John Knox
Rangiora
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The Community Square.

Acts 17: 21 *"All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas."*

In Acts, the people in Athens would gather and discuss matters that concerned them around faith, society, politics and all areas that needed their attention. This happened in the Areopagus, a place to talk and listen and wrestle and learn. What are the places that give us that space to talk and listen and learn and debate? The Pubs? Shopping Malls? The Rugby? Schools? Universities? Our places of Work? (Especially around the water-cooler…) I'm sure all these places would be really good for the kind of discussions that vex us, especially as we enter into another election cycle.

I would like to think our Churches are also places for people of faith to come and debate, wrestle, learn, challenge and grow. Over more than just our faith and understanding of the scriptures! Perhaps also the important issues in society.

I am grateful for our own Areopagus, our own safe space to practice my faith and to learn to work this out in meaningful ways in our society. All of our Society! Including our political opinions.

May God bless our discourse over the next week as we look to discern together the next three years of this country. Jas

01 November, 2026
CHURCH SERVICE TODAY:

Service Leader: Jas
Preacher: Jas

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: 9.45am in Barrett Room

Join us online:
https://youtube.com/live/l8jSjlnugNc?feature=share

READINGS:
Exodus 1:6-17

The Worship Hymns and Songs:
We Seek Your Kingdom
Put on the Garment of Praise
10 000 Reasons
Beneath the Southern Cross

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS:
Birthdays: *Lois Saunders, Linda Kevern*
Wedding Anniversaries: *none this week*
May The Lord bless you and keep you well 😊

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 02 November:	**1 Thessalonians 2:13-20**
Tue 03 November:	**Acts 13:1-12**
Wed 04 November:	**Matthew 15:1-9**
Thu 05 November:	**Revelation 8:6-9:12**
Fri 06 November:	**Revelation 9:13-21**
Sat 07 November:	**Matthew 24:1-14**
Sun 08 November:	**Matthew 25:1-13**

NOTICES:

Every Wednesday: Connect, 10am, JKR

Parish prayer meeting: Friday 6th November, JKR 1.30, please note change of day. All welcome

Church Website: We have completed our update of the John Knox Rangiora Website and it is looking very good. Please go online and have a look. Any feedback you might want to share would be appreciated. Jas

Christmas Giving – Coming Soon!
This Christmas, we have two opportunities to help others in our community.
Salvation Army – Sunday 29 November
Please bring grocery donations to support the Salvation Army's Christmas Boxes for families in need.
Pillars – Sunday 6 December
Please bring Christmas groceries and small personal gifts to support families of prisoners.
Thank you for your generosity in helping make Christmas brighter for others. It's wonderful to see Christian churches working together to support our local community. Any queries please see Annette P.

Prayer for our family and friends:
Ross Wilson and family, Neil & Sue Burt, Max Atkins & Averill Gibson, Donna Abernethy, Clare Calder, *Mary Stewart and Ian Cormack.*

September Giving:

	Current Month		Year to Date		Annual	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Forecast
September 2026	7,233	8,416	22,731	25,247	99,840	87,354

CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR NOVEMBER 2026

01 November

Elder Duty: Bill White	**Door Duty**: Lynette Fowler and Anne Moffat
Power Point: Annette Wright	**Mini Bus:** Gaye / Lincoln
Morning Tea:	**Offering Count:**

Margaret Hamilton and Joan Shearer	Tracy/Howard
Readings: Eric Cheong	**Heroes Leader:** Kate
Prayers: Anne Moffat	**Fun with Music:** Anne Moffat Tracy Mayhew

08 November

Elder Duty: Gaye Edwards	**Door Duty**: Moira Courtney and Kim Fletcher
Power Point: Annette Wright	**Mini Bus:** Richard/ Lincoln
Morning Tea: Gaye Edwards and Lynette Fowler	**Offering Count:** Tracy/Annette
Readings: Gaye Edwards	**Heroes Leader:** Megan
Prayers: Vincent S	**Fun with Music:** Joan Shearer, Lana Stevens

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