

**Celebrating Christmas @ Mosgiel North Taieri**  
**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Community Carol Service 7pm at North Taieri Church,**  
 39 Wairongoa Road, North Taieri



**Christmas Day: 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
 9.30am Celebration Service at Mosgiel Church

**From the Elders**

We want to keep you up to speed with some of the things the elders are dealing with.

1. We received great input from Julie-anne Laird this year on evangelism. One of our Life Groups is studying the Ripple Effect material. The elders want to do even more to apply that training and will look at that next year.
2. We are keen to make the Pathways course available. The elders will be going through it themselves in February.
3. There has been a proposal for a combined Presbyterian evening service next year. The elders are very supportive.
4. We have a little breathing space, but we know we have to be proactive in balancing the 2024-25 budget. Elders are giving that some focus at every third meeting.
5. We are giving thought to ideas and people as we look to put together a fundraising team for the building project.
6. Two elders' meetings next year will include the Ministry Leadership Team to further enhance cohesion and grapple together with some of the issues we face.

Please continue to pray for our elders.

<p>Fuel Breakfast Café        78 Main Rd,        Fairfield        Term Time only        8.30am</p>	<p>East Taieri Church        12a Cemetery Rd,        Mosgiel        Services at 10am &amp;        2pm</p>	<p>NIGHT CHURCH        12a Cemetery Rd,        Mosgiel        Term time only        6.30pm</p>
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**Welcome to the service 10 December 2023**  
**Speaker: Peter Cheyne**  
**Why Jesus Came: The Other Side of Christmas**  
[www.etchurch.co.nz](http://www.etchurch.co.nz) ph: 489 6308

Please remember to bring last week's handout to church again this Sunday. If you have lost it, we will have some more.



**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 below 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, [www.etchurch.co.nz](http://www.etchurch.co.nz)

**What is this resourcing achieving?** We celebrate what God is doing through us: Our Ministry Settlement Board has been meeting regularly to prayerfully facilitate the search for a new Senior Pastor. In the meantime we have an amazing team of staff and elders who have been ensuring that everything runs smoothly in the vacancy. We have celebrated the baptism of 3 amazing young people who were excited about taking this important step in their faith journey.

A new interactive, walk through Christmas outreach event is being worked on.

A Christmas Eve Carol service will also be held.

Leeanne McKinlay

	Giving	Giving Budget	% of Budget
<b>Offerings</b>	<b>Actual 2023</b>	<b>Budget 2023</b>	<b>% of budget</b>
July	\$31,239	\$37,930	82.36%
August	\$33,940	\$30,512	111.23%
September	\$29,385	\$30,512	96.31%
October	\$30,086	\$30,512	98.60%
<b>Total as at end August 2023</b>	<b>\$125,473</b>	<b>\$129,466</b>	<b>96.92%</b>



**Mission Fellowship**

Tuesday 12 December at 2pm in Oak Lounge. Rod Galloway & Kevin Melhop to accompany the Carol singing.

Christmas programme with afternoon tea.

Items for the food bank. All welcome

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE THAT MADE CHRISTMAS CAKES FOR HASTINGS. 28 BEAUTIFUL CAKES WERE SENT AND GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.



**In the Spirit Of Christmas**

The 20 short stories in this book follow real-life situation of families, politicians, business people, shepherds and others, to uncover the real meaning of Christmas. The book might be useful for personal use, group discussion, devotions etc..

It could even be a Christmas gift. They cost \$16 and can be obtained from Peter.

*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

**Journey To Christmas**

Take time to ponder the significance of Christmas. The [Journey To Christmas](http://www.journeytochristmas.com) website includes a Bible reading and some comments, plus a carol, a Christmas tradition, and a family activity for each day from December 1 to Christmas Day. Let God speak to you and prepare you to celebrate this most special occasion. You will find it at <https://sites.google.com/view/journey-to-christmas>.



**Samson has asked us to pray for three key things:**

1. For a smooth transition as World Vision hands projects over to the community so they can continue to lead change for themselves.
2. For all children to enjoy good health, in mind, body and spirit.
3. For enough funding to implement all the projects planned for this year to improve children's lives.

Christmas walk-through fliers are available outside the office. Please take some and give them to friends, family and neighbours!



# UNWRAPPING CHRISTMAS

December 16 & 17 | East Taieri Church, 12a Cemetery Rd

FOOD ★ CRAFT ★ DRAMA ★ MUSIC

A FREE interactive walk through Christmas with animals,  
activities, a light show and more....

Saturday 16 December 10am—12pm

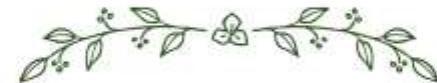
Sunday 17 December 1pm—3pm

For the full Christmas experience allow at least 30mins to walk through



# Christmas Eve Carol Service

SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER, 2023



Time: 8:30pm

East Taieri Church  
12a Cemetery Rd, Mosgiel

FREE Cafe to follow

[www.etchurch.co.nz](http://www.etchurch.co.nz)



**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](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.*

**Turning Point Christian Counselling Service**  
Professional and Affordable Counselling

At ET Church we have four experienced counsellors: Paul Reet , Gill Eastgate, Elaine Gough & Paul Johnson

Turning Point offers:

- ◆ Counselling & Psychotherapy
- ◆ Community Education Workshops
- ◆ Professional & Clinical Supervision
- ◆ Supervision for those in Christian Ministry
- ◆ Grief Care/Coping with Loss

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](http://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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To keep up to date with news and information check out our website:

[www.etchurch.co.nz](http://www.etchurch.co.nz)



Please check the lost property basket 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.

