



## **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**