



Sunday 12 April 2026

Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many. 6 You will hear of wars and rumours of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.

Matthew 24:4-6

Be mindful of this. This is not in a unique state for our world to be in. Christian movements claiming to be acting on God's behalf, false messiahs claiming to be God's anointed, wars and the threat of war. There is nothing new in what we are hearing and reading in our world today.

Just as our current media posts are reflecting our historical journey from the last 2000 years, so too are we tempted to believe this is all part of God's plan to bring about the fulness of His kingdom through power and violence. The crowds believed this on Palm Sunday, the Crusades believed this in the early years of the Holy Roman Empire. Even the Third Reich adopted a form of Positive Christianity that imposed their superior ideology upon much of Europe in the 1930's-40's

But the end won't come through violence. It will be through the preaching and the living of the Good news to the ends of the earth. It is in this that the fulness of God's kingdom will finally be revealed. Fleeing from the former and embracing the later seems to reflect best the hope that God has revealed through the life and lesson of Jesus. What a time to be alive!

Jas

CHURCH SERVICE TODAY

Service Leader: Jas

Preacher: Jas

YouTube Link: <https://youtube.com/live/jFbINDVJ5dc?feature=share>

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: 9.45am in Barrett Room

READINGS:

Psalm 8

1 Peter 1:3-9

The Worship Hymns and Songs:

Crown Him with Many Crown

Just As I Am

Be Unto Your Name

Lord Dismiss us With Your Blessings

CELEBRATIONS:

Birthdays: *Allan Russell, Regan King, Sue Burt*

Wedding Anniversaries: *Peter & Helen Walker*

May The Lord bless you and keep you well 😊

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 13 April: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Tue 14 April: 1 Corinthians 15:19-28

Wed 15 April: Matthew 12:38-42

Thu 16 April: 1 Peter 1:8b-12

Fri 17 April: 1 Peter 1:13-16

Sat 18 April: Luke 14:12-14

Sun 19 April: Luke 24:13-35

NOTICES:

Every Wednesday: Connect, 10am, JKR

Shed Talk: Registrations now open for our first session of the year. Sign up with your name and contact details on the foyer registration sheet.

Monday 13 April – Wednesday 15th Book Sale: Clearing out family garages to support my younger sister’s trip to gymnastics Nationals in Tauranga. 10am–2pm daily, 70 Ivory Street, Rangiora. Over 700 books (kids to adult) plus DVDs—everything just \$1, from brand new to well-loved. Hope to see you there! – Kenzi Stanger

Wednesday 18th April: Pastoral Care meeting, 1.30pm, Charles Upham

Saturday May 2: 8:30–10am, Shed Talk hosted by April & Richard McMurdo. 1 Harrow Street, Rangiora.

Hard Knox Coffee: From the 19th of April we are looking to have Espresso Coffee for sale before our Sunday Service from 9.30am and available again after our service until 11.30am.

For those who enjoy a nice Espresso on Sundays, you can purchase it from John Knox and contribute some of the funds towards our Youth at the same time! Keep an eye out for details on specials.

Hard Knox Cafe: Seeking a Co-coordinator for 2026 to help manage and run HKC, a safe and fun ministry for Year 8–13 youth. If you can help coordinate events and assist one evening a fortnight, please come chat with me — I’d love to hear from you

Jigsaws: with daylight saving ending and winter near, it’s time for jigsaws and books. Howard and I will be selling them on Sunday’s 12th and 19th April (\$5 jigsaws, \$2 books), with proceeds going to the JK Youth Fund. Donations of jigsaws (by 5th or 12th April) and small book donations (up to one grocery bag per family) are welcome. Unsold items will go to this year’s Rotary Book Sale. — Lynette Fowler

Prayer for our family and friends:

Ken Hawke and family, Max Atkins & Averill Gibson, Janice and Ross Wilson, Donna Abernethy, Clare Calder, Mary Stewart and Ian Cormack.

Church Giving March:

	Current Month		Year to Date		Annual	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Forecast
March 2026	8,579	8,008	77,682	72,800	96,460	101,342

CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR APRIL 2026

05 April

Elder Duty: Kayla Crampton	Door Duty: Chris Scotton, Margaret Vallance
Power Point: Richard McMurdo	Mini Bus: Gaye / Lincoln
Morning Tea: Lyn O'Malley	Offering Count: Tracy/Leigh
Readings: Gaye Edwards	Heroes Leader: School holidays
Prayers: Annette P	Fun with Music: School holidays

19 April

Elder Duty: Richard McMurdo	Door Duty: Fran Taylor and Joan Shearer
Power Point: Annette Wright	Mini Bus: Lana, Vincent
Morning Tea: Moiria Courtney and Gaye Edwards	Offering Count: Tracy/Howard
Readings: Margaret Hamilton	Heroes Leader: School holidays/TBC
Prayers: Vincent S	Fun with Music: Adele Warburton, Lynette Fowler

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