

### Vacancy Ministry Settlement Board

Due to a resignation, we are calling for nominations for a replacement person to go on the Ministry Settlement Board which is working to find our new Senior Pastor. Please email the office with your nomination - ensuring you have their permission first. Nominations close 11th May. If there is more than one nomination we will hold a congregational vote. We meet monthly on Wednesday 6:15pm. For further information about the MSB please see Lyndon Jones or another member of the MSB.

Tax Receipts have been issued —please email [accounts@etchurch.co.nz](mailto:accounts@etchurch.co.nz) or phone the office 489 6308 if you haven't received yours or if there are any issues.

Mid Winter Seniors Lunch  
Coming up —Wednesday 10 June

**Working Bee**  
Saturday 9 May  
9am-12pm  
Morning tea provided

Art Exhibition: East Taieri Artists Group  
Thursday 7 May, 10am-4pm at East Taieri Church. Free admission and morning or afternoon tea.

*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

# Praise and Worship Night

Please note: in conjunction with Ministry Conference the May Worship Night will be on Tuesday 12th May at 7pm at East Taieri Church  
Everyone welcome

Coach tour around the Taieri with commentary and a light tea to finish Saturday 23 May starting at 2pm, from East Taieri Church  
Tickets \$50

Pay online (East Taieri Church 02 0938 0018236 00 ref: CoachTour) or by cash or EFTPOS at the office

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 3 May 2026

10am & 2pm services: Peter Cheyne

Building Project Series—Know

[etchurch.co.nz](http://etchurch.co.nz) ph: 489 6308

*We are moving into the next stage of our building and fundraising project. Things are beginning to happen. We want you to be fully informed. We are moving towards having information online. Printing is expensive and often wasteful. Our website will increasingly become our information hub. We encourage you to make good use of it. We have put the building information, and the pledge form on the website (<https://etchurch.co.nz/building-project/>). The QR code below will take you directly to it. Please do use that.*

*For those who really want paper copies, there will be printed booklets and leaflets available at church on Sunday. We will monitor their use and print more if required. The main thing is that we want you to have whatever information you need.*

*Will you please pray with us as the momentum builds. Pray for wisdom to make good decisions and that we will all be sensitive to what God is saying to us.*

*Thank you very much.*



## **PrayerMatters: May to July 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 three 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)

**'Faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen.'** (Hebrews 11v 1)

When Joshua led the people of Israel to the promised land the leaders instructed the people, a call from God, to step in the waters of the Jordan first before the waters were swept back and all the people could walk through on dry ground. Sometimes it takes people of faith, who believe in their convictions to go ahead and 'step first in the water', in order for God to do something. God is looking for hearts who will believe and trust Him and show they do by taking a step of faith, then see how God rewards! Without faith we cannot please God (Hebrews 11 v 6).

### **From the Elders**

*'Pray for God's spirit to be working in each of our lives so our faith is real where we are placed, it isn't about only doing- it's about walking with Jesus. For help not to get trapped in busyness of life/ work/ church. To serve faithfully for Jesus where we are placed in the world and for the times to be still before Jesus.'* Annie

### **ET Staff...**

Our staff team, for protection, inspiration and joy in their ministry and strength each day.

### **Core Ministry Teams**

Prayer for development of core ministries and supporting individuals to find where their gifting and their calling lies. For foresight with long term planning for vision and mentoring leaders.

Those who are likely to give at least interim leadership and get things established. The right people on the right teams.

Staff and elders as they support those who join these teams and shape how we, as a whole church, work well together.

### **Discipleship**

- ◆ More intentional disciple-making, this is, helping people to grow in their faith and resourcing those growth opportunities, is a priority for the elders and staff
- ◆ For growing clarity about what it means to successfully make disciples and how best to facilitate that in our context.
- ◆ For the sourcing of great resources that can help all those who want to walk alongside and encourage younger Christians.
- ◆ For a deep hunger in all of us to follow Jesus more closely and to bear fruit for His Kingdom.

### **The Mission Facilities Team and the Fundraising Team**

- For favourable responses where approvals are still needed and for applications for funding.
- For God to speak to us all (in whatever way is appropriate) as we consider our own response.
- Pray for the building projects at Fairfield and East Taieri. We are still facing hurdles and delays in various ways. Pray that God would move through his Spirit to bring positive outcomes and progress in these things.
- Pray for the people and teams trying to work through these issues with local authorities, that they would have patience and fortitude as they try to get results.
- Final approvals are being received meaning that we are getting much closer to saying "Go" on the first stage. There have been some fantastic responses already. A Pledge Sunday is planned for 17 May with a focus on seeking to hear what God is saying and responding.

### **MINISTRY CONFERENCE**

Please pray for our upcoming ministry conference 2026 here at East Taieri, called 'Glow Up,'12-13<sup>th</sup> May.

