The frosty breath begins to wane,
The sun returns to warm the rain.
A quiet sleep on field and hill,
As waking buds push past the chill.

Farewell to ice, farewell to grey,
The longer light steals all away.
The barren branch lets go its hold,
And green replaces winter's cold.

How are you finding the change of the season from the dark and cold winter into the subtle shift of sun and warmth? Obviously, the dark grip of winter is still lingering as we see the calendar tick over into a new month, but isn't it nice to know that something warmer and brighter is just around the corner?

May the joy of a warmer spring be a good reminder that God's eternal promises will keep us ever hopeful even in the darkest of days. Jas

CHURCH SERVICE TODAY

Service Leader: Jas
Preacher: Bruce Morris

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: 9.45am in Barrett Room

READINGS:
John 5:1-9
James 2:14-17

The Worship Hymns and Songs:
Shine Jesus Shine
I Am The Light of the World
Here I Am Lord (I the Lord of Sea and Sky)
Christ Be Our Light

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 31 August:	**Revelation 3:1-6**
Tue 01 September:	**Revelation 3:7-13**
Wed 02 September:	**Matthew 12:22-32**
Thu 03 September:	**2 Corinthians 12:11-21**
Fri 04 September:	**Romans 10:15b-21**
Sat 05 September:	**Matthew 23:29-36**
Sun 06 September:	**Matthew 18:15-20**

NOTICES:

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE
Update from the meeting on 19th August.
The Parish Council agreed on 10 hopes for John Knox Rangiora

1. That the continues to grow –
2. Grow the number of young families
3. Grow the number of young people 20 – 60
4. Sustainability
5. Positive budget
6. Personal Growth
7. Strong connection and support
8. Community Impact
9. Ministry leaders
10. Strength and grace to cope

Agreed the date for the Parish AGM of 11 October and discussed the nominations for membership of the Council to be agreed at the AGM.

The Council discussed the Section 12 of the Guiding Principles and agreed on some FAQs for that Section.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on 30th September.

Craig

Every Wednesday: Connect, 10am, JKR

Women's Friendship Group: Next meeting is Wednesday 2nd September at 2pm at Annette's home (Villa 39, Bupa Retirement Village, 21 Ballarat Road, Rangiora).
We'll continue with our Knit & Natter theme, so bring your knitting if you have some on the go—or simply come along for the chat and fellowship. Please also bring ideas for a Christmas programme in early December.

Christmas Trees: Christmas Tree Seedlings are available still, please contact Jason for as many as you wish to plant. We have plenty available and would like to get as many planted as we can.

Prayer for our Family and Friends: If you no longer need YOUR name in the Prayer list, can you please contact Megan and let her know it can be removed. If you are speaking on behalf of someone else, check with them first. Jas

Church Fair: we are scheduling the Church Fair and Kid's Market for the 21st of November this year in order to give us enough time to manage all the details. Opportunities to help and get involved will be discussed over the next few weeks. There are some minutes from the Meeting last Sunday on the Notice Board.

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.*

Giving Chart:

July 2026	Current Month		Year to Date		Annual	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Forecast
	7,699	8,798	7,699	8,798	99,840	98,741

CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR AUGUST 2026

30 August

Elder Duty: Ewen Nichol	**Door Duty**: Lynette Fowler and Fran Taylor
Power Point: Aime-Cherie	**Mini Bus:** Gaye / Lincoln
Morning Tea: Marlene Hopkinson and Lyn O'Malley	**Offering Count:** Tracy/Annette
Readings: TBC	**Heroes Leader:** Kate
Prayers: Anne M	**Fun with Music:** Anne Moffat Lana Stevens

06 September

Elder Duty: Bill White	**Door Duty**: Joan Shearer and Lyn O' Malley
Power Point: Tracy	**Mini Bus:** Lana, Vincent
Morning Tea: Moira Courtney and Gaye Edwards	**Offering Count:** Tracy/Annette
Readings: Joan Shearer	**Heroes Leader:** Megan
Prayers: Jas	**Fun with Music:** Marlene Hopkinson, Tracey Mayhew

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