

John Knox

# Rangiora



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21st April

Being in a season of waiting is something we all spend time in. From the womb, until we're old enough to drive or go to the pub, for exam results, election results, medical results, for the announcement of redundancies to the results of a pregnancy test or the 12 week scan. Even waiting at a red light or **FOR THE CAR ON THE GREEN TO MOVE!!!** We spend time waiting. You would think it would get easier, you would think.

The disciples, after the ascension of Jesus, waited as He had told them "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about." (Acts 1:4) 50 days after the Passover Festival, the crucifixion of Jesus, the Spirit of God comes in power into the lives of the disciples and all the Church and sets His presence there. It must have been hard for them too in all the waiting. But the waiting paid off, the waiting, like labour pains (so I have been led to believe) is incomparable to the joy and blessing when the Holy Spirit made His presence felt on the day of Pentecost.

We are in a period of waiting. In many ways. And in our waiting, how is God sustaining us? What are we looking forward to? Are we feeling anxious and needing to fill the awkward silence with something? Have we learnt the practice of patience? Of silence? Or stillness?

Psalms 40 says, "I waited patiently for the LORD; who inclined to me and heard my cry." Now is not a time of anxiety or business, now is the beautiful space of waiting. How is your waiting? J

## CHURCH SERVICE TODAY

Service Leader: Jas

Preacher: Jas

Our Service will be streamed online today at:

<https://youtube.com/live/OjQKLtETtDA?feature=share>

**PRE-SERVICE PRAYER:** For those interested in praying for our Sunday Service, a brief prayer time will be held *in the Totara Club*.

**READINGS:** 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16

### CELEBRATIONS:

**Birthday Wishes:** to Sue Burt, Regan King, and Sam Waddington.

**Anniversary wishes** to: Peter and Helen Walker  
May God Bless you all richly!

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 22 Apr: 1 Peter 5:1-5  
Tue 23 Apr: Revelation 7:13-17  
Wed 24 Apr: Mark 14:26-31  
Thu 25 Apr: Acts 8:1b-8  
Fri 26 Apr: Acts 8:9-25  
Sat 27 Apr: Mark 4:30-32  
Sun 28 Apr: John 15:1-8

### THIS WEEK:

Fun with Music, Connect or Heroes are all on holiday.

**Wed 24 Apr:** Combined Hymn Service, 1pm, 24th April, Trinity Methodist

**Sat 27 Apr:** Shed Talk: Howard and Lynette are hosting us on the 27th of April, 8.30-10am (Please register for numbers, Max 15 people)

**Sun 28 Apr:** Heroes Fun Day: Children's Service, 28th of April with a Heroes Fun Day after. (No Heroes during School Holidays.)

**OTHER NOTICES AND EVENTS:** Change of Email for Kim Fletcher, new email: kimfletcher99@gmail.com

**Firewood and Pinecones:**

Jas has started to deliver firewood orders again, so contact him if you need some. Pinecones are \$5 per bag.

**Prayer for our friends:**

Please pray for Allan Russell, Margaret Vallance, Donna, Edna Van Der Loon, Mary Stewart and Ian Cormack.

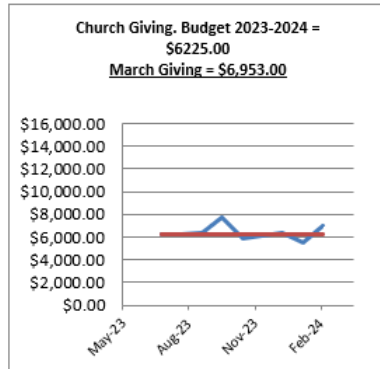
**CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR APRIL 2024**

<b>21 April</b>	<b>Rev Jas King</b>
Elder Duty:	Kayla
Door Duty:	Moira Courtney and Kim Fletche
Power Point:	Marlene Hawke
Mini Bus:	Lana/Sue
Morning Tea:	Alon and Tracy Mayhew
Offering Count:	Annette/Leigh
Set-up Chairs:	Cheongs & Whites
Heroes Programme:	N/A
Heroes Morning Tea:	N/A

<b>28 April</b>	<b>Rev Jas King</b>
Elder Duty:	Richard McMurdo
Door Duty:	Alon and Tracy Mayhew
Power Point:	Allan Russell
Mini Bus:	Graham and Sue
Morning Tea:	Merle Wilcox and Ali Romeril

Offering Count: Tracy/Anne  
 Set-up Chairs: Lincoln & Ewen  
 Heroes Programme: N/A  
 Heroes Morning Tea: N/A

### Giving Chart for March 2024



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