Pray for God's leading and wisdom for our keynote speakers – Peter Cheyne, Gareth Bruce and Stu Crossan.

Pray for direction for all things creative to come together.

Pray that the people who God needs to be at conference will register.

Jillian Peacock as she organises the catering side of things.

Miriam Rose as she seeks the Holy Spirit's guidance for worship.

Everyone involved in the practical aspects of running this kind of event.

## **FUEL**

1. Thank God for this congregation who are expressing Church alternatively, learning and growing together and reaching out to their community.
2. Pray for the ALPHA team who are preparing for Alpha 26 in July. Please pray for planning and openings to invite those in our social circles as well as sufficient resourcing.
3. For the growth in people's lives and faith and for more families to come.

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

**Little Groovers (East Taieri) and Mainly Music (Fairfield) ministries to children and their caregivers.** Pray for conversations that open opportunity to speak something of the gospel into people's lives. Pray that the thankfulness that many express would turn into questions about our motivation and faith as we serve in these spaces.

### ***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.

### ***Intermediate Group...Term 2: Intermediate + age group***

The focus will be on teaching them that they are the Lords – Isaiah 44:5 KJV and to encourage them to give Jesus their heart in every part of their lives. They will be encouraged to think about whose hands they are: Paul Ciniraj: **The Power of whose hands it's in.** A short excerpt:

*'A basketball in my hands is worth about \$19. A basketball in Michael Jordans hands is worth about \$33million. It depends on whose hands it's in*

*Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches. Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in God's hands will feed thousands. It depends on whose hands they're in...*

*Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse. Nails in Christ Jesus' hands will produce salvation for the entire world. It depends on whose hands they're in...*

*As you see now it depends whose hands it's in. So put your concerns, your worries, your fears, your hopes, your dreams, your families, and your relationships in God's Hands. Because, it depends on whose hands they're in.'*

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

Give thanks for Easter Camp. Pray that all the youth and leaders who came will continue to grow in our faith journeys. Pray for those especially who have little support at home. Pray that we will all hunger after God; His truth, His word and His Spirit!

**Pray for Miciah** as he settles into his role here, that he will fit well in the team, that we can learn from him, and also support him. Pray that he also fits well into the Mosgiel North Taieri part of his role, and is a blessing to them.

**Pray for our Wednesday night leadership program, Ground Zero Year 7** this term, including camp coming up 20-21 June. Pray particularly for Miciah leading the program, and for our young leaders growing in confidence to lead.

**Pray for our Friday night program.** Pray that the For The City gathering at Elim on 1 May will be another faith step for some of our youth. Pray for safety throughout the term; and for the youth who come along to feel cared for and understood. Pray that our Hub Bash combined youth group event (5 June) will be a blessing to other Dunedin area youth groups.

**Give thanks for our volunteer leaders.** Pray that they will be blessed as they serve all who come along to our programs, Wednesday and Friday nights.

**Give thanks for the "What about God?" group that meets on Tuesday at Taieri College.** Pray that we could work through any Easter Camp faith questions together.

**Pray for the Vible life group restarting on Sunday evenings.** Pray that youth will be able to overcome any obstacles which might otherwise stop them coming along. Pray that the youth will take some leadership in the running of the group. Pray for openness and spiritual growth.

**Pray for our senior community lunch on 10 June.** Pray that we will work well with Mosgiel North Taieri congregation. Pray that we will have good attendance, especially from those not currently involved in a church. Help us know how to reach them through our advertising. Pray that it will be a warm time of connection and friendship.

## **COMMUNITY please pray for...**

Our health professionals and hospitals as we head into winter. For sufficient resources and capability.

Prices of things and the pressure many people and families are facing

That we will be light and hope for people.

**'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**

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 0078236 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](mailto: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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Counsellors are also available to run interactive workshops for church and community based groups on a wide variety of topics.

<p>Chapel 10am Monday mornings in Oak Lounge Join us for a short devotion followed by morning tea. Everyone welcome</p>	<p>For girls aged 7–10 years during term time—games, craft and devotion</p>	<p><a href="http://www.facebook.com/EastTaieri">www.facebook.com/EastTaieri</a> To keep up to date with news and information check out our website:  <a href="http://www.etchurch.co.nz">www.etchurch.co.nz</a></p>	
<p><b>Prayer Breakfast</b> Sharing Life, eating &amp; praying together. Join us as we seek God's will &amp; blessing. Fellowship Centre @ ET Thursday 7am–8am. Everyone welcome.</p>	<p>Sugar &amp; Spice Tuesday fortnightly 6–7.30pm in Oak Lounge</p>	 <p>Please check the lost property basket at ET. It's located by the door to the playground.</p>	<p>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.</p> 