

Psalm 3:1-8

A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son

1 O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me; 2 many are saying of my soul, "There is no salvation for him in God." Selah

3 But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.

4 I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill. Selah

5 I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me. 6 I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.

7 Arise, O LORD! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked.

8 Salvation belongs to the LORD; your blessing be on your people! Selah

Duty Roster

Due to changes of circumstances some people are now unable to contribute to our duty roster. If you feel that you would be able to help with any of the following then pop your name onto the board in the foyer or email

office@cromchurch.co.nz

Welcoming; Prayers; Readings; Cuppa After Service; Church Cleaning.

Ministry Intern: An Update

Having completed his theology degree and being accepted by the PCANZ to train for the ministry Ryan Feng will be starting at the Knox Center for Ministry and Leadership (KCML) at the end of January. His 22 month program will see Ryan split his time between interning with us (2/3) and with his KCML studies (1/3). Ryan will travel to Dunedin on the 28th January for the first of three 2 week block courses and return to be commissioned here on the 14th February. After this we will see a lot more of Ryan as he involves himself in key areas of our church including preaching, service leading, pastoral care, administration and some key projects. We look forward to being part of Ryans ministry formation as God moulds and shapes him for further service in his kingdom.

Big Change 4 Small People

December's collection went to the Potters to help establish a new 'self-sufficiency learning place' at the rural Baan Hua Fai school (mostly poos/disadvantaged students). January's collection is going to the Hansen's, who are working in Hungary.

The money will be used to help set up a new ministry among 'Roma' children (a traditionally itinerant group who are often marginalised) in Tata, west of Budapest.

From the Ministers Desk

As this is the first "From the Minister's Desk" for the 2021 it's appropriate to wish everyone a happy New Year and especially welcome our visitors. We often have visitors with us over the summer period and we love having you worship with us.

With the New Year comes new opportunities. We're looking at running the successful Marriage Course again starting on the 11th February. This excellent course is just the thing to refresh and revitalize your marriage whether you've being married just a short while or "forever", for 5 months or 50 years. Investing in your most important relationship can be the best way to start 2021.

With the New Year comes a change of circumstances or priorities for some and the church is no exception. We are staring the year with some gaps in Sunday morning rosters, Kid's Church and Youth ministry. If you can help in any of these areas, we'd love to hear from you.

I'm enjoying this summer series on praying the Psalms. My New Year's challenge for each of us is to read a Psalm a day and pray a Psalm a day. Today we'll be looking at how we can pray Psalm 3, one that helps us explain how to handle the harsh words that appear in the Psalms from time to time.

Blessings

Douglas

CHURCH SERVANTS FOR 24th January 2021

Summer Service 10 am

Elder on Duty: Barbara C

Manager on Duty: Lindsay B

Welcome: Stewart B

Prayers: Cathy M

Readings: Barbara C

Music team: Cath F

Cuppa after Service: Pauline C & Lesley M

Church Cleaning: Helen & Jim H

If you're unable to serve, please arrange a swap and advise the church office.
Thanks!!

Electronic donations can be made to the church's bank account number:

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KIDS CHURCH 2021

Starts on 7 Feb



USE OF CRECHE

If your children use the creche, please remember to tidy up the toys afterward!

This would be much appreciated. Thank you!

Sunday School Teachers Needed!

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Newsletter items by **9am Thursday**, please - you may need to leave a message.

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Cromwell & Districts Presbyterian Church

Sunday 17th January 2021

SPEAKER: Douglas Bradley

SERMON: Praying Psalm 3

READING: Psalm 3:1-8

PRAYING PSALM 3

What to do with harsh Psalms

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