



21st July

“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.” Galatians 5:1

True freedom, especially in a Christian context is not about doing whatever you want, but it is the freedom to what is right, even under the pressure and difficulty of doing what is convenient or easy. Given the choice of taking the path of least resistance (as easy as it might be,) or taking the hard road (which might cost you or require sacrifice,) we are not given the strength, in Christ, to take the path that most reflects God’s dream for creation.

The yoke of slavery is the need to be conformed to a certain behaviour or lifestyle or belief because of the need to fit in or conform. Our need to be accepted, weather for our safety or for our prosperity or for the love of others is no longer necessary of we truly understand the freedom God has blessed us with in Christ.

True freedom is the freedom to do what is right. This gift is yours in Christ.

Jas

CHURCH SERVICE TODAY

Service Leader: Jas

Preacher: Jas

Our Service will be streamed online today at:

<https://youtube.com/live/YcMZUfILxZ4?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 5: 1- 5, 1 Corinthians 5: 6 - 8

The Worship Hymns and Songs:

1. Amazing Grace
2. The Goodness of God
3. Have Faith in the Lord
4. At The Cross
5. Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessings

CELEBRATIONS:

Birthday Wishes: Adele Warburton, Colin McPherson - *May God Bless you both richly!*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 22 July: Hebrews 13:17 - 25
Tue 23 July: Acts 20:17 - 38
Wed 24 July: Luke 15:1 - 7
Thu 25 July: Colossians 1:9 - 14
Fri 26 July: Colossians 3:12 - 17
Sat 27 July: John 4: 31 - 38
Sun 28 July: John 6: 1 - 21

THIS WEEK:

- 24th July – Parish Council, 7pm at the Kings
- 24th July – no Connect
- 26th July - Youth Event Y7 – Y13: Bonfire and Marshmallows, 6pm. Lincoln's neighbour, Mt Thomas Rd. \$5 each.
- 28th July - Church AGM after church. Annual Reports will be distributed 21st July. Annual Reports available from Tracy or Jas
- 31st July – Connect, 10am at the Kings
- 1st August – Prayer Meeting, 1.30pm at the Kings
- 1st August – Heroes Leader team meeting 7pm

- **OTHER NOTICES AND EVENTS:**

- Rev Jas King will be on study leave and leave 3rd August to 28th October. For any Pastoral matters contact Moira, for any Parish Council matters contact Alon or Kayla.
- Christmas Tree Fundraiser: Christmas Tree seedlings are available. We invite everyone to take some home to grow. Registrations for names and amounts will be collected. Jas can drop off seedlings if needed.
- JIGSAWS AND BOOKS: With no Church Fair this year I plan to sell jigsaws and books at the Anglican Church Market on August 3rd. All proceeds will go to church fundraising – the stall fee is taken care of. If you have items in very good/excellent condition to donate please discuss with me at Church or phone 3107891, email hlfowler@xtra.co.nz. Unsold items will be donated to the Rotary Book Fair held in October. Lynette Fowler

Prayer for our friends:

Please pray for *Bob and Lynne Reid, Annette Wright, Allan Russell, Donna, Edna Van Der Loon, Mary Stewart and Ian Cormack.*

CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR JULY 2024

21 July

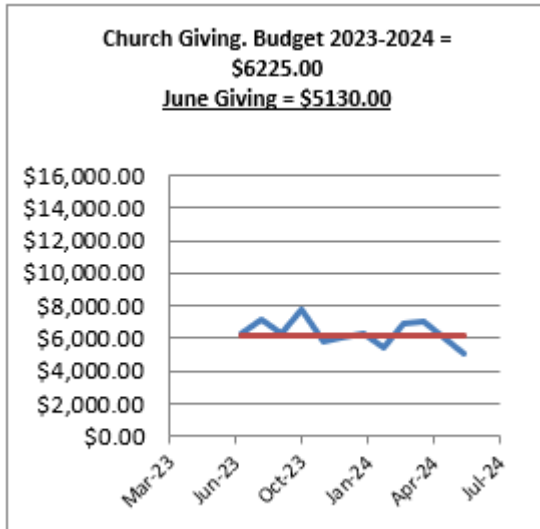
Elder Duty: Annette Patterson	Door Duty: Kim Fletcher & Gaye Edwards
Power Point: Allan Russell	Mini Bus: Lana & Sue
Morning Tea: Moira Courtney & Kate King	Offering Count: Tracy & Leigh
Set-up chairs: Ewen & Whites	Heroes Leader: School Holidays
Heroes Morning Tea: School Holidays	Fun with Music: School Holidays

28 July

Elder Duty: Anne Moffat	Door Duty: Joan Shearer & Margaret Hamilton
Power Point: Marlene Hawke	Mini Bus: TBC

Morning Tea: Maureen Landreth & Annette Wright	Offering Count: Tracy & Anne
Set-up chairs: Stevens Family	Heroes Leader: Megan
Heroes Morning Tea: Anne	Fun with Music: Mary Blaikie 22nd

Giving Chart for June 2024:



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Church Chairs Fundraiser

21st July 2024

Purpose: To raise funds for new Chairs for the new Church Auditorium.

We are looking to have new chairs in the Church when it opens early next year. These are not budgeted for but we felt that they would be a solid investment into the use of the facilities for events that would benefit the wider community. We have ordered them in advance to have them available for the opening. (14-week lead time.)

We are looking to purchase:

- 40 Upholstered Chairs (Similar to the chairs we had previously)
- 180 Stackable Chairs (and trolley to move them)

The total cost for these is **\$36,933**.

As part of the fundraising for these, we are offering the chance to make a donation towards chairs at \$150 each. You can donate towards one each, one per family or more if you like.

How: Please record your name and the number of chairs you want to sponsor on the clipboard at church or email Craig directly. Your donation can be online or in a suitably marked envelope in the offering.

Thank you for your involvement and for getting in behind this amazing project.

Jas

Important notice:

John Knox Rangiora stands with the wider PCANZ against any form of abuse or sexual misconduct in and among the Mission and Ministries of this Parish.

Should you wish to report or discuss any matter concerning abuse and the Presbyterian Church, we encourage you to do so in whatever way is right for you.

You can contact our Complaints and Disputes Manager, email: -

ComplaintsandDisputesManager@presbyterian.org.nz and

Free Phone 0800 244 357

John Knox Rangiora Parish Council