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15 June 2025

The stained-glass window in the Stewart Lounge is a great reminder to those who call John Knox Rangiora home. Jesus stands at the door and knocks. The Bible passage is “Behold I stand at the door and knock” from Revelation 3 with Jesus’ words to the church in Laodicea.

Maybe for some, this is a message to the non-Christian, that Jesus is waiting for those distant and astray to invite Jesus into their homes, into their lives. But I don’t think that is the best reading of this text. I wonder if more appropriately, Jesus is knocking on the door of the Church, wanting us to remember that He is in fact the head and wants to be very much involved in every aspect of our lives. It can be inconvenient or inopportune to be prayerful towards Jesus at all times and in all circumstances, but that is what Jesus seeks.

So having this beautiful reminder at the doors of the McLauchlan Room where we gather every Sunday is probably the best way to remind ourselves that Jesus is here, waiting to be invited. Will we open our hearts to him?

Jas

CHURCH SERVICE TODAY

Service Leader: Gaye
Preacher: Gaye

Our Service will be streamed online today at:
https://youtube.com/live/VgTlvobk10Q?feature=share

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: 9.45am in Barrett Room

READINGS:
Matthew 13:3-8, Matthew 13:18-23, 1 Peter 2:11-17,
1 Peter 4:7-11

The Worship Hymns and Songs:

1) We Plough the Fields And Scatter
2) And Can It Be
3) Immortal Invisible God only Wise
4) When I Survey the Wondrous
5) The Blessing

CELEBRATIONS:
Birthdays: *Marge Denton, Pamela Allen, Amie-Cherie McIntosh*
Wedding anniversary: *Lynette and Howard Fowler*
May The Lord bless you and keep you well 😊

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 16 June:	**Ephesians 4:7-16**
Tue 17 June:	**Ephesians 5:15-20**
Wed 18 June:	**Luke 1:46b-55**
Thu 19 June:	**Romans 2:17-29**
Fri 20 June:	**Galatians 3:15-22**
Sat 21 June:	**Matthew 9:27-34**
Sun 22 June:	**Luke 8:26-39**

NOTICES: -

- **Books and Jigsaws:** I'll have 2 boxes of jigsaws and 1 box of books at church this Sunday—feel free to browse before they go to the Rotary Book Sale. Donations to church outreach appreciated. All items in excellent condition. Contact Lynette Fowler (text 021 1854 706 or call 310 7891) for queries or to reserve items.
- **Important Notice for Minibus Driver's:** On Sundays, please drive the bus *forwards* into the shed—do not reverse in. Just days after the opening ceremony, reversing caused damage to

both the bay and the bus, which went unreported. Please take care – Donna Abernethy, Minibus Co-ordinator.

- **Friday 13th June:** Hard Knox Café, 6.30 – 8.30, at JKR
- **Sat 14th/Sun 15th June:** Jas is away
- **Tuesday 17th June:** Young Adults, 7 – 8.30pm, JKR
- **Wednesday 18th June:** Pastoral Care meeting, 1.30pm, Charles Upham
- **Wednesday 18th June:** Parish Council meeting, 7pm, JKR
- **Friday 20th June:** Matariki – church office is closed
- **Thursday 26th June:** Prayer Meeting, 1.30 – 2.30pm, JKR
- **Thursday 26th June:** Heroes Leaders Meeting, 7pm, JKR
- **Friday 27th June:** Hard Knox Café, 6.30 – 8.30pm, JKR
- **Sunday 13th July:** no newsletter as Megan is away

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 JUNE 2025

15 June

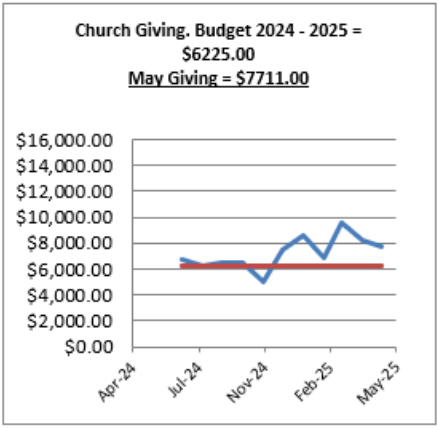
Elder Duty: Kayla Crampton	**Door Duty**: Lyn O'Malley and Fran Taylor
Power Point: Richard McMurdo	**Mini Bus:** Grenville and Alan
Morning Tea: Fran Taylor and Lynette Fowler	**Offering Count:** Tracy/Alan McI
Readings: Chris Scotton	**Heroes Leader:** Megan
Prayers: Eric	**Fun with Music:** Lyn O'Malley (16th)

22 June

Elder Duty: Kayla Crampton	**Door Duty**: Margaret Valllance and Joan Shearer
Power Point:	**Mini Bus:**

Richard McMurdo	TBC
Morning Tea: Kate King and Moira Courtney	**Offering Count:** Tracy/Alan McI
Readings: Margaret Hamilton	**Heroes Leader:** Kate
Prayers: Gaye Edwards	**Fun with Music:** Shared morning tea

Giving Chart for May 2025:



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