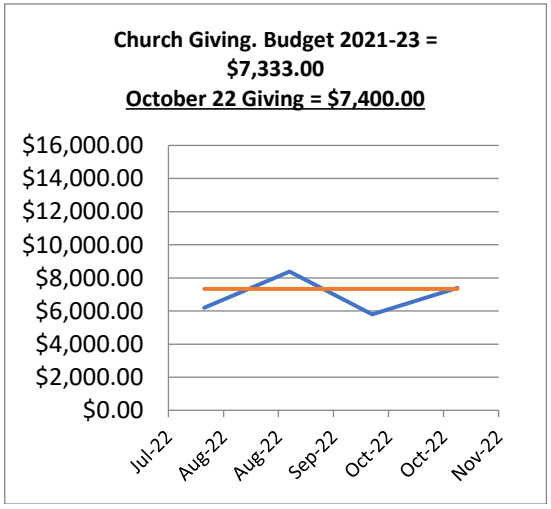
CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR DECEMBER 2022

11 December:	**Communion**
Elder Duty:	Annette Paterson
Door Duty:	Gaye / Margaret Hamilton
Power Point:	Marlene Hawke
Mini Bus:	Richard / Donna
Morning Tea:	Marlene Hopkinson / Joan
Offering Count:	Annette / Leigh White
Set-up Chairs:	Lincoln and Anne
Heroes Programme:	Lincoln / Chris
Heroes Morning Tea:	Jas (Heroes Party cancelled).
18 December:	**Service at Victoria Park**
25 December:	**Christmas Day Service**
1 January 2023:	**New Year's Day**
Elder Duty:	Bruce Morriss
Door Duty:	Maureen / Gerry
Power Point:	Richard
Mini Bus:	N/A
Morning Tea:	N/A
Offering Count:	Tracy / Anne
Set-up Chairs:	N/A
Heroes Programme:	N/A
Heroes Morning Tea:	N/A

Giving Chart for October 2022



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Ministers Paragraph

Tale of 2 churches

There are two types of churches. The first type of church confirms to our expectations, our wants and preferences. It is a reflection of who we are and is comfortable and familiar and meets our needs. The second type of church reflects God's intent, his glory and his hopes for the Kingdom of God breaking into creation.

If we were to be honest, we want to be the second church but too often settle for the first. So, here's how we can do both! We need to make sure our expectations, wants and preferences are influenced by God. That our needs are that of God and that we are passionately committed to seeing God's outreach and grace shape our ministry and mission.

Paul tells us in Philippians 2, "In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus…" May Jesus' mindset shape our desire for His church this Christmas!

Rev Jas

CHURCH SERVICE TODAY

Service Leader: Rev Jas

Preacher: Rev Jas

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: For those interested in praying for our Sunday Service, a brief prayer time will be held at 9.45am in the Ministers Office.

Our Service will be streamed live online at:
https://youtu.be/f1QF8fIN3As

READING: Galatians 5 v 13 - 26
MESSAGE: Advent 3

CELEBRATIONS:

Birthday Wishes: to Marlene Hawke, Graham Gibson and **Ruth Wheeler.** God Bless you all.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 12 Dec:	Acts 5 v 12 - 16
Tue 13 Dec:	Jude 1 v 17 - 25
Wed 14 Dec:	Matthew 8 v 14 – 17, 28 - 34
Thu 15 Dec:	Galatians 3 v 23 - 29
Fri 16 Dec:	Galatians 4 v 1 - 7
Sat 17 Dec:	John 3 v 31 - 36
Sun 18 Dec:	Romans 1 v 1 - 7

THIS WEEK:

Mon 12 Dec: Fun with Music: Finished for the year.

Tue 13 Dec: CONNECT Group: Finished for the year.

Tue 13 Dec: Young Adult's BBQ: 5pm at Jas and Kate's.

Thu 15 Dec: Prayer Meeting at 3.30pm at Jas and Kate's home, 32 Kingsbury Ave.

18 Dec: Combined Church Service at Victoria Park
(The Mini Bus will not be available).

CHRISTMAS HOME VISITS This important ministry will take place on **Monday, 19th December**. We meet up at John Knox at 6-45 for a prompt 7am start, dividing into two or three smaller groups. Small gifts of posies, biscuits, jam etc are appreciated and may be left in the church kitchen earlier if you are unable to join us. ALL age groups welcome. Enquiries to Mary Stewart 3138393 (do not be put off by my answerphone, just leave your details, and I will call you back.

COMING UP:

24 Dec: Combined Service with the Methodists at John Knox Church at 7pm.

25 Dec: Christmas Day Service at John Knox Church.
(The Mini Bus will not be available).

OTHER NOTICES:

The St Andrews Mini Golf has been opened again! Does anyone have putters or balls they could donate, please? See Jas.

Afternoon Tea at the Vicarage
Sunday 1 January 2023
All welcome at Jas and Kate's home.
2-3pm.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING - very soon!!!! and so are our opportunities to HELP OTHERS HAVE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

INTER-CHURCH FOOD BANK. We thank all who give regularly to this (we do it monthly) and ask if you could possibly give some extra in December so the Salvation Army can give out **CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES** to those in our Community who need them. **Goods will be collected (in the Basket in the Foyer) TODAY.**

THANK YOU ALL IN ADVANCE FOR ALL YOUR HELP IN THIS MATTER!!

Of course, goods need to be **UNPERISHABLE.**

Please pray for Ron and Lynn O'Malley. Also, prayer needed for Gaye Edwards' great-grandson.
Ian Cormack needs prayer as well.

Selling Firewood for Next Year: See Jas or Lincoln if you would like a trailer load delivered @ $300 for 2.5 m3.

T-Shirt Fundraiser: We are selling **KNOX T – shirts** as a fundraiser. Each T – shirt sold will go towards raising funds for the mission and ministry of John Knox.
They are $25 each and can be viewed in the foyer after the service or in the office during the week.

In the Chaos

When the chaos seems unending
Clear away a little space,
It will help to know that something
Has been put into its space.

Just the same when trouble hits you
Blocking up your stretch of road,
Concentrate on one small barrier
Leave a while the heavy load.

Bit by bit the chaos lessens
Bit by bit a path is cleared,
"Til the mountain of your trouble
Is much smaller than you feared.

***Hate** has talked so loudly for so long.*
***Greed** has talked so loudly for so long.*
***Liars** have talked so loudly for so long.*
***Love** has got to stop whispering.*
Marianne Williamson

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life". John 3 v 16