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General Assembly 2025
The General Assembly (GA) is the highest court or authority of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. As Presbyterians, we feel God has called all to Mission and Ministry and the role of the GA is to discern together ways to support this call and to equip and empower the whole Church to be good and gracious witnesses of the good news of Jesus in our communities.
The GA is made up of commissioners from all 7 of our Presbyteries. (Northern, Kaimai, Te Aka Puahou, Pacific, Central, Alpine (ours) and the Synod of Southland and Otago. There are around 180 commissioners from around Aotearoa and I was one of the commissioners representing Alpine Presbytery.
The GA opened on Monday and ran through to Thursday afternoon. Hosted by St Paul's Trinity Pacific in Christchurch, you can find links to all our business meetings and services on the PCANZ website here: https://www.presbyterian.org.nz/about-us/general-assembly/general-assembly-2025

All manner of governance was brought to the GA and with a robust and sometimes emotional discussion we wrestled with the complexities of what it means to be Presbyterian in 2025 and beyond. Our desire is to be as transparent as possible in all our leading which is why our discussion and dialogue was made public.

I am happy to talk further if you have any questions around any aspects of our national governance or if you would like to reflect on any of the discussion from the week.

Ngā mihi nui (Warm Regards)
Jas

CHURCH SERVICE TODAY

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

YouTube Link:
https://youtube.com/live/6GZLefApcYo?feature=share

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: 9.45am in Barrett Room

READINGS:
1 Corinthians 12:1-3, 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 1 Corinthians 12:7-1

The Worship Hymns and Songs:
All creature of our God and King
Come Holy Spirit
Light of the God
The Potter Hands
Without You

CELEBRATIONS:
Birthdays: *Julieadel McIntosh*
Wedding Anniversaries: none this week
May The Lord bless you and keep you well 😊

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 27 October:	**1 Peter 4:12-19**
Tue 28 October:	**1 Peter 5:1-11**
Wed 29 October:	**Matthew 21:28-32**
Thu 30 October:	**2 Corinthians 1:1-11**
Fri 31 October:	**2 Peter 1:1-11**
Sat 01 November:	**Luke 6:20-31**
Sun 02 November:	**Luke 19:1-10**

