John Knox
Rangiora
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Are you enrolled to vote?

We are hosting a Polling Station for our General Election on the 7th of November at the John Knox Community Centre. It'll be open from Monday afternoon through to the close of the polls on the Saturday. You will be able to come to John Knox to vote during the week if you so wish.

For most of us we have a political bias. I do. I recognise that objectivity is a hard trait to hold with integrity. Our bias will shape how we see the next 4 weeks, will influence where we will glean information from and will feed our level of critique towards what we are hearing and seeing. While this is all a normal part of the election season, it is something we can all try to understand and do some self-reflection over.

What values are we looking for in our government? (If we are trying to be objective.) How will their policies impact me? What are my priorities if I can't get everything I want? Where can I find simple and clear information on each party? How does my Christian faith shape my decision making? Who are the winners and losers from each policy platform? How do I use my votes strategically? All these questions are part of our journey over the next 4 weeks.

Ideally, every government wants to see this country of ours grow, prosper and flourish. They may have different paths to this goal. And different priorities. Over the next 4 weeks, these questions will be part of our focus as God's people. A good and tough journey and hopefully and enlightening one.

Jas

18 October, 2026
CHURCH SERVICE TODAY:

Service Leader:
Preacher:

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: 9.45am in Barrett Room

READINGS:
1 Peter 2:13-17
Jeremiah 22:1-5

The Worship Hymns and Songs:
Who is on the Lord's Side?
Ascribe Greatness
Yet not I but through Christ in Me

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS:
Birthdays: Helen Walker, Jason King
Wedding Anniversaries: Mary and Alan Blaikie
May The Lord bless you and keep you well 😊

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 19 October:	**Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20**
Tue 20 October:	**Revelation 18:21-24**
Wed 21 October:	**Matthew 17:22-27**
Thu 22 October:	**Titus 1:5-16**
Fri 23 October:	**Titus 2:7-8, 11-15**
Sat 24 October:	**John 5:39-47**
Sun 25 October:	**Matthew 22:34-46**

NOTICES:

Every Wednesday: Connect, 10am, JKR

Wednesday 21st October: Pastoral Care, 1.10pm, Reflection Room, Charles Upham

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 last Shed Talk for the year which will be this Saturday, 17th at John Knox Community Centre from 8.30am. Please let me know by Thursday if you want to come and I'll add you to the list.

Hard Knox Cafe: John Knox Youth is meeting on the 29th of October from 7pm at JKR. For Year 8 to 13, all welcome!

Church Fair and Kid's Market: Meeting for all wanting to help out after church on the 25th of October.

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

18 October

Elder Duty: Anne Moffat	**Door Duty**: Fran Taylor and TBC
Power Point: Richard McMurdo	**Mini Bus:** Richard / Graeme Twose
Morning Tea: Lyn O'Malley and Moira Courtney	**Offering Count:** Richard/Kristen
Readings:	**Heroes Leader:**

Peggy Cheong	Megan
Prayers: Anne Moffat	**Fun with Music:** Joan Shearer, Lyn O'Malley

25 October

Elder Duty: Kayla Wisneski	**Door Duty**: Lyn O' Malley and Bridget Gaarkeuken
Power Point: Alan Russell	**Mini Bus:** Gaye / Graeme Twose
Morning Tea: Fran Taylor and Lana Stevens	**Offering Count:** Annette W. /Kristen
Readings: Annette Paterson	**Heroes Leader:** Lincoln
Prayers: Ewen	**Fun with Music:** Labour Day, no Fun with Music

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