

## DUTY ROSTER:

### 15 October

Duty Elder: Annette Paterson  
Door Duty: Maureen Landreth  
Gerry Kappelle  
Morning Tea Duty: Adele Warburton  
Kim Fletcher Purdom  
Power Point Duty: April McMurdo

### BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday: Acts 20 v 17-35  
Tuesday: Romans 12 v 4-21  
Wednesday: John 21 v 15-17  
Thursday: James 5 v 14-20  
Friday: James 1 v 1-27

### PRE-SERVICE PRAYER

For those interested in praying for our Sunday service, a brief prayer time will be held in the Counselling Room (on the far side of the Kitchen) from 9.45am to 9.55am each Sunday.

### CHURCH CONTACTS

<b>Senior Minister</b>	<b>Rev Alan Missen</b> 32 Melford Close	313 4615 021 147 6832 awmissen@xtra.co.nz
<b>Associate Minister</b>	<b>Jason King</b> 17 Skipton Street, Shirley,	03 386 2559 027 452 7546 jasonrking8@gmail.com
<b>Session Clerk</b>	<b>Annette Paterson</b> 49a Ayers Street	313 4116 ae.paterson@xtra.co.nz
<b>Treasurer and Envelope Secretary</b>	<b>Bruce Morriss</b> 4 Wiltshire Courts	313 8466
<b>Booking Officer</b>	<b>John Warburton</b> 8 Brookvale Place	313 6251
<b>Prayer Chain Contact</b>	<b>Winifred Meager</b>	313 6098
<b>Church Notices</b>	To contact <b>Donna</b> for Notices for the Newsletter: Ph: 313 3359 Email: donna9252@kinect.co.nz	
<b>Church Web Site</b>	<a href="http://www.johnknoxrangiora.vpweb.co.nz">www.johnknoxrangiora.vpweb.co.nz</a> Sunday sermons are now available on this site as is the latest issue of <b>JK Jottings</b> .	



# RANGIORA PRESBYTERIAN PARISH



<http://johnknoxrangiora.vpweb.co.nz>

**8 October 2017**

*A very warm welcome to all who have joined us today. We hope you have a valued time of worship and fellowship.*

**Elder Duty:** Annette Paterson  
**Door Duty:** Maureen Landreth and Gerry Kappelle  
**Morning Tea Duty:** Adele Warburton and Kim Fletcher Purdom  
**Power Point Duty:** April McMurdo  
**Lunch Duty:** Mary and Allan Blaikie  
**Church Chairs (14 Oct):** Marlene Hawke, Lindsay and Ann Jones

**Birthday Wishes:** To Catriona Baker, Brenda McIntosh and Russell Drake. May God bless you all and any whose birthday we may have missed.

**TODAY:** We continue to put the Ministry & Mission Puzzle together and celebrate **COMMUNION**.

As usual on the second Sunday in the month after morning tea we will **ENJOY A SHARED LUNCH – Please stay if you can to share the fellowship.**

**Reading: Jeremiah 29 v 4-14**

**Message: “Cruiseship or Battleship?”**

### **THIS WEEK:**

**Fun with Music:** School holidays are for two weeks and the next Fun with Music session for pre school children and their caregivers will be 10am Monday October 16th in our Church Hall. Do encourage any young mum to attend for a fun morning of activities and music. Hostess: Jan Morriss.

**CONNECT** group is meeting at Charles Upham café this week on Tuesday 10 October at 10.15am to 11.45am as it is School Holidays. Do join us to CONNECT.