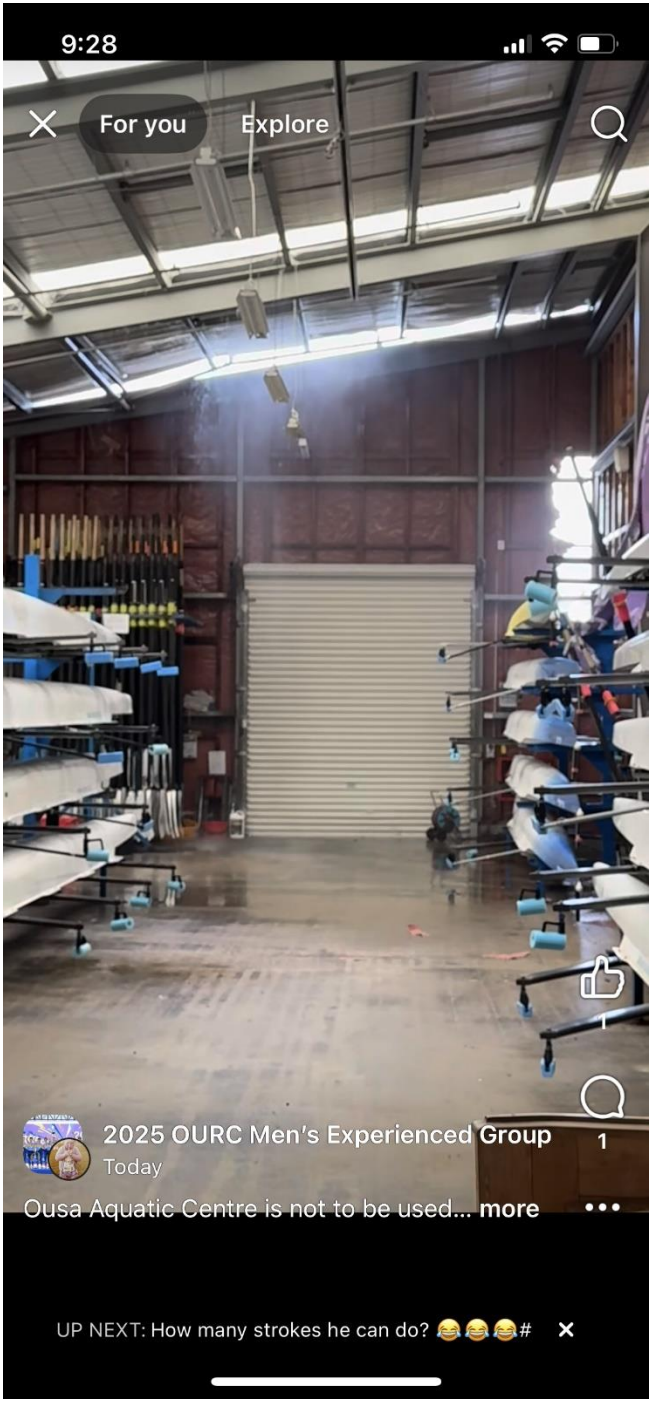
NOTICES: -

- **Friday 24th October:** Hard Knox Café, 6.30 – 8.30pm, JKR
- **Wednesday 29th October**: Connect 10am, JKR
- **Wednesday 29th October:** Parish Council
- Tracy is out of the Office for all of next week.
- **Tuesday 4th November:** Young Adults, 7pm, JKR
- Big thanks for all those who helped with the Church fair last weekend. Such a positive space for the Community.
- **Friday 7th & 21st November:** Hard Knox Café, 6.30 – 8.30pm, JKR
- **Friday 5th December:** Hard Knox Café end of year celebration, 6.30 – 8.30pm, JKR
- Looking for a simple way to support our church—without spending a cent? 😊Our minibus team needs more drivers (just a regular car licence needed) and support helpers to assist our lovely passengers. With a few more volunteers, you'd only be on duty for 2 consecutive weeks every couple of months.
  If you're interested, chat with Richard McMurdo: 021 117 5300

A note from Hamish:

Finally, the last month of university exams has begun, and people are slowly heading home for the summer. Unfortunately, I'm here until the end of the year, my final exam isn't until the 9th of November. It's a bit annoying seeing everyone leave while I'm still stuck studying. But looking back over the year, it's been pretty emotional with everything that's happened, meeting new friends, saying goodbye to others, hearing stories from home, and dealing with the ups and downs of uni life and exams. But now, we've made it to the final three weeks, and these ones really count. My first exam is on the 29th of October, the second on the 5th of November, and the last one on the 8th. They're nicely spaced out, which gives me time to study properly between them. We have some bad news and some good/fun news. The good/fun news is we had our last formals dinner which was our leavers dinner where some awards were given out which was a very good time just to have some nice food and dress up for one last time and in some bad news, the wind we got hit with recently was pretty intense, apparently up to 170 km/h. Some exams even got cancelled. Dunedin's been affected quite a bit; Knox Church lost roof tiles and has been closed until further notice. They're doing a cleanup on Saturday, which I think I'll go along to for a bit. The rowing sheds also took a

beating, the boat bay roof was nearly ripped off, and parts of the walls were damaged. They've strapped the roof down now, though I have no idea who did it or when, because there's no way I'd want to climb up there with the wind blowing! The iron sheets were torn off in places, and the fire system was damaged too, so the clubrooms have been closed for the foreseeable future. This does mean the boats got a very good wash from the sprinkler system. Here are some photos from the ODT and the rowing Facebook page. God bless, Hamish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2025 OURC Men's Experienced Group
Today
Ousa Aquatic Centre is not to be used... more
UP NEXT: How many strokes he can do? 😂😂😂#

September 2025

	Current Month		Year to Date		Annual	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Forecast
Total Months Giving	9 ,466	7,420	26,271	24,115	96,460	98,616

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, *Rev Robert Robati-Mani and family*, *Jean Jeffrey*, *John Forrester and wider family, Janice and Ross Wilson, Donna Abernethy, family of Edna van der Loon*, *Clare Calder*, *Mary Stewart and Ian Cormack.*

CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2025

26 October

Elder Duty: Bill White	**Door Duty**: Gaye Edwards and Joan Shearer
Power Point: Allan Russell	**Mini Bus:** Lana / Sam
Morning Tea: Moira Courtney and Marlene Hawke	**Offering Count:** Gaye and Anne
Readings: Richard McMurdo	**Heroes Leader:** Lincoln
Prayers: Anne Moffat	**Fun with Music:** Labour Day

02 November

Elder Duty: Alon Mayhew	**Door Duty**: Maureen Landreth and Marlene Hopkinson
Power Point: April McMurdo	**Mini Bus:** Richard McM and Lincoln M
Morning Tea: Marlene Hopkinson and Daphne Begley	**Offering Count:** Gaye and Chris
Readings: Gaye E	**Heroes Leader:** Megan
Prayers: Richard Morris	**Fun with Music:** Sue Burt

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