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Sunday 19 April 2026

One of the flawed tenants of Gnosticism is the idea of a dualistic world where the spirit or intellect was good while the material and physical was flawed. The Early Church wrestled with this heresy, leaders like Irenaeus of Lyon and Tertullian turned their attention towards refuting this idea that God was in the spirit but was not concerned with the physical world.

The Incarnation was a key factor to indicate God was indeed interested in the redemption of all creation! Both physical and spiritual were important to God and that there was not some dualistic belief that we should separate the sacred from the secular but that God was in the business of redeeming all of creation. There is nothing in all creation that God is not concerned with which means every part of our lives is now sacred. John shares Jesus' words that our religious life was no longer designated to a mountain or in a temple but being in spirit and truth meant it was everywhere we go!

If it is acceptable outside the church, it doesn't become sacred once it moves across the threshold of the Church doorsteps. If we can't say it in the church, we cannot say it outside. How does this impact the way we live, move and have our being?

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CHURCH SERVICE TODAY

Service Leader: Grenville
Preacher: Grenville

YouTube Link: https://youtube.com/live/1PhU0zANfl0?feature=share

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: 9.45am in Barrett Room

READINGS:
Ruth 1:1-20 (abridged)
Ruth 4:13-17 & Matthew 1:5-6

The Worship Hymns and Songs:
Praise My Soul
The Potter's Hand
To God Be the Glory
Standing On The Promises

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 20 April:	**1 Peter 1:23-25**
Tue 21 April:	**1 Peter 2:1-3**
Wed 22 April:	**John 21:1-14**
Thu 23 April:	**1 Peter 2:9-12**
Fri 24 April:	**1 Peter 2:13-17**
Sat 25 April:	**Luke 15:1-7**
Sun 26 April:	**John 10:1-10**

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.

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 19 April ($5 jigsaws, $2 books), with proceeds going to the JK Youth Fund. Donations of jigsaws 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

19 April

Elder Duty: Richard McMurdo	**Door Duty**: Lincoln and Anne Moffat
Power Point: Annette Wright	**Mini Bus:** Lana, Vincent
Morning Tea:	**Offering Count:**

Moira Courtney and Gaye Edwards	Tracy/Howard
Readings: Margaret Hamilton	**Heroes Leader:** School holidays
Prayers: Vincent S	**Fun with Music:** Adele Warburton, Lynette Fowler

26 April

Elder Duty: Annette Paterson	**Door Duty**: Fran Taylor and Joan Shearer
Power Point: Annette Wright	**Mini Bus:** Lana and Vincent
Morning Tea: Maureen Landreth and TBC	**Offering Count:** Gaye/Christine
Readings: Lincoln M	**Heroes Leader:** No Heroes
Prayers: Anne M	**Fun with Music:** Anzac Day

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