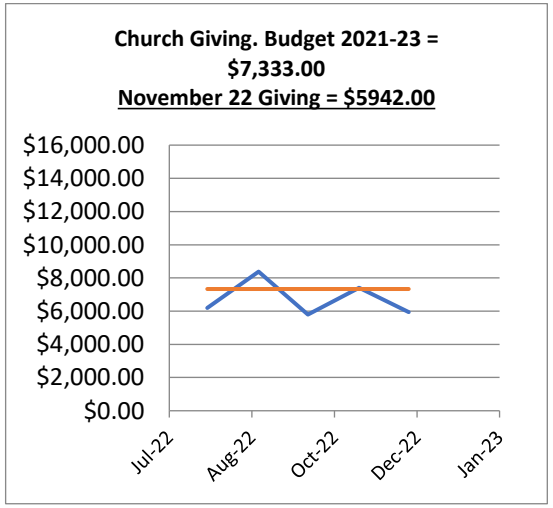
CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR DECEMBER 2022

18 December:	**Service at Victoria Park**
Elder Duty:	
Door Duty:	
Power Point:	
Mini Bus:	
Morning Tea:	
Offering Count:	
Set-up Chairs:	
Heroes Programme:	
Heroes Morning Tea:	
25 December:	**Christmas Day Service**
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 November 2022



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18 December 2022

Ministers Paragraph

A church is like a group of friends and family gathering around a bonfire on a beach. Waiting for the sun to come up over the horizon bringing light to the entire land. The warmth of the bonfire, the light of Jesus, is what invites, sustains and encourages those who gather. People come and go from time to time and move from bonfire to bonfire as their journey takes them.

However, some may not like those gathering around them and want to go to another bonfire. Some come and go as they please and wonder why they don't feel warm or connected. Some also sit outside the light and warmth of the bonfire and wonder why they don't feel the fellowship that they once did when they were sitting alongside others gathered. Some feel resentful of those gathered around the bonfire because they are much more interested in the light of the fire.

And some make space alongside themselves for others who may be different from themselves to join and are happy to be present and connected. They know that around the bonfire is life and life in its fullest.
Welcome to the bonfire.
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 not be streamed live online

READING:
MESSAGE:

CELEBRATIONS:

Birthday Wishes: to Allan Blaikie. God Bless you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 19 Dec:	Galatians 4 v 8 - 20
Tue 20 Dec:	Galatians 4 v 21 – 5 v 1
Wed 21 Dec:	Matthew 1 v 1 - 17
Thu 22 Dec:	Revelation 22 v 6 – 7, 18 - 20
Fri 23 Dec:	Galatians 3 v 6 - 14
Sat 24 Dec:	Titus 2 v 11 - 14
Sun 25 Dec:	Titus 3 v 4 - 7

THIS WEEK:

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 7pm 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.

Tue 20 Dec:

Wed 21 Dec:

Thu 22 Dec:

Fri 23 Dec:

Sat 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).

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

OTHER NOTICES:

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

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.

To all our wonderful church family,

A reminder that we are gathering at Victoria Park from 10am this Sunday 18th to share a special Christmas service with other churches in Rangiora.

Bring deck chairs, hats and sunblock if it's sunny and warm.

God Bless, have a great weekend and we will see you on Sunday!

J

(If it is raining and called off, we will meet in the church lounge for morning tea and perhaps some impromptu Christmas carols of our own.)