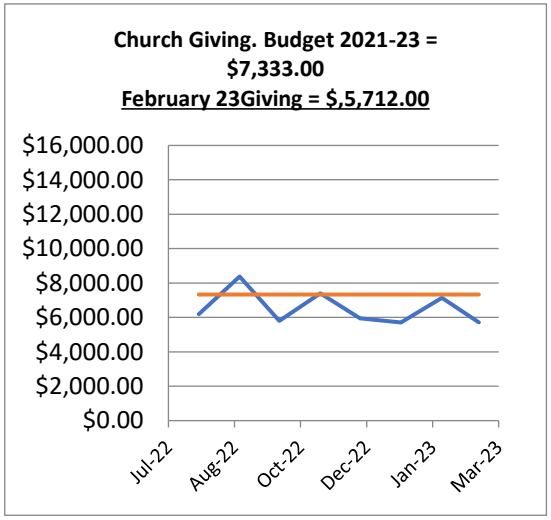
CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR APRIL 2023

9 April	**Rev Jas - Communion**
Elder Duty:	Annette Paterson
Door Duty:	Merle and Jack Wilcox
Power Point:	Annette Wright
Mini Bus:	Donna / Sue Burt
Morning Tea:	Jack and Merle Wilcox
Offering Count:	Tracy / Alan McIntosh
Set-up Chairs:	Lincoln and Anne Moffat
Heroes Programme:	No heroes today!
Heroes Morning Tea:	No heroes today!
	(Starts again 23 April)
16 April	**Rev Jas**
Elder Duty:	Anne Moffat
Door Duty:	Alon and Tracy Mayhew
Power Point:	Richard McMurdo
Mini Bus:	Donna / Sue Burt
Morning Tea:	Merle and Jack Wilcox
Offering Count:	Tracy / Howard
Set-up Chairs:	Purdoms
Heroes Programme:	Not today!
Heroes Morning Tea:	Not today!

Giving Chart for February 2023



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Ministers Paragraph

Reaching the end of a journey brings with it a sense of satisfaction and achievement. Lent is also a journey which is meant to challenge us and cause us to reflect and wonder and pray and critique ourselves and at the end of this Lent journey, for some if us we are a little tired and may suffer a little fatigue. But *"…blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him*. (James 1:12)

Enduring the journey of Lent is meant to parody our journey of life. It is about reflecting seriously on the life of Jesus. It is about tethering ourselves to obedience and commitment to God's plan of salvation. It is about denying ourselves and taking up our crosses in furtherance of God's dream for creation. And after our lives are laid bare in service to God, we appear at dawn on the first day, exiting the tomb in new life with a sense of the hope and glory of God's kingdom as an eternal inheritance.

May the fulness of God's glory bring warmth and joy to your spirits this Easter Sunday. Enjoy this day and the promise it represents.

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://youtube.com/live/h44BaTnP7Zo?feature=share

READINGS: Luke 24 v 1 - 8

MESSAGE: Easter Sunday

CELEBRATIONS:

Birthday Wishes: to **Lynne Reid** and **Anne Moffat**. God's Blessings to you both.

Wedding Anniversary: Congratulations to **Alon** and **Tracy Mayhew on your special day, April 3. God Bless you both.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 10 Apr: Colossians 3 v 5 - 11
Tue 11 Apr: Colossians 3 v 12 - 17
Wed 12 Apr: Matthew 28 v 1 - 10
Thu 13 Apr: Colossians 4 v 2 - 5
Fri 14 Apr: 1 Corinthians 15 v 1 - 11
Sat 15 Apr: John 20 v 11 - 20
Sun 16 Apr: Acts 2 v 14a, 22- 32

THIS WEEK: SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Mon 10 Apr: Fun with Music: Closed for 2 weeks.

Tue 11 Apr: Office closed at John Knox

Thu 13 Apr: Pinecone Collection at Amberley, leaving Jas's home at 9am. Would be awesome to have some helpers to load bags at Jas and Kate's home when the team return at approximately 10.30am.

Thu 13 Apr: Prayer Meeting at Jas and Kate's home at 1.30pm.

NEXT WEEK: SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

COMING UP:

ANZAC DAY is on Tuesday 25 April.

CONNECT Group is starting Wednesday 26 April 10 – 11am at 32 Kingsbury Ave. All welcome.

Prayer Meeting at Jas and Kate's home on **Thursday 27 April.**

Heroes resumes again on Sunday 30 April.

Fun with Music starts again Monday 1 May.

OTHER NOTICES:

Emergency Pastoral Details:

This information will remain confidential but will be available for the Pastoral team and Duty Elder on Sunday Mornings should we need to contact someone in an emergency. Please complete and return in the Office Box in the foyer over the next few weeks. Thanks, Moira and Jason.

"Alpine Presbytery is seeking a new **Presbytery Treasurer.** If interested full details are on the notice board in the church foyer.

Bulbs

For sale: Daffodils, freesias, bluebells, snowflakes and tulips for sale. Each bulb variety comes from a well-known nursery in $10 packets. A fundraiser for 'Ready to Learn' project in North Canterbury schools sponsored by Rotary. Inquiries Lynette Fowler 310 7891 or purchase from Fi's Flowers, 156 High Street.

The St Andrews Mini Golf

Does anyone have putters or balls they could donate, please? See Jas.

Selling Firewood:

See Jas or Lincoln if you would like a trailer load delivered @ $300 for 2.5 m3.

Prayer for our friends: Please pray for our friends:
Ron and Lyn O'Malley,
Edna Van der Loon,
Mary Stewart,
Ian Cormack.

Also: The **CONNECT** Group as we make the change from Tuesday to a Wednesday
and a safe school holiday for kids, parents and teachers.

MONEY SAVERS

Each week when you do your shopping, buy one extra item, such as tinned beans or tomatoes, and put into a box. Then, come Christmas, you will almost have a free shopping week and will have that extra little bit of cash.

Stock up on specials at the supermarket, even if it's something you don't need right away. Big savings can usually be made on cleaning products, and meats, which can be frozen.

HANDY HINTS

Pumpkin. When you buy pumpkin, take the plastic wrap off and sit the pumpkin on the shelf in the fridge and it will last for ages. Don't put it in the crisper.