

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.'***

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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.



ET YWAMERS...

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.