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04 May, 2025

“these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.” Isaiah 56:7

Isaiah has a positive spin on the ideal that God’s house will be a house of Prayer for all peoples. (Matthew reflects on Jesus’ clearing of the temple with the same idea…) But for Isaiah, the idea that where God dwells is a place where God and His people connect and spend time together in prayer.

Our hope is that in all ways we look to experience the presence of God in both personal and communal ways. Prayer becomes the greatest space where this happens.

My Prayer is that Johnn Knox Rangiora will be known as a house of Prayer for all peoples. How are you connecting with God? Is there a space for prayer in your daily walk?
Jas

CHURCH SERVICE TODAY

Service Leader: Eric Cheong
Preacher: Marlene H, Ewen, Richard Mc

Our Service will be streamed online today at:
https://youtube.com/live/U1BsZbW7dpA?feature=share

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: 9.45am in Barrett Room

READINGS:

Acts 9:1 - 6
Acts 9: 7 - 16
Acts 9: 17 - 20

The Worship Hymns and Songs:
Lord, I lift Your Name up on High
Holy Spirit Living Breath
Shine, Jesus Shine
Yesterday, Today, Forever
Freely, Freely

CELEBRATIONS:
Birthdays: *Kayla Crampton, Judyth Henderson, Tracy Mayhew*
Wedding anniversary: *Robert & Eileen Worsfold 1960*
May The Lord bless you and keep you well 😊

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 05 May:	**Acts 9:19b-31**
Tue 06 May:	**Acts 26:1-18**
Wed 07 May:	**Luke 5:1-11**
Thu 08 May:	**Revelation 5:1-10**
Fri 09 May:	**Revelation 6:1-7:4**
Sat 10 May:	**Luke 12:29-32**
Sun 11 May:	**John 10:22-30**

NOTICES: -
Friday 2nd May: Hard Knox Café, 6.30 – 8.30pm, JKR
Sunday 4th May: Heroes recommences
Tuesday 6th May: Young Adults, 7pm, JKR
Wednesday 7th May: Connect, 10 – 11am, JKR

Friday 9th – Saturday 10th May: Alpine Presbytery Gathering link here or https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdZCPaqRaJLvbUER2786N5d9IrSLt2DBg54m5oRnlfMTID1tA/viewform

Friday 16th May: Hard Knox Café, 6.30 – 8.30pm, JKR

Wednesday 21st May: Parish Council, 7pm, JKR

Christian resources: there is a good variety of Christian books available for those interested in some light reading. These are on the table in the Stewart Lounge, please feel free to take what interests you.

Parish Council: There are vacancies on the Parish Council for at least one new member this year. If this is something that interests you or if you have any questions, please see Jas.

Firewood: orders are being taken now. Text 'firewood' to 0274527546 for 3m3 trailer load of dry pine, $350

Prayer for our friends:

Our neighbouring Parishes: Oxford Union, Kaiapoi Co-operating Parish, Kowai-Cheviot Presbyterian Parish Amberley as they go through seasons of change, *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

04 May

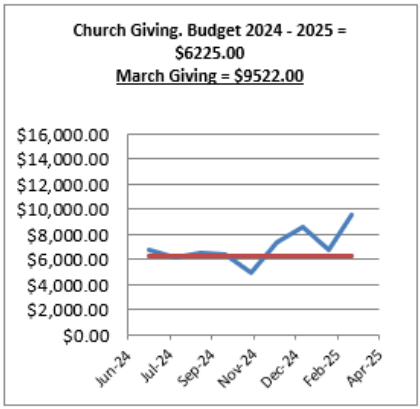
Elder Duty: Alon Mayhew	**Door Duty**: Margaret Vallance and Marlene Hopkinson
Power Point: TBC	**Mini Bus:** Donna and Alan B
Morning Tea: Marlene Hawke and Fran Taylor	**Offering Count:** Tracy/Annette
Readings: Eric	**Heroes Leader:** Jas
Prayers: Annette Paterson	**Fun with Music:** TBC

11 May

Elder Duty: Annette Paterson	**Door Duty**: Marlene Hawke and Chris Scotton
Power Point:	**Mini Bus:**

Annette Wright	TBC
Morning Tea: Joan Shearer and Margaret Hamilton	**Offering Count:** Tracy/Leigh
Readings: Anne Moffat	**Heroes Leader:** Kate
Prayers: Ewen Nichol	**Fun with Music:** TBC

Giving Chart for March 2025:



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