



24 August 2025

On social media this week you may have read the story of local media personality and Christian celebrity Simon Barnett and his story of heartbreak and devastation at the loss of his wife Jodi back in October 2023. A powerful and honest reflection of the hurt and pain he experienced losing his "absolute confidant" and his "go-to" person in his life to a 5-year battle with cancer. Barnett's story of being absolutely sole destroyed and wanting to die through the grief he experienced was a chilling reminder of the fragility of life and the heartache he and many others face at the loss of those closest to us.

And so it is with a heavy heart that I share devastating news of the death of Marina Robati-Mani on Tuesday. Wife of Rev Robert Robati-Mani, minister at Amberley. Reading of the grief online and then sitting within that grief in person. When you read it on social media it is powerful. But when you sit with it, it becomes almost overwhelming.

British Author Colin Murray Parkes reminds us "...grief is the price we pay for love..." Please keep Robert, his wider family as well as our brothers and sisters at Amberley in your prayers as they sit among the broken pieces of this tragedy and experience the grief of loss and heartache.

God of pain and grief, stay near to us we pray.

Jas

CHURCH SERVICE TODAY

Service Leader: Grenville
Preacher: Jennifer and Lincoln

YouTube Link:

<https://youtube.com/live/ns3brKjYthg?feature=share>

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: 9.45am in Barrett Room

READINGS:

Mark 4:33-41

The Worship Hymns and Songs:

It Is Well with My Soul

Put Your Hand in Hand

Cornerstone

Now Unto Him

CELEBRATIONS:

Birthdays: *Mary Pringle*

Wedding Anniversaries: *none this week*

May The Lord bless you and keep you well 😊

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 25 August: Hebrews 3:7-4:11

Tue 26 August: Revelation 3:7-13

Wed 27 August: Luke 6:6-11

Thu 28 August: 1 Peter 3:8-12

Fri 29 August: 1 Peter 4:7-11

Sat 30 August: Matthew 20:20-28

Sun 31 August: Luke 14:1, 7-14

NOTICES: -

- **Wednesday 27th August:** Connect, 10am, JKR
- **Sunday 31st August:** Church Fair meeting and update after church
- **Tuesday 2nd September:** Young Adult, 7pm, JKR
- **Friday 5th September:** Hard Knox Cafe: 6.30pm, JKR. Contact Lana for more details.

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- **Registrations for 150th:** please share with your friends and family – keep them coming in!
- **Church Fair and Kids Market:** please indicate on the sheets in the foyer if and where you are able to help. Many hands make light work 😊
- **Membership:** If you're considering membership, transferring membership or have questions, please speak with Jason anytime.
- **Save the Date:** Church Fair 18th October.

July 2025

	Current Month		Year to Date			Annual
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Forecast
Total Months Giving	8,346	7,420	8,346	7,420	96,460	97,396

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, John Forrester and wider family, Janice and Ross Wilson, Donna Abernethy, family of Edna van der Loon, Clare Calder, Neil and Sue Burt, Mary Stewart and Ian Cormack.

CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR AUGUST 2025

24 August

Elder Duty: Kayla Crampton	Door Duty: Lincoln and Anne Moffat
Power Point: April McMurdo	Mini Bus: Richard and Lana
Morning Tea: Moira Courtney and Marlene Hopkinson	Offering Count: Graham/Alan Mcl
Readings: Joan Shearer	Heroes Leader: Jas

Prayers: Eric	Fun with Music: Mary Blaikie
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31 August

Elder Duty: Anne Moffat	Door Duty: Alon and Tracy Mayhew
Power Point: Tracy Mayhew	Mini Bus: Grenville and Vince
Morning Tea: Lyn O'Malley and Marlene Hopkinson	Offering Count: Tracy/Alan Mcl
Readings: Peggy	Heroes Leader: Marlene
Prayers: Vincent S	Fun with Music: Sue Burt

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