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**11 May 2025**

The Council of Jerusalem in 50AD was the first example of the Church in the New Testament coming together to listen and discern together the way forward as communities of believers. They gathered to hear about the mission work Paul and Barnabas carried, the life and behaviours of the wider church and how the church could manage the relationships between the established and developing communities growing in Antioch.

The church council listened, sought the will of God as the Holy Spirit enabled them and sent their suggestions back to the churches. James wrote:

"For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to impose on you no further burden than these essentials: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell."

Alpine Presbytery Gatherings, Catholic Conclaves, Parish Councils, thankful to God that the Holy spirit is present in all our discernment. May we listen well.

Jas

**CHURCH SERVICE TODAY**

**Service Leader:** **Jas**
**Preacher:** **Jas**

**Our Service will be streamed online today at:**
**https://youtube.com/live/YOGTgem2zyU?feature=share**

**PRE-SERVICE PRAYER**: 9.45am in Barrett Room

**READINGS:**

Luke 1:39-56
Psalm 145:1-3
Genesis 5:1-2

## The Worship Hymns and Songs:

1) Faith of our Mothers
2) How Great Is Our God
3) I Will Run To You
4) All People On Earth Do Dwell
5) The Lord Bless You

**CELEBRATIONS:**
**Birthdays:** none this week
**Wedding anniversary:** Adele and John Warburton
*May The Lord bless you and keep you well* 😊

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

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| **Mon 12 May:** | Revelation 15:1-4 |
| **Tue 13 May:** | Acts 9:32-35 |
| **Wed 14 May:** | John 10:31- 42 |
| **Thu 15 May:** | Revelation 10:1-11 |
| **Fri 16 May:** | Revelation 11:15 |
| **Sat 17 May:** | Revelation 11:16-19 |
| **Sun 18 May:** | John 13:31-35 |

**NOTICES: -**
**Wednesday 14th May:** Connect, 10am, Wednesday at John Knox
**Thursday 15th May:** Church Prayer Meeting, 1.30pm, JKR
**Friday 16th May:** Hard Knox Café, 6.30 – 8.30pm, JKR
**Wednesday 21st May:** Parish Council, 7pm, JKR
**Sunday 25th May:** Operation Cover Up goods displayed JKR

**CALLING ALL KNITTERS: Operation Cover Up** items to go to the Eastern European countries and are being packed for freighting in containers in early June. Please get your items to Annette Paterson or Adele Warburton during the next two weeks**.** We are planning to have

a display of goods in Church on Sunday 25th May. If you have not got knitting to donate but would still like to help this important cause, please note the following items that can also go to help. Items to Purchase: Adult clothing (new), Linen: sheets, towels, facecloths, tablecloths, pyjamas (children's or adults). Hygiene: soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair ties, ladies' sanitary items (no liquids). Stationery, small toys and games, adults & children's shoes. Haberdashery: sewing aids, buttons, zips, cottons, material, pins and needles. Backpack & Sleeping bags for the homeless. Money can also be donated to help wi*th the shipping costs.*
*Operation Cover Up share this quote by Amelia Barr:*
*"Kindness is like snow. It beautifies everything it covers."*

**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*, *Clare Calder*, *Neil and Sue Burt*, *Edna Van Der Loon, Mary Stewart and Ian Cormack.*

**CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR MAY 2025**

**11 May**

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| **Elder Duty:**<br>Annette Paterson | **Door Duty**:<br>Marlene Hawke and Chris Scotton |
| **Power Point:**<br>Annette Wright | **Mini Bus:**<br>No mini bus this week |
| **Morning Tea:**<br>Joan Shearer and Margaret Hamilton | **Offering Count:**<br>Tracy/Leigh |
| **Readings:**<br>Anne Moffat | **Heroes Leader:**<br>Kate |
| **Prayers:**<br>Ewen Nichol | **Fun with Music:**<br>Adele Warburton (12th) |

**18 May**

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| **Elder Duty:**<br>Richard Mc Murdo | **Door Duty**:<br>Kim Fletcher and Maureen Landreth |
| **Power Point:** | **Mini Bus:** |

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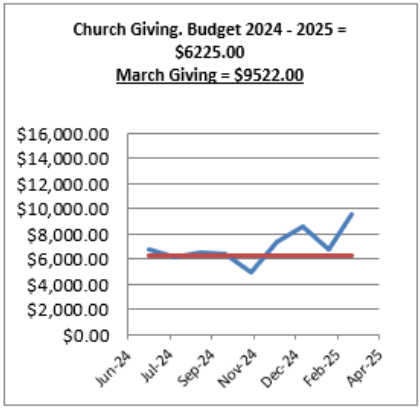
| April McMurdo | Donna and Alan |
| **Morning Tea:**<br>Moira Courtney and Gaye Edwards | **Offering Count:**<br>Tracy/Leigh |
| **Readings:**<br>Joan Shearer | **Heroes Leader:**<br>No Heroes this week |
| **Prayers:**<br>Anne Moffat | **Fun with Music:**<br>Margaret Vallance (19th) |

## Giving Chart for March 2025:

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