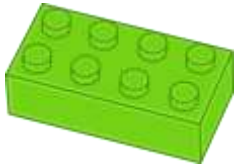


Envelope Fundraiser for the ET facilities work (in 2 simple steps)

Step 1. Take an envelope from the office foyer, with the monetary value of your choice.

Step 2. Deposit the amount, that is on the envelope you have chosen, into the East Taieri Church bank account 02 0938 0018236 00 with 'BuildingFund' as the reference or put the cash in the envelope, write your name on it & put it in the offering box.



If anyone is interested in joining the Building Fundraising team or has some brilliant fundraising ideas please speak to Robert Whyte, Chris Jones or Amy Roxburgh.

Foodbank Drive

The annual Foodbank drive will be held on Monday 1 December. We are expecting even more donations than last year, so that means we need more volunteers to help with the sorting of the donations. We are doing the sorting in two venues this time—Wickliffe Street and Mosgiel Presbyterian Church (behind Mitre 10).

If you are keen to help, just turn up at either venue from 6.30pm and stay as long as you can. All help will be much appreciated.

Making Jesus Visible Again

Many of us would love to help put Jesus back into Christmas. There are resources available such as:

- Reusable nativity decals that you could stick on a window
- Little nativity stickers that you could use anywhere
- Children's books telling New Zealand history stories with a Christian aspect (e.g. Samiel Marsden's first Christmas service) plus one telling the story of the real St Nicholas (who didn't live in NZ!). These could be great gifts to children or grandchildren.

- Wooden nativity sets

These can all be seen on the All Together site (<https://alltogether.co.nz/>), but we will also have samples at church (hopefully this Sunday). Do your bit to gently point people to Jesus.

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 November 2025

10am & 2pm: Peter Cheyne

Excited by Evangelism—part 2

etchurch.co.nz ph: 489 6308



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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 under 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, etchurch.co.nz

What is this resourcing achieving?

- We celebrate what God is doing through us:
- Work is well underway for our Christmas Outreach. This is a great opportunity for us to help people understand the real meaning of Christmas and God's love for us.
- Our children and families ministries are experiencing growth. Watch out for the first Sunday in December, when Kids Church are taking over the 10am service! We are very blessed to have so many amazing families and leaders.
- Our counselling service, Turning Point is continuing to see growth, with two new Christian counsellors coming onboard.

Parish Manager: Leeanne McKinlay

	Giving	Giving Budget	% of Budget
Offerings	Actual 2025-26	Budget 2025-26	% of budget
July	30,307	31,106	97.43%
August	31,697	38,754	81.79%
September	29,339	31,100	94.34%
October	35,998	38,754	92.89%
Total as at end October 2025	127,341	139,714	91.14%

Those people who ordered Christmas resources last week will be able to pick them up this week. Please bring your money. There is still the chance to order more on Sunday. If we have the items already, you will be able to take them. Otherwise, they should turn up next week. Do your bit to put Jesus back into Christmas.



Saddle Hill Foundation Trust is looking for a new staff member to commence work at the beginning of next year.

Youth & Community Worker – 35 hours per week

We are looking for a person with proven experience in youth and community work who will be able to lead and facilitate our youth programmes and be able to help run community events. We are looking for someone who has the ability to lead and motivate volunteers and young people.

If you would like to know more please contact Nick Muirhead on 027 740 1013 or shtexecofficer@shft.org.nz

Confidential Prayer Chain available at all times.

Please contact Adrienne Watson 027 387 4529 or

Christine McKinlay 021 134 4484

Christmas Activated: The Angels' Message

Follow the trail to decode the Christmas message.

This years Christmas Outreach includes a children's drama & dance as well as a walk-through on Saturday 20 December (10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm) and Sunday 21 December (1pm-3pm)

If you are available to help in anyway, please contact the office to discuss what activity would most suit you.

