



## Meg's Crumbs;

A few months ago the pop icon Taylor Swift married American footballer Travice Kelce in a ceremony at Madison Square Gardens in New York in front of at least 1000 people. The internet went crazy. All photos of her in her wedding dress were everywhere (all different strangely enough) and Swifties (as her fans are called) surrounded the stadium to catch even a glimpse of Taylor on her special day. About a year ago Swift finished her epic worldwide stadium tour of two years called Eras to signify her growing up as a musician. So what, you are probably wondering. Well I bring this up because it speaks beautifully to what we call the Cult of Celebrity. There is an obsession in society, especially in younger generations, with stars of the stage and screen and radio. So many are looking to these people not only on what to wear or what TV show to watch, but also about what they should think about things like elections. Want to understand how strong a following these stars can have? There is now an economics term called The Swift Effect. That Eras tour Taylor Swift did? Yeah it caused a bump up in the economy in each city she visited to a degree so visible that they have named it. I look at this idol worship and it immediately reminds of the idol worship the Jews are tempted by again and again in the Old Testament. Do we need to do an emergency break to get our kids, and maybe ourselves, out of this idol worship? Technology and the internet have made it impossible to avoid these celebrities completely. Even if you scroll past it there is still something there you have to scroll past! I believe we need to be so, so careful about who or what we worship in this world at this time. The list is endless, not just celebrities, but "influencers" and diets and fitness fads and cars and sport and...the list is never ending and takes us far, far away from the ONLY thing to worship - our God. Yea though I walk through the darkest valley indeed.

Manaakitia koutou

Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him.

Hosea 6:1a, 2b

## Prayer of the day;

E te Atua Atawhai,  
nāu i tuku mai tāu tama kotahi  
hei patunga tapu mō ō mātou hara  
hei taurira mō te oranga atuātanga;  
Āwhinatia mai mātou i runga i te  
harikoa kia whiwhi  
ingā mea katoa i mahia e ia mō mātou  
me te whai i ōna tapuwae;  
Ko Īhu Karaiti tō mātou Kaiwhakaora.  
**Āmine.**

Merciful God,  
you gave your only Son to be both a  
sacrifice for sin and an example for  
godly life;  
help us gladly to receive all that has  
been done for us and follow in his  
footsteps;  
through Jesus our Saviour.  
**Amen.**

## Sunday's Readings;

Ezek 33:7-11

Roman 13:8-14

**Matt 18:15-20**

## Prayer for the Day;

Within our parish we pray for the dreams, visions, and hopes of each and every person for the church and for the kingdom of God. Thank God for the bravery to share these dreams and hopes with each other. Help us to see where you are already at work in what we hope for and to honour your will for your kingdom. Outside our church we pray for those who are struggling with life mentally, spiritually or physically. We pray you fill them with your Holy Spirit so that they too have the capacity to hope and dream. Further, may your spirit nudge those hopes and dreams to include Jesus in some way, big or small.

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## Notices

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### AAW

AAW special invitation to attend Marchwiel Parish hospitality day on Tuesday 1st October at 2pm in St Philips and All Saints church at 2pm. Tim Kirke is the Guest for the afternoon. His talents on piano along with some of his experiences visiting Gallipoli last April.

### FEARLESS CONFERENCE 2026

Fearless conference this year is happening as a road trip around the lower south (taking conference to youth groups) due to the timing of A/G pastors conference being in the school holidays. Fearless will be happening here in Timaru at Life Church on Sunday evening 27th September and Monday 28th September.. We would love to see any of your youth along Yr7-

### CHRISTMAS MARKET STALL HOLDERS WANTED

Do you know of someone who would like to have a stall at our upcoming Christmas Market? Grab a flyer from the back of the church for them.

### PARISH OFFICE

The Office Admin is on leave from Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2026, Returing Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2026.

During this time, the office phone will not be checked. However, the emails will be.

Rev. Meg will still have her office hours on Tuesday, from 10 am - 1 pm as usual.

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The poster features a vertical title 'FEARLESS ROAD TRIP PROGRAMME' on the left. The main content is a schedule for September 24th to 28th. Each day has a date, a session name, and a time. The background is a light beige with a faint map of New Zealand.

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| SEP | 24 | SESSION                              | 7PM |
| SEP | 25 | SESSION                              | 7PM |
| SEP | 26 | LEADERS GET TOGETHER & YOUTH SERVICE | 9AM |
| SEP | 27 | SESSION 1                            | 7PM |
| SEP | 28 | 9:30AM SESSION                       |     |
|     |    | 11:00AM ELECTIVES                    |     |
|     |    | 12:00PM LUNCH                        |     |
|     |    | 1:00PM ELECTIVES                     |     |
|     |    | 2:30PM HOLYSPIRIT SESSION            |     |
|     |    | 4:00PM BREAK                         |     |
|     |    | 7:00PM SESSION                       |     |