

## **SHIFT/YET (Youth East Taieri)...**

### **1. Pray for our Community Carnival Friday 6 March.**

Pray for a real sense of unity across the churches - Mosgiel North Taieri, Equippers and all the ET congregations as we serve together. Pray for good weather, safety and loads of fun! Give thanks for the people already signed up to help and continue to pray for more people to join the team. Pray blessing our community because God has blessed us, shines through to the people who attend.



**2. Pray for our Friday night youth group.** Give thanks for our dedicated team of people and Emma who leads the program. Pray for wisdom for direction of spiritual content for all of 2026, following on from Easter Camp, building faith opportunities and getting the youth excited about God's word.

**3. Pray for our Wednesday night leadership program, Summit Year 8 this term,** particularly for camp coming up 13-15 March. Pray for Ethan leading the program, Renee in support, and young leaders growing in confidence to lead. Pray for great relationships amongst all the team and participants. Pray that many will be encouraged to engage in Friday night and/or Sunday night.

**4. Give thanks for the "What about God?" group that meets on Tuesday at Taieri College.** Pray that we will continue to build fellowship amongst the group. Pray that the 'right number' would come; that we can answer questions for seekers, create a safe space for all, and strengthen believers. Give thanks for the partnership with Steve of Equippers in meeting with Jan with these youth, week to week, and for Miciah as he comes into that space soon.

## **EASTER CAMP**

- ⇒ That there would be enough people to do the work for the camp and that God will bless the team with the right people for the various roles.
- ⇒ That there would be enough money and the wisdom to use their resources wisely.
- ⇒ The Lord's blessing and guidance on the planning team and their protection from things that may get in the way to disrupt their work.
- ⇒ For the youth leaders and the youth groups that come, for wisdom and for opened hearts to hear and respond to the gospel.
- ⇒ Pray that we will be a group which encourage faith steps in each other, and a supportive community leading up to, during and after camp.
- ⇒ Pray for good weather, safety and loads of fun!

*'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...March to April 2026**

*Prayer letter for East Taieri Church-*

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

**Welcome to the latest edition of our prayer letter for all of the ET congregations, covering the next two months. As you can see it is packed with plenty to pray through. 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)

### **From the Elders & Staff Team**

#### ***On God's Team...***

- We are grateful to God and want to continue to pray for the way many people in the Church do things, support, serve and lead ministries in the Church and often engage with each other with varying needs, often unnoticed.
- Pray for us all to be conscious of the ministry God might have given us in our workplaces and neighbourhoods.
- For the Holy Spirit to reveal to us what our spiritual gifts are and find our place in God's team.
- For those who have held back from taking part, pray that they will arise and walk into all God has for them.
- For wisdom of the elders and staff as they seek now to set up Core Ministry Teams and help develop the culture of our church.

#### ***Leadership...***

- Continue to pray for the Ministry Settlement Board as they look for a new Senior Pastor.
- Pray that if God is calling us to a new model of leadership – especially to developing leaders ourselves – that we will be open to that and enabled by God to do it.

#### ***Being Disciples of Jesus...***

- At our recent retreat we concluded the importance of using our Life Groups are the best context for making disciples. Please pray for ongoing God-given insights as to how we move forward.
- Pray that we are able to support and resource our Life Groups.
- Pray that a bigger percentage of our members will belong to a Life Group.

## **ET Staff...**

Our staff work hard and want the best for our church. There are many joys but sometimes discouragements. Please pray for God to inspire and encourage Gareth, Nick, Leeanne, Jo and Peter.



## **Building project and fundraising teams...**

1. Please continue to pray for the two building projects on the go at the moment.
2. Thank God that we have had approval from the Synod for the ET building project and that the next stages of the process will go ahead smoothly.
3. Please continue to pray for all of those involved in fundraising efforts for our building project as well all those involved in the many moving parts of the building project. Give thanks for their willingness to serve the Lord in this way.
4. Please pray that any road blocks that we may encounter will be simple detours. Please continue to pray for real movement in these areas.
5. Pray that the Fuel building project will gain more traction and hurdles will be overcome.

## **MINISTRY CONFERENCE**

- \* Pray that we are able to find the right speakers to inspire the participants.
- \* Pray that all those God wants at conference will come.
- \* Pray that this conference will inspire and resource the wider church in ways that make a real difference.
- \* Pray also for creativity for a name and image for conference.

## **FUEL**

- ◆ Thank God for this congregation who are expressing Church alternatively, learning and growing together and reaching out to their community
- ◆ Pray for the following through of ideas from the retreat that these will happen and people will step up
- ◆ Pray for the ALPHA team who are preparing for Alpha 26 in July
- ◆ For the growth in people's lives and faith and for more families to come.



## **NIGHT CHURCH**

The theme for this term is 'LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR.' Pray for those leading and taking part and that people will have new insights in loving others. Pray for growth in faith and realisation of who Jesus is and how He can impact and changes lives.

## **CHILDREN'S WORK...**

### **Prayer points for Kids Church - Preschool and Primary spaces**

1. For protection over our children, leaders and families.
2. That the teaching we are bringing the kids each week would sink deep into their heart. (Proverbs 22:6 )
3. That Jesus would become real for each and every child.
4. For the Holy Spirit to be an active participant in the development of our curriculum.
5. That we would see new families coming into church and that we would be able to create a welcoming and inclusive space for everyone.
6. Pray for the families of 'Little Groovers,' may they be impacted by the relationships that are built through this outreach and opportunities to share God's love and the good news.



### **Intermediate Group...Sundays**

As we learn about the Names of God in our group we pray that the young people will know That Jehovah - I am who I am, is present in any situation we face. He is always sufficient and always present. May these young people continue to seek God daily in all that they do.



## **TURNING POINT**

1. We now have 7 people on the team and a new counselling intern, Julian, who has joined the team. Pray he will settle in and have enough people to see for the hours he needs to do for his course.
2. Please pray for the grants we are applying for as we need this money to subsidise our work with people.

## **ET YWAMERS...**

Please continue to pray for **Amos and Miciah** who are coming to the end of their YWAM time. Pray for safe travel and transitioning back to NZ life- Amos will be starting studying at Polytech and Miciah will be working for SHFT. Pray that their learnings and experience will be used and developed over the coming months and years.