Pastoral Care is available at all times. In the first instance, please contact your Life Group leader or Gareth Bruce 489 6308 ext 1707

SHFT/YET (Youth East Taieri)

- ⇒ Please pray for Saddle Hill Foundation for its outreach to young people and the wider community in 2026. Give thanks for our Board, and their direction for SHFT. Pray for wisdom.
- ⇒ We are going to be looking for a new full time employee, so if we could also pray that God will bless us with the right person for the job.
- ⇒ The main things we have coming up are end of year exams for students and our end of year camp! Camp is in Arrowtown from the 5-7th of December so good weather and safety for that would be great.
- ⇒ General energy for leaders, it's the end of the year so people are pretty tired and ready for a break and so for us to have the energy we need to run the camps but also the programmes each week.
- ⇒ Give thanks for a great year overall with the youth. Pray that a good number will continue to come in 2026. Pray for us to retain the older youth especially, and that they will want to develop their own leadership, and their relationship with God.
- ⇒ Give thanks for a successful year with the Wednesday night leadership program. Pray that these young people will engage with our Friday night and/or Sunday night activities in 2026.



Community...

Please pray for our neighbours in Otago and Southland, who are struggling due to the windstorm, and for all the people and agencies trying to restore services and offer support. There are many churches (across the denominations) also suffering and still serving throughout all of this, they all need our prayers too. The impact of this storm will last for many months, perhaps years.

Please pray for safety, care and protection for all of us and our families and friends as we enter the Summer period.

Please pray that the road toll for accidents and deaths would decrease this Summer

'Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in all circumstances give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus...' 1 Thessalonians 5 v 17-18



PrayerMatters...December 2025 to February 2026

Prayer letter for East Taieri Church-

'To Know, To Grow, To Go...'

December 2025

Welcome to the latest edition of our prayer letter for all of the ET congregations, covering the summer period. You can use this personally in your time with God, with each other, with your prayer partner, in your groups or in your congregations.

God said to Solomon when he was praying for his people, ***'If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.'*** (2 Chronicles 7 v 14)

Praying thoughts...

'No matter what has arisen in you during your time with God or in the course of your day - irritation, fear, desire, disinterest, lack of trust in God - it can all be prayer when shared with Him; it's all part of your conversation with God.'

Eugene Peterson.

Ignatius of Loyola said, ***'everything that one turns in the direction of God is prayer.'***

From the **ELDERS**

Importance of the Word: Living biblically centred lives. Pray that we will live by His word, to want to know God, to grow and develop and encourage others. Pray that we will be bold and sensitive in being witnesses for Him in all of our lives and interactions.

Facilities: Please pray for the barriers to our plans for the development of our buildings will be removed and that we will hear from God what these might be so we can pray into them and discern ways forward. Believe God for a breakthrough and that resources will come.

Ministry of ET: Please pray for all those, unpaid and paid who contribute to the ministries of our Church for rest, recuperation and refreshing with new vision for the new year.

Church Future: Please pray for the development of the Church Structure the Church leaders have been working on. Please continue to pray for the MSB as there is a general lack of potential candidates. That the Lord would guide either us to the person to be the next senior pastor of East Taieri.

Prayer: Please pray that people will have an increased desire to want to pray, individually & collectively.

Being a witness: Please pray that we would look take opportunities we are given to share something of the good news of Jesus and our own story, this summer when people may be more open due to Christmas

Christmas Outreach 19-21st December

- Please pray for Lynda Willsman, Deborah Taylor, Alexi Dalton and the actors that are working on the children's drama, pray that even in this busy season, there will be time for everything to come together and that all of the young people will be able to attend all of the practices.
- Give thanks for the amazing response to the clipboards that went around yesterday. We have many wonderful volunteers who have already signed up. Please pray that more volunteers will also put their hands up.
- Pray that the creative ideas will be able to be turned into reality.
- Give thanks for the people who have agreed to bring animals
- Pray that God will be working in the hearts and minds of those he wants to attend.
- Pray for all the services across Christmas time and the new year that people will be led to come and see God's people celebrate the birth of OUR Saviour.



