What happens on a typical Sunday Morning? Last week we shared a little behind the curtain onto what happens leading up to the Sunday morning Worship Service. For myself and all those involved there is a lot of work that happens on any given Sunday.

I start Sunday mornings at 8am with a coffee (usually this is down at Black n White Café) and a time of prayer before reviewing the service and the sermon. When I'm leading the service, I look to arrive at the Community Centre around 8.45am to open up and start checking the space. The Music Team and Duty Elders will arrive around the same time.

The Duty Elder will unlock the building and start setting out what is needed on that particular Sunday. Putting out signs, fresh water, checking the emergency exits and the building temperature. Tracy will bring in the newsletters, the Morning Tea team will start preparing the kitchen, the Greeters will set up to welcome the worshippers, arrange the Welcome Packs and the offering containers. The Music Team will set up and start rehearsing the different pieces of music for that service. The PPT operator will set up the computer and test all the screens. The Heroes team will set up any resources or activities for the kids. Sam will set up the Coffee Machine for the Hard Knox Coffee. (Richard and Alon will head over the road for a coffee.) The Mini Bus team collect the bus from the depot and start picking up our Church family who need transport. The worshipers are greeted and connected and 10 Min before the service starts, we often pray and centre our hearts on what the Holy Spirit is saying to us before we stand to honour the Word of God.

Worship is a whole community activity, what a blessing to participate together. Jas

20th September, 2026
CHURCH SERVICE TODAY:

Service Leader: Jennifer Morris
Preacher: Jas

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: 9.45am in Barrett Room

READINGS:
1 Corinthians 16:5-9
1 Corinthians 16:10-14
1 Corinthians 16:15-18

The Worship Hymns and Songs:
Whakaaria Mai
As we Gather
For I'm Building a People of Power
The Servant Song
Guide me oh thou Great Jehovah

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS:
Birthdays: *John Knox Church 1872, Louise Courtney*
Wedding Anniversaries: *Jas & Kate King*
May The Lord bless you and keep you well 🤗

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 21 September:	**Romans 16:1-16**
Tue 22 September:	**Romans 16:17-20**
Wed 23 September:	**Matthew 18:1-5**
Thu 24 September:	**James 4:11-16**
Fri 25 September:	**Acts 13:32-41**
Sat 26 September:	**Mark 11:27-33**
Sun 27 September:	**Matthew 21:23-32**

NOTICES:

Every Wednesday: Connect, 10am, JKR

Hard Knox Cafe: Our youth are meeting on the 24th of September, 7pm at JKR for a Games Evening. All Year 8 to Year 13 youth welcome!

Shed Talk: Our Next Shed Talk is at Grenville Bakers, 26th of September from 8.30am. 10 Durham St. Please register on the clipboard in the foyer for catering purposes. A donation to cover Breakfast is appreciated.

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.

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.

Update from Hamish: Two and a bit more months, and then the second year is finished. How good! I have had a few more results come in and have sent out more essays to be marked, which lets me keep ticking them along. For BIBS211, I got 76% (B+) on the first essay, which I was very surprised about. I thought it was one of the weakest assessments I have ever submitted, so I am very happy with that result. In CHTH336, for my second assessment, I got 78% (B+). I am a little upset with this grade because I thought I had done a good job on it, but I just keep saying to myself, at least I didn't fail it, so it is still positive! I also had an autobiography for my SOCI203 class, which I got 86% (A) on. I'm very happy with that, although I also think you can't get too bad a mark on an autobiography because it's about my life and how I view it! My service at Knox went well. I joined in with the other young adults at Knox, and we had a good time doing it. I am now waiting to be called up to take some services by myself. In saying that, I have a children's talk on the 27th of September, which should be fun. This is something I have never done before, so it will be a completely different task from what I am used to. Some of you might have heard about the landslides

and floods in Nepal and may be wondering if my trip over to Nepal has been affected. I have had a call from the organisers, and they have said that our trip is not affected by the landslides and is still going ahead. We are going to Kathmandu, and while we will be relatively close to some of the affected areas, they have said it won't affect our trip. They also encouraged me to ask for prayers for the people affected by the floods and landslides, especially those affected by leprosy in these areas. One of the small villages affected was also a leprosy colony, and many people affected by leprosy have had a lot taken away from them by the floods and landslides. So please keep these communities in your prayers. In my main social life, I have started coaching rowing at John McGlashan. All the boys there are really great and have a strong desire for rowing, which is great to see.

Here is the link to the service at Knox:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=32LOVExJodc&t=453s

Or if you go to YouTube, look at their past livestreams. It is titled 13th Sunday after Pentecost. "With the Knox Young Adults & Students" Sun 23 Aug 2026, 10 am

Prayer for our family and friends:
Neil & Sue Burt, 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 SEPTEMBER 2026

20 September

Elder Duty:	**Door Duty**:
Gaye Edwards	

	Moira Courtney and Maureen Landreth
Power Point: April McMurdo	**Mini Bus:** Grenville / Joan
Morning Tea: Lynette Fowler and Tracy Mayhew	**Offering Count:** Gaye/Christine
Readings: Anne M	**Heroes Leader:** Kate
Prayers: Ewen	**Fun with Music:** Last day of term

27 September

Elder Duty: Kayla Crampton	**Door Duty**: Lincoln and Anne Moffat
Power Point: Alan Russell	**Mini Bus:** Lana, Vincent
Morning Tea: Alon & Tracy Mayhew	**Offering Count:** Tracy/Kristen
Readings: Max Aitkins	**Heroes Leader:** No Heroes this week
Prayers: Annette P	**Fun with Music:** School holidays

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