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Our heart determines our performance, priorities and behaviour

“Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.” Matthew 12:33-35

Our words, actions, the way we treat others, how we talk about others is a direct response to who we are as a person.

Stress or offense or anxiety may invoke a response from us that may seem out of character. But in fact, all the circumstances and the environment we find ourselves in don’t contribute to our behaviour. All they do is for a brief moment drop the veil or let the mask slip that we use to hide what is truly in our heart. Because the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

Blaming someone or something for your behaviour hides the fact that your behaviour is inherent to your true self, you have just been good at hiding it until how you present yourself is disturbed or compromised.

If you need to, take some time to pray “…create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.” (Psalm 51:10)

Jas

04 October, 2026
CHURCH SERVICE TODAY:

Service Leader: Richard
Preacher: Grenville

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: 9.45am in Barrett Room

READINGS:
Luke 15: 11-14, 28-32
John 8: 3-11

The Worship Hymns and Songs:
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Verses 1, 3, 4)
Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)
Eagle Wings
Wonderful Grace
Cornerstone

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS:
Birthdays: *Sandra McPherson, Alon Mayhew*
Wedding Anniversaries: none this week
May The Lord bless you and keep you well 😊

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 05 October:	**1 Peter 2:4-10**
Tue 06 October:	**2 Corinthians 5:17-21**
Wed 07 October:	**John 11:45-57**
Thu 08 October:	**1 Peter 5:1-5**
Fri 09 October:	**James 4:4-10**
Sat 10 October:	**Mark 2:18-22**
Sun 11 October:	**Matthew 22:1-14**

NOTICES:

Every Wednesday: Connect, 10am, JKR

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

Shed Talk: Our Next Shed Talk will be on the 17th of October at the John Knox Community Centre. Presbyterian Support will give us a tour of their amazing services after breakfast. Please register so we have an idea of numbers. Jas

Church AGM Celebration: Our AGM is next week, please have a read of the Annual Report and if you have any questions that can be answered, please contact those beforehand where possible. Any potential agenda items for consideration please let me know before the 8th of October. Jas

Church Fair and Kid's Market: Happening on the 21st of November. If you are providing plants or seedlings for the Garden Section, you might want to start planting these now in order that they are ready for the Fair. Also, let us know how you would like to help on the day by filing out the survey on the clipboards win the Stewart Lounge. Jas

Prayer Meeting: There is no Church Prayer Meeting next week, our Next Prayer Meeting will be on the 22nd of October.

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.*

CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR OCTOBER 2026

04 October

Elder Duty: Richard Mc Murdo	**Door Duty**: Alon and Tracy Mayhew
Power Point: Allan Russell	**Mini Bus:** Grenville / Mayhew's T or A
Morning Tea: Anne Moffat and Bridget Gaarkeuken	**Offering Count:** Tracy/Leigh
Readings: Paul Martell	**Heroes Leader:** School holidays
Prayers:	**Fun with Music:**

Vincent S	School holidays

11 October

Elder Duty: Ewen Nichol	**Door Duty**: Marlene Hopkinson and Joan Shearer
Power Point: April McMurdo	**Mini Bus:** Richard/ Joan
Morning Tea: Maureen Landreth & Marlene Hopkinson	**Offering Count:** Gaye/Leigh
Readings: Vincent S	**Heroes Leader:** School holidays
Prayers: Anne M	**Fun with Music:** School holidays

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