**T.G.I.F.** is a casual worship service designed for mutual interaction and spiritual engagement with God through fellowship, study, and song. Join us for an evening meal at 6 pm, followed by our Worship service beginning at 6.30 pm. We are following a theme of relating to pop culture. **(6 and 13 October we will break for the school holidays).**

### **COMING UP:**

**Women's Friendship and Bible Study Group (C-A R-E Group)** meets after the school holidays on Thursday 19th October 6.30pm - 8pm at the home of Janice and Ross Wilson. No prior knowledge of the book of Esther is assumed and last time we enjoyed sharing insights from Chapter one - "Who do you respect and Why"? Next time we will look at Esther Chapter two. It is not always easy to see God's hand working in your current circumstances, whether these be negative or positive experiences. Come and share the wisdom of the story of Esther. It might encourage you in your journey in life. This small group meets fortnightly and is a lovely way to bond with other women who are seeking to live life in abundance. All discussions are confidential to the group so join us when you can. More details from Mary-Jean ph 3128565.

**ANNUAL CHURCH FAIR** - I've just looked at the calendar and there are **seven (yes 7) weeks till 24 November our Fair Day!!!!** Thanks to those who put their names on the clipboard recently to help at our Church Fair. Please start collecting goods, organising your pantry ready to bake, etc. ready for our fair. If you haven't put your name down yet – and can help either organising before/cleanup after/ or on the day PLEASE TALK TO ANNETTE PATERSON to get your name on the list!! We have got a Fair Committee who will meet later in October then send more information to you all. The Committee are: Annette Paterson, Marlene Hawke, Lynette & Howard Fowler, Sue Burt and Bill Rate. **BUT WE NEED HELP FROM YOU ALL – so start thinking, and collecting, for our annual church fair now!!!**  
***Can You Help – If you have any “Aunt Betty's pudding” containers – Jan Morriss would love to relieve you of them so she can use them for puddings to be taken home at our Church Fair. Also – if you have any plastic containers to put the plants into ready to sell Bill Rate would love to get them from you. Are there other things people need in preparation for our Church Fair?***

**REST HOME SERVICE FOR OCTOBER** - On Thursday 26 October – at Bainswood on Victoria at 10.45am Mary Stewart will lead a service. If you can attend this service to support our leader it would be most appreciated.

### **OTHER NOTICES:**

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** – We have given out 75 boxes and some have started to come back ready to go. **GREAT.** Thanks to all who are taking part in this important mission. The full boxes can be returned to Annette Paterson or Esme Lynskey anytime from now until 15 October. If anyone would like to contribute to this worthy cause – but does not want to pack a box – would you like to make a cash contribution towards the freight and other administration costs which have to be covered? Annette Paterson can take any such donations. Don't forget to **PRAY** for the person you are packing the box for as you organise it. **THIS IS MISSION REMEMBER!!**

### **BUILDING FUND BALANCE**

**\$166,679.07**

### **INTRODUCING MEL LAIRD**

Remember “Flying Doctors” on television – many years ago? As a 7 year old girl watched, she dreamed of flying an aeroplane herself one day. Some dreams come true and Mel Laird eventually became a pilot and has been flying in Kaikoura until the end of last year.

At some stage Mel read a book about M.A.F. and the work it does. She then became focused on flying for and working for Mission Aviation Fellowship. M.A.F. works in various parts of the world. It exists “to see isolated people physically and spiritually transformed by God's love through the use of aviation and technology.” Over the past 2 years it has flown educational resources to Papua New Guinea; helped fly severely disabled children in Mongolia to the capital city for urgent treatment; and flown visiting medical teams to 3 floating hospital ships in Bangladesh which serve the poorest of the poor living along the river banks. They also have teams who help in Timor-Leste, South Sudan as well as in Arnhem Land in the Northern Territories of Australia. These are, no doubt, only a few of the places they work.

Mel Laird set off early this year to join the M.A.F. in Arnhem Land to work with the Yolngu people. She had to undertake lots of training and testing as well as orienting herself to the climate (the tail end of the wet season when she arrived), and the language, to say nothing of the different way of life of the locals in Arnhem Land. Lots of testing of her flying ability too before they can let her join the staff of M.A.F. in Arnhem Land.

Our APW group, here at John Knox, has partnered with Mel to support her by praying for her, communicating with her and giving some financial assistance as well. We look forward to sharing some of her stories as we receive her 2 to 3 monthly newsletters.

From Association of Presbyterian Women, Rangiora (Annette Paterson)