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Sunday 09 August 2026

Ever been stuck under a cross that's just too heavy to lift?

At times I find I have the energy and motivation of a thousand people and feel I can take on the whole world! But other times (and much more regularly lately) I find I have little to give and am struggling to carry out even the simplest of tasks. This past week has been even harder as I struggle with a nasty head and chest cold! And I must admit that there is very little in the tank.

This week has been a little harder for any cross carrying, especially picking it up daily. I need a little grace when I cannot function at 100% but still need to turn up to work, to choir rehearsals, to parent teacher meetings, taking kids to orthodontist appointments. I know how hard it can be sometimes to function on only 3 cylinders. Especially through the heart of a cold winter!!

Which is why I appreciate the small still voice that often finds its way to me through the coughing and calendar reminders to remind me it's ok to rest. It's ok to recover. The cross will still be there when I'm ready. Thank you, God, for not giving up on me or any of us.

"he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul." Psalm 23

CHURCH SERVICE TODAY

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

YouTube Link:

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: 9.45am in Barrett Room

READINGS:

The Worship Hymns and Songs:

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS:
Birthdays: *Ann Jones*
Wedding Anniversaries: *none this week*
May The Lord bless you and keep you well 😊

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 10 August:	**2 Peter 2:4-10**
Tue 11 August:	**Romans 9:14-29**
Wed 12 August:	**Matthew 8:23-27**
Thu 13 August:	**Revelation 15:1-4**
Fri 14 August:	**Acts 14:19-28**
Sat 15 August:	**Matthew 14:34-36**
Sun 16 August:	Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

NOTICES:
Every Wednesday: Connect, 10am, JKR

Piano for free: standup mahogany Charles Begg piano to give away. Contact Lynette or Howard Fowler 310 7891 or 021 1854 706.

AI and Humanity Conference: hosted by Cashmere Presbyterian. 28th and 29th of August. See notice on the noticeboard for more details.

Christmas Trees: we will have Christmas Tree Seedlings available next Sunday for our 5th Christmas Tree Fundraiser. Please take one (or

more) to plant for our Christmas Tree Fundraiser. Last year we sold our first lot of Christmas Trees and raised $260. The trees we plant this year will be for our 2029 Fundraiser. Jas

Prayer Chain: the prayer chain group are available all the time to pray. If you would like prayer for anyone or anything please contact Sue by text or phone for this and she will notify the group. 0274 575 660

Parish Council: at the AGM we will need to elect 3 new people onto the Parish Council. The Council meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. If anyone is interested in being involved or has any questions about what is required, please see Jason

Food Baskets: We collect non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army Food Bank each Communion Sunday. If you're able to contribute, please bring your donations to church this Sunday. Thank you to Annette Paterson, who kindly delivers them to the Salvation Army each month.

Church Fair: We are looking at holding our Church Fair on the 17th of October this year. More information will be put out over the next few weeks.

Prayer for our family and friends:
Family of Margaret Vallance, Neil & Sue Burt, Family of Nell Ellis, Ken Hawke and family, Max Atkins & Averill Gibson, Janice and Ross Wilson, Donna Abernethy, Clare Calder, *Mary Stewart and Ian Cormack.*

CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR AUGUST 2026

09 August

Elder Duty: Kayla Crampton	**Door Duty**: Gaye Edwards and Moira Courtney
Power Point: April McMurdo	**Mini Bus:** Richard / Tracy
Morning Tea: Daphne Begley and Margaret Hamilton	**Offering Count:** Richard/ Annette
Readings:	**Heroes Leader:**

Gaye Edwards	Kate
Prayers: Ewen	**Fun with Music:** Margaret Hamilton, Lyn O'Malley

16 August

Elder Duty: Anne Moffat	**Door Duty**: Alon and Tracy Mayhew
Power Point: April McMurdo	**Mini Bus:** Richard / TBA
Morning Tea: Margaret Hamilton and Anne Moffat	**Offering Count:** Tracy/Alan McI
Readings: Richard McMurdo	**Heroes Leader:** Megan
Prayers: Annette P	**Fun with Music:** Joan Shearer, Angie Smith

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