



Just as it was our turn to be shut out of our building while alterations were taking place, so now it is the turn of the Baptist congregation.



ST DAVID'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OTOROHANGA

APRIL 2025

Ranfurlly St
Otorohanga

OUR MISSION STATEMENT
Linked together as disciples of Christ to share our faith with
and give loving service to the community.



“Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
'til all the world adores his sacred name.”

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Session report

We were delighted to be approached by the Baptist pastor and asked if we would be prepared to share our premises with them while the roof of their building is being re-done. We know what it was like to have to spend some time out of our building back in 2017 and 2018.

Thus we will be holding combined services with the Baptist folk in St David's for the next couple of months. We are both excited to host our Christian brothers and sisters, and nervous of what it will feel like with so many "visitors" swelling the congregation.

We will be hosting a combined churches' service here on Good Friday. Another thing to look forward to.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

Dawn Session Clerk

As we eat our hot cross buns on Good Friday, let's remember Jesus' death on our behalf.

As we open our hollow chocolate eggs on Easter Sunday, let's remember Jesus' empty tomb, because he rose from the dead.



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The Editor

Calendar for April 2025

Fri 4	10.00am	Cuppa & Chat
Sun 6	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wed 9	2.00pm	Managers
12 to 28		School holidays
Sun 13	10.00am	Harvest Thanksgiving
Fri 18	9.30am	Good Friday service
Sun 20	10.00am	Easter Day
Sun 27	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sun 4 May	10.00am	Morning Worship

Harvest Thanksgiving.

It is not intended that we have a display of produce this year. Rather it is proposed that we donate non-perishable food to the Food Bank. Preserved produce is welcome, plus the likes of flour, rolled oats and other packets of cereals, cartons of longlife milk, tins of fruit, soup, eggs and small sweet treats such as chocolate and muesli bars.

Pastor Peter Townsend and members of the Baptist church will be associated with the conducting of worship over the next two months.

Preaching Roster

April 6	Terry Cowland
April 13	Terry Cowland
Good Friday	
April 20	Dawn Phillips
April 27	Terry Cowland
May 4	Terry Cowland

John 10:17-18

For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.

Hoani 10: 17-18

Koia te Matua ka aroha mai ki ahau, nō te mea e tuku ana ahau i ahau kia mate, kia whakaora ake ai anō ahau ki ahau. Ehara i te mea mā tētahi tangata ahau e whakamate, engari, māku anō ahau e tuku ki te mate. Kei ahau te tikanga mō te tuku atu, kei ahau anō te tikanga mō te whakaora. Nā tōku Matua tēnei ture kua riro mai nei i ahau.

Cuppa & Chat

Good News!

4 April, 10.00am.



Under new management. Still the same programme.

Cuppa & Chat will be starting again on Friday 4 April, and continue on the first Friday of each month (as long as stocks of energy of the hostesses last.) Come and reminisce and share your stories and items of interest.

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“Never was so much owed by so many to so few.” Churchill used those words to acknowledge the immense debt that the British people owed to the small number of RAF pilots who fought in the Battle of Britain.

1 Timothy 4:10-11 (J. B. Phillips translation)

⁸⁻¹¹ Bodily fitness has a certain value, but spiritual fitness is essential both for this present life and for the life to come. There is no doubt about this at all, and Christians should remember it. It is because we realise the paramount importance of the spiritual that we labour and struggle. We place our whole confidence in the living God, **the saviour of all men**, and particularly of those who believe in him.

1 Corinthians 15:21-22

As death entered the world through a man, so has rising from the dead come to us through a man! As members of a sinful race all men die; **as members of the Christ of God all men shall be raised to life**, each in his proper order, with Christ the very first and after him all who belong to him when he comes.

Christ's sacrificial death, which we remember at Easter, means anyone who trusts in him, can have eternal life. The possibility is open to everybody. What a huge debt of thanks we owe to the one and only who made this possible for so many.



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There is a green hill far away

There is a green hill far away
Outside a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified
Who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell
What pains he had to bear,
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to heaven
Saved by his precious blood.

There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has he loved
And we must love him too,
And trust in his redeeming blood,
And try his works to do.

Cecil Frances Alexander.

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Low in the grave he lay

Low in the grave he lay,
Jesus, my saviour,
Waiting the coming day,
Jesus my Lord.

Up from the grave he arose
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes
He arose a victor from the dark
domain
And he lives for ever
With his saints to reign:
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah!
Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed,
Jesus, my saviour;
Vainly they seal the dead,
Jesus, my Lord.
Up from the grave he arose . . .

Death cannot keep his prey,
Jesus, my saviour,
He tore the bars away,
Jesus, my Lord.
Up from the grave he arose . . .

Robert Lowry