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The discipline of sustaining and growing our faith is central to the life of a follower of Jesus. The rhythm of prayer, worship, compassion and thoughtfulness is a daily lifestyle while the seasons of Advent, Pentecost, Easter and Christmas are annual opportunities to locate ourselves in God's story while bearing witness to our wider community.
Lent begins next week. A rhythm of intentional reflection on the meaning of the cross at Easter while also a space to allow God to open our eyes and ears to the needs of our world. Lent begins with a blessing on Ash Wednesday (7pm, 5th March this year) and then for 6 weeks we journey towards Good Friday and Easter Sunday together remembering the journey of Jesus as he follwed in obedience the path God had for him. Ending with his sacrifice on the Cross.
To prepare for Lent, on Tuesday morning (7am, 4th March) we have pancakes. A symbol of cleaning out the cupboards of all the sugar and spice that might distract us from our Lent-focus.
Join us, why don't you? We can do this together.
Jas

CHURCH SERVICE TODAY

Service Leader: Jas
Preacher: Jas

Our Service will be streamed online today at:
https://youtube.com/live/8D3JK7ilR-s?feature=share
PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: 9.45am in Barrett Room

READINGS: 1 Corinthians 8:1- 8

The Worship Hymns and Songs:

1. Holy Holy Holy
2. A New Commandment
3. 10,000 Reasons
4. Create In Me A Clean Heart
5. The Blessings

CELEBRATIONS:

Birthdays: *Lindsay Jones, Lana Jackson-Stevens, Raven Purdom*
Wedding anniversary: *Sue & Neil Burt*
May The Lord bless you and keep you well 😊

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 03 March: Acts 10:9-23a
Tue 04 March: Acts 10:23b-33
Wed 05 March: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Thu 06 March: Acts 7:30-34
Fri 07 March: Acts 7:35-42
Sat 08 March: John 12:27-36
Sun 09 March: Luke 4:1-13

NOTICES: -

Both Neil and I would like to thank you all for your prayers and support. Following a positive report from the Oncologist on Wednesday they will give Neil two more rounds of Keytruda with reassessment in three months. Blessings. Sue Burt

Tuesday 4th March: Shrove Tuesday pancake breakfast, 7am, Wyllie Room

Tuesday 4th March: Young Adults story group, 7 – 8.30pm, 32 Kingsbury Ave

Wednesday 5th March: Connect, 10am, 32 Kingsbury Ave

Wednesday 5th March: 7pm short Ash Wednesday Service, McLauchlan Room

Friday 7th March: Hard Knox Café, 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Friday 7th March: The annual WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is on. This is an ecumenical, worldwide service which though organised by women is for ALL who wish to attend. This years' service was written by Cook

Island women. We are the hosts for the local service this year which will be at 7p.m. on Friday 7 March. If any of our Church women would care to help the Women's Group host this occasion we would love to hear from you. Some of the help we need is to greet and welcome people as they arrive for the service; to help organise and serve supper after the service. If you can help, please talk to Annette Paterson.
Saturday 8th March: 9.30am – 3pm Leaders Vision Day, JKR.
Thursday 13th March: from 5.30pm Jas shares his feedback from his study leave. 6pm share pot luck dinner, JKR.
Firewood: orders are being taken now. Text 'firewood' to 0274527546 for 3m3 trailer load of dry pine, $350
Prayer for our friends:
Please pray for *Lucy Smith, Neil and Sue Burt*, *Allan Russell, Edna Van Der Loon, Mary Stewart and Ian Cormack.*

CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR FEBRUARY 2025
02 March

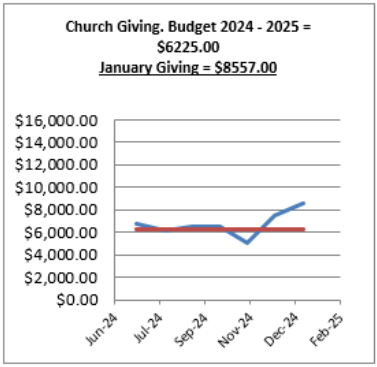
Elder Duty: Alon Mayhew	**Door Duty**: Chris Scotton and Maureen Landreth
Power Point: April McMurdo	**Mini Bus:** Richard
Morning Tea: Fran Taylor and Gaye Edwards	**Offering Count:** Tracy/Annette
Readings: Margaret Hamilton	**Heroes Leader:** Megan
Prayers: Eric	**Fun with Music:** 3rd Margaret H & Lynne O'Malley

09 March

Elder Duty: Kayla Crampton	**Door Duty**: Kim Fletcher and Anne Moffat
Power Point: Annette Wright	**Mini Bus:** TBC
Morning Tea: Marlene Hawke and Lyn O'Malley	**Offering Count:** Tracy/Annette
Readings: Ross Wilson	**Heroes Leader:** Kate
Prayers:	**Fun with Music:**

Gaye Edwards	Marlene Hawke & Marlene Hopkinson

Giving Chart for January 2025:



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