



Dear church leader,

Lent 2012

It's our pleasure to introduce the Lenten reflections booklet for 2012 developed as part of the PresCare partnership between the Church and Presbyterian Support. This booklet comes out of our shared concern for the wellbeing of New Zealand families in all their diversity, especially those affected by violence, debt, neglect and other issues of disadvantage that frequently come to our attention through the news and our experiences in our communities.

While each daily reflection primarily encourages readers to examine their relationship with God in the lead up to Easter, there are also prompts within to consider how we all might be agents of peace and reconciliation in their communities. It is hoped this will include further understanding and support within churches for the work of Presbyterian Support who already provide counselling, training and social services directly to children and families in need in all regions throughout New Zealand.

How to use the booklet

The 2012 Lenten reflections booklet has been created in consultation with a number of ministers and Presbyterian Support workers for personal or small group study in churches and is divided into weekly themes for the period of Lent and Holy Week, running from Ash Wednesday, 22 February to Easter Sunday, 8 April.

Many verses (marked * in the booklet) are sourced directly from the current Lectionary if you wish to integrate content with your services and other meetings. There are also weekly devotions created specifically for families and children by the team at Kids Friendly.

A limited number of print copies of the booklet are being supplied to each church with this letter along with a poster for your notice board. If you require additional copies of the booklet, please contact the Church by email: office@presbyterian.org.nz or post: Lenten Reflections 2012, PO Box 9049, Wellington, or download a PDF version from the Presbyterian Church website: www.presbyterian.org.nz/prescare

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Cheyne".

The Right Rev Peter Cheyne
Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frazer Barton".

Frazer Barton,
Chair, National Council, Presbyterian Support New Zealand