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I have been challenged this week around the distinctiveness of the Church and for those who are disciples and followers of Jesus.

Last Sunday I talked a little about the kindness and politeness that we are called to live by. Something that is not unique to those of the Christian faith as this is the attitude of most of our community. So what makes us unique?

I mentioned on Sunday, one thing that differentiates us from the polite and courteous retail staff up High Street, for example, is that our attitude and behaviour is a gift! Not part of a customer service that wants something from the recipient. (A sale or a client etc.) Our attitude towards the other is given out of love and as a reflection of the love God has freely given us.

I was thinking about another distinctive that we all carry as faithful believers. And that is our proactive affection. We intentionally seek out people to show kindness and love to. (or we should…) We do not wait until those in need come to us wanting what we have, but we are constantly on the lookout for opportunities to bless others, for no reward other than the well-being and care for the “other”

How does this sit with you? How does this motivate you?
Jas

CHURCH SERVICE TODAY

Service Leader: Richard
Preacher: Grenville

Our Service will be streamed online today at:
https://youtube.com/live/E-UG8_rt5wE?feature=share

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: 9.45am in Barrett Room

READINGS:
Joshua 24:14-18
Matthew 25:31-36

The Worship Hymns and Songs:
I have Decided To Follow Jesus
Open The Eyes of My Heart Lord
Shout To The North
I Believe In Jesus
Now Unto Him

CELEBRATIONS:
Birthdays: *Annette Paterson, Megan Waddington*
Wedding anniversary: *Greg & Annette Wright*
May The Lord bless you and keep you well 😊

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 17 March:	**Romans 4:1-12**
Tue 18 March:	**1 Corinthians 10:1-13**
Wed 19 March:	**Luke 13:22-31**
Thu 20 March:	**Revelation 2:8-11**
Fri 21 March:	**Revelation 3:1-6**
Sat 22 March:	**Luke 6:43-45**
Sun 23 March:	**Luke 13:1-9**

NOTICES: -

Wednesday 19th March, 1.30pm, Pastoral Care will meet at in Reflection Room, Charles Upham
Friday 21st March: 6.30pm, Hard Knox Café, JKR.

Saturday 29th March, 8.30-10am, Shed Talk, 121 Loburn Whiterock Rd. RSVP on Clipboard in Stewart Lounge

April 5th – 25th Megan is away (again!). Newsletter will recommence 3rd May. We are back to England to celebrate Ed's 50th birthday with his parents.

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 *Sherryn and Kevin, Lucy Smith, Neil and Sue Burt*, *Allan Russell, Edna Van Der Loon, Mary Stewart and Ian Cormack.*

CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR FEBRUARY 2025

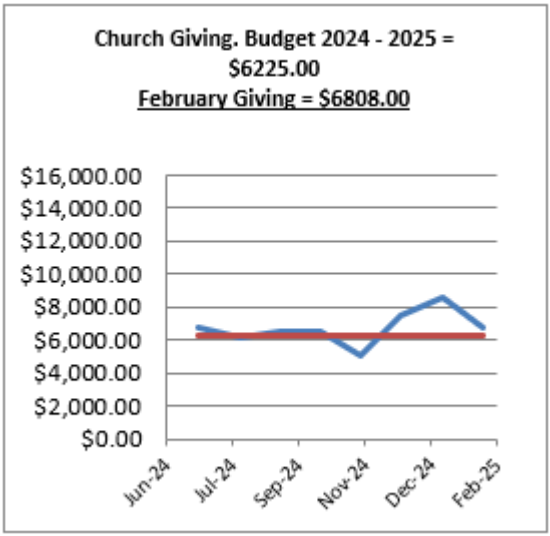
16 March

Elder Duty: Annette Paterson	**Door Duty**: Kim Fletcher and Marlene Hopkinson
Power Point: Tracy Mayhew	**Mini Bus:** Graham Gibson
Morning Tea: Anne Moffat and Maureen Landreth	**Offering Count:** Gaye/Christine S
Readings: Eric	**Heroes Leader:** Jas
Prayers: Annette Paterson	**Fun with Music:** 17th Joan Shearer

23 March

Elder Duty: Richard McMurdo	**Door Duty**: Lincoln and Anne Moffat
Power Point: Allan Russell	**Mini Bus:** TBC
Morning Tea: Gaye Edwards and Kate King	**Offering Count:** Tracy and Christine S
Readings: Megan W	**Heroes Leader:** Marlene
Prayers: Ewen N	**Fun with Music:** Anne Moffat

Giving Chart for February 2025:



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