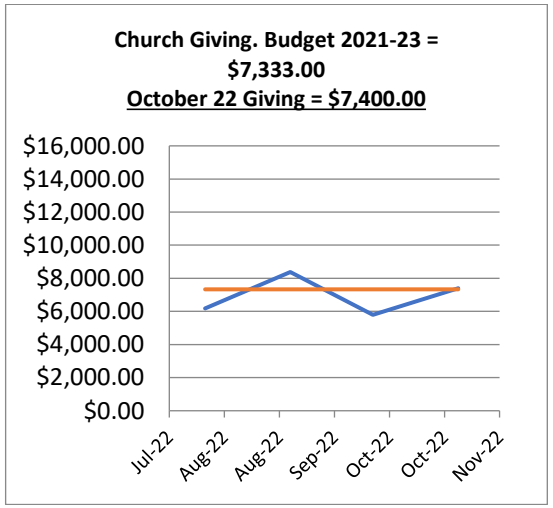
CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR DECEMBER 2022

4 December:	**Advent 2**
Elder Duty:	Ewen Nichol
Door Duty:	Lincoln and Anne
Power Point:	Alan Russell
Mini Bus:	Donna / Sue
Morning Tea:	Maureen / Gerry
Offering Count:	Tracy / Alan McIntosh
Set-up Chairs:	Marlene/ Lindsay and Ann
Heroes Programme:	
Heroes Morning Tea:	
11 December:	
Elder Duty:	Annette Paterson
Door Duty:	Gaye / Margaret Hamilton
Power Point:	Marlene Hawke
Mini Bus:	Richard / Sue
Morning Tea:	Marlene Hopkinson / Joan
Offering Count:	Annette / Leigh White
Set-up Chairs:	Lincoln and Anne
Heroes Programme:	Break – up after service.
Heroes Morning Tea:	

Giving Chart for October 2022



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Ministers Paragraph

"A general invitation is not a real invitation!"

I heard this phrase last week and it has made me stop and consider how often I make general invitations and then wonder why they have not been taken up. "Come to church… call me if you want to talk… let me know if there's anything I can do to help…" All general invitations and very genuine too but not likely to be taken up or responded to. I think we could all agree that we are more likely to respond to a specific invite or request which has more thought and intent behind it. Maybe there is even a hint of tokenism around a general invite/request? What do you think?

I also wonder also if our prayer life could carry similar intent? It's a lot easier to pray "thy will be done…" with a sense of impatience than to spend time considering what is really important, what is on your heart and sharing this in a faith-filled conversation with your heavenly Father who is genuinely concerned for you.

Next time I'm tempted to seek a general response, I think I'll try to be a little more specific and directed.

Merry Christmas and have a lovely weekend.
Rev Jas

CHURCH SERVICE TODAY

Service Leader: Rev Bob

Preacher: Rev Bob

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: TBA
MESSAGE: TBA

CELEBRATIONS:

Birthday Wishes: to Valda Reveley and Juliette King (9). God Bless you both.
Wedding Anniversary: congratulations to **Joy and Ian Cormack,** married 19 years on 29 November.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 5 Dec: 1 Thessalonians 4 v 1 - 12
Tue 6 Dec: Romans 15 v 14 - 21
Wed 7 Dec: Matthew 12 v 33 - 37
Thu 8 Dec: 2 Peter 3 v 1 - 10
Fri 9 Dec: 2 Peter 3 v 11 - 18
Sat 10 Dec: Luke 3 v 1 - 18
Sun 11 Dec: Luke 1 v 46b -55

THIS WEEK:

Mon 5 Dec: Fun with Music: This is the **final session** for this year with Adele and Kate.

Tue 6 Dec: CONNECT Group: will meet at the home of Allan and Mary Blaikie, 46 Papawai Drive, Rangiora at 10.15am. Also notice for our last meeting of the year, which will be in the form of a bring a plate shared lunch from 11.30AM at the home of Merv and Margaret Hamilton, 7 Helmore Street, Rangiora. For info about this group, contact Bill Rate, TEL: 312 3227 or email bill.jen@xtra.co.nz

Tue 6 Dec: Young Adults at 7pm.

Wed 7 Dec: APW meets at 12noon at Adele and John Warburton's home - 8 Brookvale Place.
We have organised a Christmas Lunch and Programme. The lunch is being provided, but please remember to bring any items for the Pillars Box as these will be delivered very soon. (Christmas food or small personal gifts.) For more information - or if you need transport, please ring Annette (313 4116).

Fri 9 Dec: Happy Hour at 6pm. The final one for this year.

Sun 11 Dec: HEROES: Christmas break-up after church service.

COMING UP:

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

18 Dec: Combined Church Service at Victoria Park

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 will be open again from Friday 2 December. 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.

1. For a number of years now the **APW** have collected goods (mainly Christmas food items but some small personal gifts too) for **PILLARS.** This is a group who help the Families of Prisoners. The congregation have helped us do this for a couple of years now and we were able to take a good amount of surprises for the Pillars community. They are always most appreciative of help. If you would like to help again there is a box in the Foyer labelled Pillars for you to add your donations to. Our meeting is on Wednesday 7 December so we need to collect your goods on Sunday 4 December at the latest.

2. The other way we traditionally help is via the **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 on any Sunday (in the Basket in the Foyer) but especially on the next few Sundays up to and including 11 December.

THANK YOU ALL IN ADVANCE FOR ALL YOUR HELP IN THESE MATTERS!!

Of course, goods for both these organisations need to be **UNPERISHABLE.**

Please pray for Ron and Lynn O'Malley. Also, prayer needed for Gaye Edwards' great-grandson.

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.