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Sunday 17 May 2026

This is what the Lord says:
“Stand at the crossroads and look;
ask for the ancient paths,
ask where the good way is, and walk in it,
and you will find rest for your souls…”
Jeremiah 6:16

I was reading this from Jeremiah’s book during the week and was inspired by the call to action. There is a sense that we often stand at crossroads in our lives. On a daily basis, maybe in a life transition or maybe we are intentionally looking at new and exciting directions in our lives. We look around us at all the different paths and seek the wisdom to lead us down the bast path.

God, where are you leading me?

A good question to ask and often God will direct us. But there is also the responsibility to walk in response! Just knowing the best path to walk is only halfway there. The motivation and determination to move is just as important.

Only in our faithfully listening and faithfully responding will we find rest for our souls. what a good promise to hold onto.

Jas

CHURCH SERVICE TODAY

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

YouTube Link: https://youtube.com/live/xkwQ-m1JPns?feature=share

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: 9.45am in Barrett Room

READINGS:
Reading 1: Acts 1:1-3
Reading 2: Acts 1:4-9
Reading 3: Acts 10-11

The Worship Hymns and Songs:
Beneath The Southern Cross
Rejoice The Lord Is King
Be Unto Your Name
Blessed Be The Lord God Almighty
Now Unto Him

CELEBRATIONS:
Birthdays: Claire Calder, Bob Reid
Wedding Anniversaries: Lincoln & Anne Moffat
May The Lord bless you and keep you well 😊

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 18 May:	**1 Peter 4:1-6**
Tue 19 May:	**1 Peter 4:7-11**
Wed 20 May:	**John 3:31-36**
Thu 21 May:	**Acts 2:1-11**
Fri 22 May:	**Romans 8:14-17**
Sat 23 May:	**Matthew 5:1-12**
Sun 24 May:	**John 7:37-39**

NOTICES:

Every Wednesday: Connect, 10am, JKR

Wednesday 20th May: Pastoral Care ,1.30 at Charles Upham

Operation Cover Up Gifts: Donations for Operation Cover Up can be brought to church by Sunday 24 May. Requested items include new knitted goods, stationery, hygiene items, toys, and clothing (ages 4 to adult). Please do not donate second-hand items. Cash donations toward freight costs are also welcome — see Annette for details. More information is available on the notice board. Thank you for supporting this mission.

Privacy Policy: The Parish Council adopted its Privacy Policy on 25 February 2026 to support a safe and healthy Church community. A copy is available on the notice board, or you can contact Craig for an emailed copy. A downloadable version will also be added to the website soon.

Church Cleaner: We welcome Sophie Fraser as our new cleaner, starting over the next week or two. Sophie also works with Presbyterian Support and will help manage both areas of the facility. Regan King will assist with weekly cleaning of the offices and foyer, along with gardening and outdoor maintenance.

Head Fire Warden: A Head Fire Warden will be appointed each Sunday morning to oversee evacuation procedures and compliance, working alongside the Parish Council and Health and Safety Officer. They will coordinate floor wardens, ensure the facilities are cleared, and liaise with the Fire Department during evacuations.

Hard Knox *Coffee*: We are grateful to have Sam Stevens serving Espresso Coffee on Sunday Mornings before and after the service. I can tell you from experience the coffee is very good at a very good price!! Part of the sale goes to supporting our youth and the Hard Knox Cafe!

Hard Knox *Cafe*: Starting up monthly this Thursday Evening!! For Year 8 to Year 13's Thursday the 28th of May at JKR from 7 to 8.30pm. If

you know of anyone looking for an awesome night out, invite them along!!

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 MAY 2026

17 May

Elder Duty: Bill White	**Door Duty**: Gaye Edwards and Moira Courtney
Power Point: Aime-Cherie	**Mini Bus:** Grenville / Mayhew's T or A
Morning Tea: Anne Moffat and Alon Mayhew	**Offering Count:** Tracy/Annette
Readings: Richard McMurdo	**Heroes Leader:** Anne
Prayers: Ewen	**Fun with Music:** Joan Shearer and Angie Smith

24 May

Elder Duty: Alon Mayhew	**Door Duty**: Lynette Fowler and Kim Fletcher
Power Point: Aime-Cherie	**Mini Bus:** Richard / Mayhew's T or A
Morning Tea: Alon and Tracy Mayhew	**Offering Count:** Tracy/Anne
Readings: Peggy	**Heroes Leader:** Megan
Prayers: Annette P	**Fun with Music:** Sue Burt Margaret Vallance

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