ETYWAMERS...

Please continue to pray for Amos and Miciah who are entering their outreach phase of their programme. Pray that Jesus grows them closer to him.

From Miciah: 'Things are going so well, I'm learning so much... Prayer is needed consistency in hearing God's voice... Get into more of a routine for homework... God to comfort me during hard times... God to guide me in place and time for the right outreach location.'

From Amos (October) 'These few weeks have been absolutely amazing. This last week has just gone and we have been learning how to hear the voice of God... and God has been speaking!'... Over the week of learning how to hear the voice of God, us as a team have been asking for confirmation on where to go for the outreach destinations.

- 'I am just thanking God for all the support he has given me through the Church, friends and family.
- The financial situations have been really hard over here to simply get going with online banking and things like that, so it would be good if you could have prayer for that.
- Prayer for my outreach destination as well, not only for God to confirm this to me directly, but also for protection when and where I go.
- Please pray for situations with culture over here, I have easily adjusted to the culture as I am part Indian myself, but there have been some issues with communication here that have really made me stumble in different ways.
- Thank you all so much for the support. Numbers 6:24-26 "The Lord bless you and keep you, make his face shine upon you and give you peace" Many blessings, Nga Mihi, Amos Bethel'

Fuel...

- Thank God for this congregation who are expressing Church alternatively, learning and growing together and reaching out to their community
- For the growth in people's lives and faith and for more families to come. Thank God for the families that are now coming
- Pray for the Mainly Music ministry that operates at our Fairfield campus. This has been a struggle for a few years now. Pray for Nicola and her small team that they be encouraged in their work and would not become discouraged. Pray that they would find new ways of promoting MM to the local community and that there would be a response from caregivers in the area. Pray for the growth of this programme.
- FUEL turned 18, this year. Please pray for the next year ahead and for the leadership team, that God will guide us, help us as we continue to grow and evolve and to look outward to our surrounding communities



Children's work... Sundays

Praise God for the growth of the children's work as numbers grow.

Pray the children will be inspired, come to personal faith and be equipped to be firm in their faith as they grow and develop.

Pray into the programmes for 2026 and for Kera and Haley as they rest up and plan for next year.

Pray for more families to be built into our Church.

Pray for the families of 'Littel Groovers,' may they be impacted by the Christmas outreach and the relationships that have been formed.

Intermediate Group...Sundays

- ◇ This term the group have been looking at how the early disciples found Jesus. **The question to the group – is where is Jesus staying for you? Is he in your heart?** We have also looked at seeing God's fingerprints in His creation. Pray that the teaching they have had will impact their lives this summer and beyond.
- ◇ As we lead into the Christmas period and people head away, our prayer for this group is that they continue to seek Jesus in all that they do.
- ◇ We pray that they would be encouraged to read their bibles, seek God in prayer and to pray for others.
- ◇ We pray that the friendships that have been made will continue to be strengthened over the holiday period and that these young lives will continue to shine as ones who love Jesus.

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 EFTPOS 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 Automated External Defibrillator. To watch a short video on how to use the AED please go to <http://www.etchurch.co.nz/resources/health-and-safety> and click on the link.

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

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 reminders to pray!

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.

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And is available for adults, children, youth, couples and groups.

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.

Chapel
10am Monday
mornings in Oak
Lounge
Join us for a short
devotion followed by
morning tea.
Everyone welcome

Prayer Breakfast
Sharing Life,
eating & praying
together. Join us
as we seek God's
will & blessing.
Fellowship Centre
@ ET Thursday
7am-8am. Everyone
welcome.

For girls aged
7-10years
during term
time—games,
craft and
devotion

Sugar & Spice
Tuesday
fortnightly
6-7.30pm in
Oak Lounge

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at ET. It's located
by the door to the
playground.

The Global Missions Team
meet every 4th Tuesday of
the month, 3pm at East
Taieri.. All welcome. Contact
Elaine Scurr 486 1863 for
more
information.

