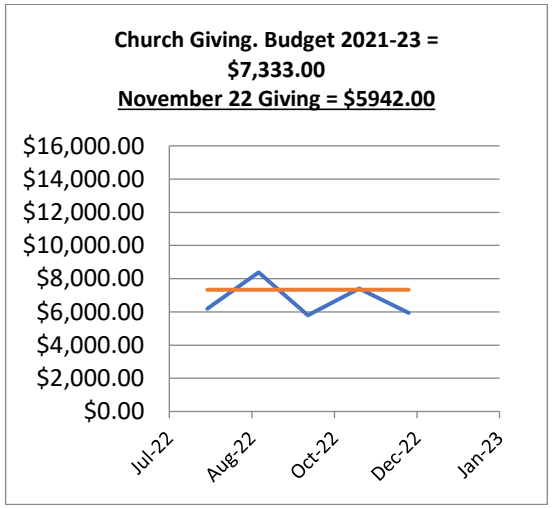
CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR DEC 2022 / JAN 2023

25 December:	**Christmas Day Service**
Elder Duty:	
Door Duty:	Bill and Jenny Rate
Power Point:	Alan Russell
Mini Bus:	N/A
Morning Tea:	N/A
Offering Count:	Santa's helpers
Set-up Chairs:	N/A
Heroes Programme:	N/A
Heroes Morning Tea:	N/A

1 January 2023:	
Elder Duty:	Bruce Morriss
Door Duty:	Gerry / Maureen Landreth
Power Point:	Richard McMurdo
Mini Bus:	N/A
Morning Tea:	
Offering Count:	Tracy / Anne
Set-up Chairs:	N/A
Heroes Programme:	N/A
Heroes Morning Tea:	N/A

Giving Chart for November 2022



CHURCH CONTACTS:

Minister:
Rev Jas King
027 452 7546 313 1091
jason@johnknoxrangiora.co.nz

Parish Council:
Correspondence to: Kayla Crampton
027 869 2327 Kmjcrampton@gmail.com

Financial Committee:
Tracy Mayhew 027 3257 377
Richard McMurdo 021 1175 300

Facility Booking:
Tracy Mayhew 027 3257 377

Prayer Chain:
Winifred Meager 313 6098
027 6470 36

Newsletter Editor:
Donna 027 6470 368
donna92.nz@gmail.com

Church Web Site:
www.johnknoxrangiora.co.nz

Church Office: **Open Tues/Weds from 9am til noon.**
Phone: 313 7355

Tracy's Office Email Address:
admin@johnknoxrangiora.co.nz

Mail Address for John Knox:
P.O. Box 74, Rangiora 7440

John Knox
Rangiora
www.johnknoxrangiora.co.nz

25 December 2022

Ministers Paragraph

Originally the 25th of December was a Pagan festival called *dies solis invicti nati* which celebrated the winter solstice and the shortest day in the Roman Calendar. The Rebirth of the sun on the shortest day was celebrated. The Church decided to use, by the mid 4th Century, the date as a marker for the birth of Jesus. This was uncommon for the early Church to co-opt Pagan festivals but found it was a good fit and given the Bible never identifies the actual date it was a good chance to create something new by which Christians could gather around and celebrate.

The Celebration of Christmas, this festival of new life through the birth of Immanuel, God among us, has evolved and adopted many traditions over the years. Whichever way you decide to celebrate today, remember that at the centre of it all is Jesus. The layers of meaning may be helpful to you but we need to keep our gaze upon the Son who has chosen to make is presence known among us bring peace and hope to all who would seek him.

God Bless and Merry Christmas to you all and may God's richest blessings be with you this wonderful Christmas Day.

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.

READINGS: John 1 v 1 – 5, 9 - 14
MESSAGE: Christmas Day

CELEBRATIONS:

Birthday Wishes: to Lyn O'Malley and **Margaret Hamilton (today).** God Bless you both.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 26 Dec:	Acts 7 v 59, 8 v 8
Tue 27 Dec:	1 John 5 v 1 - 12
Wed 28 Dec:	Matthew 18 v 1 - 14
Thu 29 Dec:	Luke 19 v 41 - 44
Fri 30 Dec:	Corinthians 4 v 16 - 18
Sat 31 Dec:	John 8 v 12 - 19
Sun 1 Jan:	Matthew 2 v 13 - 23

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

OTHER NOTICES:

Church Rebuild Update: We have the Building Application to go to the PCANZ Property Trustees and need this approved by the Church Membership in mid - February. We also have updated information from the project Team around cost and final preliminary designs ***available from next week***. There are plans on the noticeboard which have been updated. We will be adding these to the Church Website and will email out copies also from next week.

Mature Christian woman seeks 2-3 bedroom home in the Waimak area, preferably in Rangiora or close to. Excellent references, Ph 022 167 7378.

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.