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Sunday 24 May 2026

The face of Evangelism:

We all know evangelism in different ways, mission, witnessing, preaching the Gospel (using words if necessary…) Good deeds like a light on a hill, declaring the wonders of God, loving our neighbour, loving one another. All Part of the command from Jesus to his disciples (and by extension to us) to go into the world and make disciples as per his new command in Matthew 28.

How is this looking for you? Does this seem overwhelming, scary, manipulative, superfluous? It doesn't have to be that way.

Never underestimate the power of a smile! Smiling is a friendly gesture that can make others feel welcome and happy, communicating joy and hope that can make an instant impact on the lives of those around you. The seeds of the Gospel in a simple gesture.

But smiling also has a real mental and physical benefit. When you smile, your brain releases mood-boosting neurotransmitters like serotonin, dopamine, and endorphins. This can lift your mood and help you feel happier and more relaxed. From reducing stress to boosting your immune system, smiling can make a big difference in your overall well-being.

May God bless you in your evangelism, through a smile the life and joy of God is made known in you and through you.

Jas

CHURCH SERVICE TODAY

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

YouTube Link: https://youtube.com/live/Ke1fsVMYGaw?feature=share

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: 9.45am in Barrett Room

READINGS:
Acts 2:1-4
Acts 2:5-11
Acts 2:11-13

The Worship Hymns and Songs:
Wairua Tapu/Holy Spirit Welcome
Light of God
God Has Spoken
Everything That Has Breath
May The Lord, Mighty God

CELEBRATIONS:
Birthdays: *Jean Jeffreys, Edna van der Loon*
Wedding Anniversaries: none this week
May The Lord bless you and keep you well 😊

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 25 May:	**Romans 8:18-24**
Tue 26 May:	**Romans 8:26-2**
Wed 27 May:	**John 7:37-39**
Thu 28 May:	**2 Timothy 1:8-12a**
Fri 29 May:	**2 Timothy 1:12b-14**
Sat 30 May:	**John 14:15-17**
Sun 31 May:	**Luke 1:39-57**

NOTICES:
Every Wednesday: Connect, 10am, JKR

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.

Shed Talk: The last chance to register for This Month's Shed Talk, hosted by Gaye, Moria and Chris at Charles Upham, Saturday 30th May from 8.30am. Gathering at Gaye's apartment, A8, 25 Charles Upham Drive. Put your name on the registration sheet in the foyer.

INTRODUCING JUDITH AND STUART SPRIGGS

Judith grew up in Timaru and worked in an insurance office. She married Stu and they had a family of 4 girls. Her volunteer work included librarian, President of Amberley Garden Club, Church duties and Genealogy.

Stuart lived in Timaru and worked for the Post Office before taking on farm worker jobs and a contracting business near various South Canterbury towns. Later he went to a balloted farm in Waiau, then Balcairn. He served many years as a Presbyterian elder, particularly in Amberley.

The couple now live a 'semi-retirement' life in Rangiora

Update from Hamish:

Month two of being away is going well. It's getting a bit colder now, and you can definitely feel it. Moving into the exam period, the timetable has been released, and I have all three of my exams within 24 hours of each other, which is really unfortunate for me, but we can change it. Looking more into it, my hardest exam is the first one, and the second one is the easiest, which helps because it is the closest one together. I have written some assessments and have got some results. For CHTH212, I got a 74/100 with is a B, and I am happy with that. For PAST 216, I got a 90-100, which is an A+, which I am very happy with, and in BIB226 I got an 84/100, which is an A-, which I am also happy with. I only have three more written assessments, which are looking to be pretty easy, which is good. Over Easter, I competed at the University Rowing Champs, where I was able to get 3RD in the Mixed Champ

Quads, which is really good. Otago went 1,2,3 in the mixed quad, which is really good for the uni. Overall, Otago won the Championship, getting a total of 169 points, with second being Canterbury on 72 points. I had my first church council meeting on Wednesday, which was nice. I got to meet more people at Knox Church and got to see another good example of how a church runs. I only have four more essays to write and four 300-word minor assignments to write, so I am starting to see the end. There was a celebration for the 150th anniversary of the Knox Theological Hall, which I was able to go to. It was great to hear some of the history of the theological hall and see how times have changed over the past 150 years. I met some people from KCML who have given me some advice on procedures to get into church ministry.

God bless,

Hamish

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
24 May

Elder Duty: Alon Mayhew	**Door Duty**: Lynette Fowler and Kim Fletcher
Power Point: Aime-Cherie	**Mini Bus:** Richard / Tracy M
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

31 May

Elder Duty: Annette Paterson	**Door Duty**: Maureen Landreth and Anne Moffat
Power Point: Tracy Mayhew	**Mini Bus:** Sue Burt/
Morning Tea: Joan Shearer and Lynette Fowler	**Offering Count:** Tracy and Anne M
Readings: Eric	**Heroes Leader:** No Heroes
Prayers: Vincent	**Fun with Music:** Kings Birthday

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