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The true Glory of God is revealed in His Church not so much when we all agree with one-another but when, within our differences, we still love one-another!

> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 14:34-35

God's Glory is revealed when His people live together in love (and patience and Grace…) in all circumstances. Not just when it is easy and things are going well, but also during tough times when things are hard and the temptation is to turn on one-another looking for blame and scapegoats.

I celebrate our diversity and genuinely encourage it. I am also challenged daily by those with whom I disagree with. Mostly on minor details like wording or colours or planning details. But also, at times around ideals and values that, while not central to the Gospel, have historically caused division and factions in the Church. It is much harder to hold differences together than split into factions.

Enjoy the colour and creativity and unique flavours of diversity and may your love for one-another grows richly in your differences and peculiarities!

Jas

CHURCH SERVICE TODAY

Service Leader: Jas
Preacher: Jas

Link for Sunday Service 10am
https://youtube.com/live/2eGuU0dWZJo?feature=share

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: 9.45am in Barrett Room

READINGS: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

The Worship Hymns and Songs:
Here I am to Worship
Be Unto Your Name
Do it Again
O The Mercy of God

CELEBRATIONS:
Birthdays: *Mary Blaikie, Ann Jones*
Wedding Anniversaries: *none this week*
May The Lord bless you and keep you well 😊

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 04 August:	**Colossians 3:18-4:1**
Tue 05 August:	**Colossians 4:2-6**
Wed 06 August:	**Luke 12:22-31**
Thu 07 August:	**Romans 9:1-9**
Fri 08 August:	**Acts 7:1-8**
Sat 09 August:	**Matthew 6:19-24**
Sun 10 August:	**Luke 12:32-40**

NOTICES: -

- **6th August:** Connect, 10am, JKR
- **7th August:** Prayer meeting, 1.30 – 2.30pm JKR

- **8th August:** Hard Knox Café, 6.30pm – 8.30pm, JKR
- **Parish Annual Report:** It's that time of year again to be thinking of and collating your report. Could all reports be in to Tracy at the office by 15th August please.
- **Christmas Trees:** last week! We still have plenty of fundraiser trees available—take one from the foyer after the service, all month long. If you can't plant a tree, you can donate $1 per seedling (just label your donation in the offering)
- **Membership:** If you're considering membership, transferring membership or have questions, please speak with Jason anytime.
- **Save the Date:** Church Fair 18th October. Registrations for 150th celebration are in the foyer or online. A clipboard is going around with ways to help. Many hands make light work 😊

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, *family of Edna van der Loon*, *Clare Calder*, *Neil and Sue Burt*, *Mary Stewart and Ian Cormack.*

CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR AUGUST 2025

03 August

Elder Duty: Alon Mayhew	**Door Duty**: Lynette Fowler and Fran Taylor
Power Point: Annette Wright	**Mini Bus:** TBC
Morning Tea: Daphne Begley and Anne Moffat	**Offering Count:** Tracy/Anne
Readings: Vincent	**Heroes Leader:** Marlene
Prayers: Gaye Edwards	**Fun with Music:** Adele Warburton 4th August

10 August

Elder Duty: Richard McMurdo	**Door Duty**: Gaye Edwards and Chris Scotton
Power Point: April McMurdo	**Mini Bus:** TBC
Morning Tea: Fran Taylor and Kate King	**Offering Count:** Graham/Richard
Readings: Grenville	**Heroes Leader:** Megan
Prayers: Annette Paterson	**Fun with Music:** Marlene Hawke, Marlene Hopkinson

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