

Rosters	25th February	3rd March	10th March	17th March
Door	Steve	Helen & Jean S.	Helen & Jean S.	Helen & Jean S.
Intercession	Janice	Michelle	Sue	Janice
Computer	Jemma	Lorraine	Lorraine	Lorraine
Sound	Grant	Jemma	Jemma	Suzanne
Tea	Steve	Jenny	Jan	Michelle
Birthday Prayers	Sue	Sue	Lorraine	Cathy
Church Lunch	Church foyer	Reg & Sue	Neil & Helen	Church foyer
'Waiting on God'	Cathy	Sue	Cathy	Sue
Communion		Janice		

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## Contact Details

Please note that the office is closed every Tuesday between 9.30 am to 10.30 am for our team meeting.

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Our Vision is ~  
To honour God,  
nurture, disciple and send out

# Weekly News



## 25th February 2024

We will train and equip those who will honour God, making disciples to be salt and light in our community and afar

Welcome everyone

If you are new to St John's or visiting with us, we welcome you to our service.

Today's service

Today's message is brought to us by Peter Hokopaura.

Shared Lunch

Today's shared lunch is being held in the Church foyer.  
All Welcome

### Weekly Prayer

- Please pray for our business community, that they would be well supported and flourish. Pray for the new businesses that are being set up and planned.
- Continue to pray for Matt Millar and family.
- Continue to pray for the Ministry Settlement Board and for our next Minister. Next Meeting scheduled for 26th February.

### The Fence Story - Author Unknown

There once was a young boy with a very bad temper. The boy's father wanted to teach him a lesson, so he gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper he must hammer a nail into their wooden fence. On the first day of this lesson, the little boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. He was really mad!

Over the course of the next few weeks, the little boy began to control his anger, so the number of nails that were hammered into the fence dramatically decreased.

It wasn't long before the little boy discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence. Then, the day finally came when the little boy didn't lose his temper even once, and he became so proud of himself, he couldn't wait to tell his father. Pleased, his father suggested that he now pull out one nail for each day that he could hold his temper. Several weeks went by and the day finally came when the young boy was able to tell his father that all the nails were gone.

Very gently, the father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. "You have done very well, my son," he smiled, "but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same." The little boy listened carefully as his father continued to speak. "When you say things in anger, they leave permanent scars just like these. And no matter how many times you say you're sorry, the wounds will still be there."

Upcoming Events

## JEREMIAH MINISTRIES

In association with St John's Presbyterian Church is conducting a one day course on God's effective communication process.

**Saturday 16th March 2024**

9 am to 4.30 pm

This one day course will benefit and equip you with the essential Biblical insights, principles, morals and ethics and will teach you the many ways we communicate with each other — besides words.

Limited to 10 participants and places are filling fast, so call the office to book your place.

Morning and afternoon tea provided - bring your own lunch.

Brochures on the foyer table.



### Upcoming Speakers

**3rd March - Sue Staveley**

**10th March - John Omundsen**

**17th March - Pete Kempthorne**

**24th March - Roger Bent**

