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Connections: We have been praying this week around the connections we have in our lives.
What connections do you have? Church connections, neighbours, families, work, the places you frequent. Where are your connections? Do they energise you? Do you look forward to them? Do you pray for them? What would be an even better exercise, can you imagine places in our community that have little or no connection to God's church. How might God be challenging you to find a place there?
Increasingly there are people and areas of our community becoming more and more disconnected as many around us are retreating into our own bubbles. No longer active in those spaces of connection, perpetuating much of the felt isolation around us.
Continue to pray for divine connections and the challenge of re-establishing our social spaces in order that, through us, our world might come to meet Him. Jas

CHURCH SERVICE TODAY

Service Leader: Jas
Preacher: Jas

Our Service will be streamed online today at:
https://youtube.com/live/nKwoHzPci0Y?feature=share
PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: 9.45am in Barrett Room
READINGS: 1 Corinthians 7:17-24;
The Worship Hymns and Songs:
1). Open The Eyes Of My Heart Lord
2). Now Thank We All Our God
3). Just As I Am
4.) Great Is Thy Faithfulness

CELEBRATIONS:

Birthdays: *Donna Abernethy*

May The Lord bless you and keep you well 😊

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 10 February:	**1 Corinthians 14:26-40**
Tue 11 February:	**1 Timothy 3:1-9**
Wed 12 February:	**Luke 5:27-32**
Thu 13 February:	**Acts 13:26-34**
Fri 14 February:	**1 Peter 1:17-2:1**
Sat 15 February:	**Luke 11:24-28**
Sun 16 February:	**Luke 6:27-38**

NOTICES: -

Kate and Jas no longer have a landline at home but they can be contacted on their mobile phones: 0211038475 Kate; 0274527546 Jas.

Sunday 16th February: Season of Prayer and Fasting: Please bring a plate to share for a shared Morning Tea after the service.

Friday 21st February: *Hard Knox Cafe*: Youth are meeting here at JKR from 6.30-8.30pm for our first Youth gathering for the year for fun and games and food!

If you are between Y8 and Y13, you are welcome to join us. Feel free to come and bring a friend. (gold coin donation welcome)

Contact Jason (027 452 7546) or Lana (021 080 83226) for more info

Saturday 22nd February, Shed Talk: 8.30am at Artisans Bakery (*cover own cost please*) then heading down to the Presbyterian Cemetery on East Belt. Please register on the clipboard in the Stewart Lounge.

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.

Prayer for our friends:
Please pray for *Merle Wilcox*, *Neil and Sue Burt*, *Allan Russell, Edna Van Der Loon, Mary Stewart and Ian Cormack.*

CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR FEBRUARY 2025

09 February

Elder Duty: Anne Moffat	**Door Duty**: Alon and Tracy Mayhew
Power Point: Tracy Mayhew	**Mini Bus:** Richard and Donna
Morning Tea: Averil and Graham Gibson	**Offering Count:** Tracy Mayhew and Anne Moffat
Readings: Howard Fowler	**Heroes Leader:** Marlene
Prayers: Anne Moffat	**Fun with Music:** 10/02 Mary Blaikie

16 February

Elder Duty: Ewen Nichol	**Door Duty**: Margaret Vallance and Fran Taylor
Power Point: Annette Wright	**Mini Bus:** TBC
Morning Tea: Margaret Hamilton & Daphne Begley	**Offering Count:** Gaye/Alan Mcl
Readings: TBC	**Heroes Leader:** Jas
Prayers: TBC	**Fun with Music:** 17th Margaret Vallance

Giving Chart for December 2024:

Season of Prayer and Fasting:

Date	Focus	Practice:
9th Feb	We are Making Disciples together.	
10th Feb	Through Bible Study	If you are not already part of a Bible Study Group, look to get involved in one or look to host one.
11th Feb	Through participation	Which Ministry/Ministries at JKR interest you most? Dream about what they might look like and how you might be able to contribute to them.
12th Feb	For All Ages	Thinking about the different ages at JKR, think of 2-3 things that each age would connect with in our different Ministries at JKR
13th Feb	Even in Disagreement	Take some time to bring to mind times in your Christian journey when you have changed your opinion upon reflection. Is this easy or difficult for you?
14th Feb	In our Love for one-another	Get a copy of the Church directory and pray the following blessing for each person over the next couple of days: "Lord of life, bless *[insert name]* today and may they be filled with your peace today."
15th Feb	Always Growing	Spend time listening to the Holy Spirit today. What is one area of your faith that God wants you to grow in this year?
16th Feb	Bringing together our Prayers: Come together after the service with a Pot-Luck Lunch after the morning service. Once we have eaten, there will be space in the Church Auditorium to write your reflections against one or many of our Ministries and to feedback anything God might be saying in terms of Ministry and the year ahead.	

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