of the Empire to 'conquering" that Empire. What does it mean to remain faithful, when things are tough, knowing that the Almighty God will have the last word?

To find out more about Conference and to register, go to https://etchurch.co.nz/ministry-conference/ Everyone welcome (you don't have to be a Pastor to attend)

A huge thank you to the congregation for your amazing support of our youth for their **Easter Camp** fees. We all feel very humbled and grateful for your kind words and generous hearts. No youth will be unable to attend because of the cost. All of them are aware of the generosity of God's family.

There is another 'layer' of the camp that also needs assistance. The infrastructure is complex, but necessary so there is an Easter Camp for our youth to attend. Many of our young adult leaders are involved 'behind the scenes'. If you are interested in learning more about how you could support at this level, please check out this link on ET Church website: https://etchurch.co.nz/projects-appeals/



We have an amazing group of people that make up our Catering team and they are looking for some for new recruits. If you would be interested in joining this great team please get in touch with Jillian: jillian@peacock.kiwi.nz

You Asked; We'll Deliver

Late last year we asked for topics you wanted us to preach on. In the remainder of this year, some of those topics will be addressed. Mental health was a theme. We will have some of our own members address that. There was a request for teaching on Romans 6-8. Instead, we are going to take 10 weeks to look at all of Romans. Some difficult passages were also of interest. And there's more to come.

Confidential Prayer Chain available at all times. Please contact Adrienne Watson 027 387 4529 or Christine McKinlay 021 134 4484 Pastoral Care is available at all times. In the first instance, please contact your Life Group leader or Gareth Bruce 489 6308 ext 1707

 Your offerings can be made by one of the following methods: Payment by Telephone/Electronic Banking to our BNZ Bank Account, Mosgiel Branch: 02 0938 0018236 00 Automatic Payment forms are available at the office By EFIPOS- available at the office. Monday- Friday 9am-3pm Here at East Taieri Church, situated on the wall in the foyer beside the office, we have a <u>Automated External Defibrillator</u> . To watch a short video on how the use the AED please go to http://www.etchurch.co.nz/resources/health-and-safety and click on the link.		Turning Point Counselling Service Professional and Affordable CounsellingTurning Point offers: Counselling & Psychotherapy Supervision 						
What's on? Check out our notice- board at ET (located on the wall beside the coffee cart) for events and important notices.	Check out our Classifieds in the News tab on our Website and contact the office if you would like to advertise in our classifieds: office@etchurch.co.nz		Each session is private and is around 50-55 minutes long. Go to our website www.etchurch.co.nz or pick up a brochure from the foyer by the office for more information. Counsellors are also available to run interactive workshops for church and community based groups on a wide variety of topics.					
Pray. Join us at 9.45am on the window seats in Fellowship to prepare our hearts for worshipping God. We will pray for awesome, vibrant worship that honours God and inspires and transforms people.	Are you remembering to pray by using our prayer app - ECHO Prayer? To find the app go to Google Playstore/ Apple app store on your phone and install the free ECHO prayer app—once installed search for East Taieri Church and follow. You will receive ET's weekly prayer points on the app and you are able to set remind- ers to pray!		Chapel 10am Monday mornings in Oak Lounge Join us for a short devotion followed by morning tea. Everyone welcome	For girls aged 7-10years during term time—games, craft and devotion	www.faceboook.com/EastTaieriTo keep up to date with news andinformation check out our website:www.etchurch.co.nzThe Global Missions Teammeet every 4th Tuesday ofthe month, 3pm at East			
The Molly Burns Trust provides financial assistance in meeting the cost of education and cultural activities directly relating to ET Church and its members. To have your application considered pick up an application from the Office.		Sharing Life, eating & praying together. Join us as we seek God's will & blessing. Fellowship Centre @ ET Thursday 7am-8am.Everyone welcome.	Sugar & Spice Tuesday fortnightly 6-7.30pm in Oak Lounge	Please check the lost property basket at ET. It's located by the door to the playground.	Taieri All welcome. Contact Elaine Scurr 486 1863 for more information.			