

# GREYFRIARS EDEN EPSOM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## Sunday 16 March 2025

*“A Thriving Church”*

Sunday 16 March	9:00am @ Epsom	10:30am @ Mt Eden
Kids talk:		Grant Paton-Simpson
Prayer:	Diane McCrae	Val Thomsen
Reader:	Joanne Bremner	Glynis Rebeiro
Bible reading:	Matthew 22:34–40 and Acts 2:38–47	

*Morning tea will be served following today's service.*

*Our **Welcome** information is available at the rear of the church.*

*We believe that the Spirit of God had a hand in your coming here today.*

*We pray that you will feel God's Spirit in our service.*

*Please introduce yourself and give us pleasure of meeting you. And please come again!*

**YouTube Live Stream Service – 10:30 am on Sundays**



### QR CODE

Scan this QR Code using your phone's camera  
to connect with  
Greyfriars' YouTube Channel.

## UNITING IN PURPOSE

[www.greyfriars.org.nz](http://www.greyfriars.org.nz)

# Re-Visioning the Church With Rod Morris of City to City

We invite you to join the conversation as we prayerfully discuss where God is leading us.

Friday 14 March - 7-9pm & Saturday 15 March - 9am-5pm  
Memorial Hall Greyfriars Mt Eden

*Where are we now?*

*What is our vision for the church?*

*Where to in the long term?*

*What could we focus on in the next 12 months to make the vision a reality?*



**EASTER CHOIR  
PRACTISE**  
Sundays after the  
10.30am service



**WORKING  
BEE**  
Saturday  
22 March  
9am @  
Mt Eden



**Even if your English is weak, you can still understand the minister's talk!**

Download and try Microsoft Translator App.

It is user-friendly and has better reviews than many translator apps.

You should be able to read the sermon as the minister is speaking it in English. Or plug in your ear buds so you can listen.

## MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

Thank you for your generous gifts and support which we use to extend God's kingdom locally through our various ministries and overseas in global mission. We, like other families in our community, are facing difficult economic times and your faithful giving in these times is a credit to your love of God and the church family we are part of.

Our finance team met this week and we want to draw to your attention that over the eight months to date we have a \$22,000 shortfall in our budgeted giving. You may not be in a position to increase what you give so we invite you to pray about this, lifting it to God and asking him to provide for our needs. If you are able to increase your giving we invite you to do so.

If you would like to join our giving system we will be able to issue you with a donations receipt which you can use to claim a rebate from the Inland Revenue Department. The tax year ends this month and we will issue receipts in April.

John Malcolm  
Finance Team

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*To provide consistent giving we encourage you to set up an automatic bank payment. Our bank details are:*

**Account Name:** Greyfriars Presbyterian Church  
**Account Number:** 12-3069-0259380-02  
**Reference:** Your first and last names

*Or you can join our Freewill Offering Envelopes system and make cash donations in our donations box. There is also the option of setting aside some of your giving for special purposes. Please contact the Church Office, phone (09) 630 2460 or email [office@greyfriars.org.nz](mailto:office@greyfriars.org.nz) for details.*



We are pleased to welcome **May Lee** to our church family as our new Youth Ministry Coordinator.

May writes: *My involvement with youth comes through my work as a volunteer with a local Baptist church youth group. I have assisted with small group Bible studies, led games, and helped mentor youth at a youth center where we welcome them and pray for them.*

She has also assisted with children's holiday programmes at her local church.

May has experience ministering with university students with both International Student Ministries NZ and Tertiary Student Christian Fellowship. She will continue this ministry on campus with ISMNZ.

She will be working at Greyfriars with our intermediate and high school young people, as well as with our young adults and university students.

Please take the time to introduce yourself to May as she begins this new ministry with us.

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# Autumn Season of Prayer

1.30pm each Tuesday in March

Join us in the church library

## PRAY EVERY DAY – a helpful guide

### Monday: Pray for Your Family

Take time to pray for each member of your family. Include extended family members. Entrust each one to the Lord. Wherever they are in their relationship with God, pray that He draws them “ever one step closer.” Be as specific as you can as you pray that He will meet them at their point of need.

### Tuesday: Pray for God’s Family

Pray for the church, starting with your local church. Pray for your pastor and staff, for your elders, managers, missionaries and their families. Who else in the church needs prayer? Now think of the church around the world. Pray that the Gospel would be preached “as of first importance” (1 Corinthians 15:1-11).

### Wednesday: Pray for Your Community

Think about the groups you are part of and pray for the people you see regularly — those you live near, work with, bump into at school or the store, and so forth. How have they asked you to pray for them? Pray that the Lord will meet each one at his or her point of need, both physically and spiritually, according to His will.

### Thursday: Pray for the Nation

Pray for the revival of God’s people, and that we’ll be *salt and light* as we truly love and serve those around us. Pray for those in authority. Ask God to bring to mind local and national spiritual and political leaders and pray for each. Pray about national issues and challenges, such as the economy and its impact on everyday families.

### Friday: Pray for the World

Pray that God will use His people to help others “to know Christ and to make Him known.” Pray that revived Christ followers would respond with Jesus’ love, grace, compassion and wisdom to social struggles — add to your prayer list specific needs you are aware of. Pray for the persecuted church. Finally, pray for the advance of the Gospel everywhere, toward Matthew 24:14.

### Saturday: Pray for the Helpless, Hopeless, Hurting and Lost

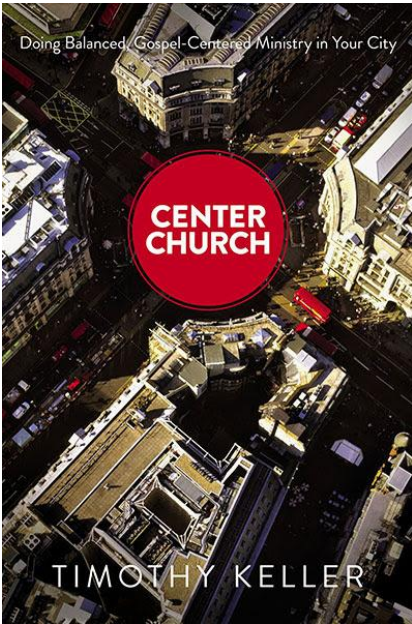
Take time to pray for the down-and-out. Start with the world, draw closer to your nation, closer to your state, and closer still to your own community. Pray for the physically and spiritually afflicted. Pray specifically for ministries that are reaching out to the helpless, hopeless, hurting and lost.

### Sunday: Pray for Yourself

Finally, take time to pray for your own personal needs. Sometimes we pray for everything and everyone else but forget to pray for ourselves. On Sundays, pull away and pray for yourself. Walk with God through every aspect of your life — your personal, family, work, community, and church aspects of your life. Say, “Speak to me, Lord, I’m listening!”

*from Focus on the Family*





**BOOK OF THE WEEK:**  
***Center Church: Doing Balanced,  
 Gospel-Centered Ministry  
 in Your City***

by Timothy Keller (Church section)

*Practical and Gospel-centred thoughts on how to have a fruitful ministry by one of America's leading and most beloved pastors. Timothy Keller was the founding pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City, and cofounder of Redeemer City to City. This book outlines a broad theological vision that connects classical evangelical doctrine to holistic and vibrant ministry expression, particularly in globalized, urbanized settings.*



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