25 May 2025

I learnt a new word this week. Sesquicentennial. It means 150th. It comes from the Latin words "sesqui" meaning one and a half and "centennial" referring to a hundred years.

Back in 2022 (the official sesquicentennial anniversary of John Knox Rangiora) we decided to defer any official celebrations until after the chaos surrounding the facilities rebuild had settled. We're looking to hold a more formal celebration later in September this year. We want to open this up to the wider community to those who have been a part of the life of John Knox Rangiora in the past and those who are currently journeying together in this church family.

I remember the days of long ago;
I meditate on all your works
and consider what your hands have done. (Psalm 43:5 NIV)

The celebration will be a chance to remember and celebrate the Glory of God as revealed in our ministry and mission over the last 153 years and pointing ahead to God's ongoing presence for JKR in Rangiora. Held over the weekend, we will likely have a meet-and-greet on Friday night with drinks and nibbles. Tours and photos over morning Tea on Saturday. A banquet dinner Saturday night and a special celebration service on Sunday morning with a shared morning tea after.

Registrations will be open hopefully in June and it will be a significant marker in our life as a church celebrating faith, grace, God's provision and hope. Keep the occasion in prayer as we plan and manage such a significant celebration!!!

Jas

CHURCH SERVICE TODAY

Service Leader: Jas
Preacher: Jas

Our Service will be streamed online today at:
https://youtube.com/live/l7tQlVGzJTQ?feature=share

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: 9.45am in Barrett Room

READINGS: 1 Corinthians 9:1-12a

The Worship Hymns and Songs:
The Heart of Worship
I Need Thee Every Hour
Let Our Praise To You Be As Incense Song
Now Thank We All Our God
Lord Dismiss Us

CELEBRATIONS:
Birthdays: *Edna van der Loon*
Wedding anniversary: *Lincoln & Anne Moffat*
May The Lord bless you and keep you well 😊

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 26 May:	**Revelation 21:5-14**
Tue 27 May:	**Revelation 21:15-22**
Wed 28 May:	**Luke 2:25-38**
Thu 29 May:	**Luke 24:44-53**
Fri 30 May:	**Revelation 22:6-9**
Sat 31 May:	**John 1:14-18**
Sun 01 June:	**John 17:20-26**

NOTICES: -

Sunday 25th May: newcomers' lunch
Sunday 25th May: Operation Cover Up goods displayed JKR
Sunday 25th May: Heroes is back
Wednesday 28th May: Connect, 10am, JKR
Wednesday 28th May: Congregational Prayer meeting 1.30pm, JKR
Friday 30th May: Hard Knox Café, 6.30 – 8.30pm

- Marlene Hawke will be away for three weeks in June. Please can we have some volunteers with cleaning toilets and floors. A roster will be provided.
- New Parish Council members will be appointed at the AGM.

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

25 May

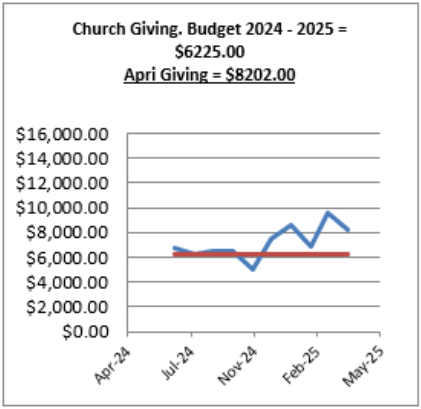
Elder Duty: Anne Moffat	**Door Duty**: Moira Courtney and Margaret Hamilton
Power Point: Annette Wright	**Mini Bus:** Grenville and Alan
Morning Tea: Alon and Tracy Mayhew	**Offering Count:** Tracy and Howard
Readings: Ewen	**Heroes Leader:** Megan
Prayers: Vincent	**Fun with Music:** Marlene H & Marlene H (26th)

01 June

Elder Duty: Bill White	**Door Duty**: Lynette Fowler and Gaye Edwards
Power Point: Tracy Mayhew	**Mini Bus:** TBC
Morning Tea: TBC	**Offering Count:** Graham/Richard
Readings: Howard Fowler	**Heroes Leader:** Jas

Prayers:	**Fun with Music:**
Richard Morris	Kings Birthday weekend

Giving Chart for April 2025:



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