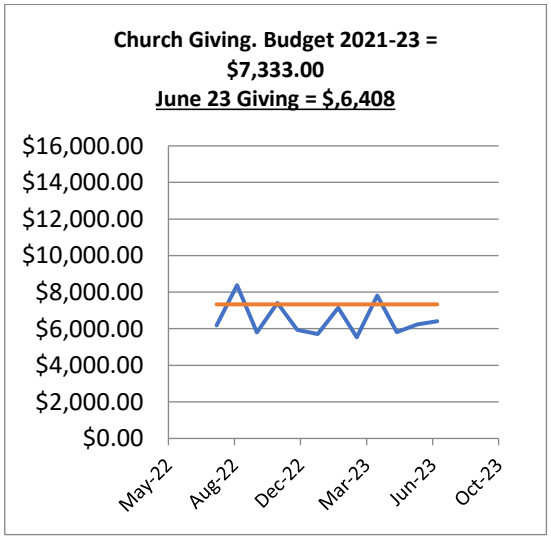
CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR JULY 2023

23 July:	**Alon Mayhew**
Elder Duty:	Ewen Nichol
Door Duty:	Margaret Hamilton / Marj
Power Point:	Tracy Mayhew
Mini Bus:	Richard / Sue
Morning Tea:	Merle and Jack
Offering Count:	Graham / Richard
Set-up Chairs:	Allan Russell, Eric and Peggy
Heroes Programme:	Jas
Heroes Morning Tea:	Gaye

30 July:	**Rev Jas**
Elder Duty:	Annette Paterson
Door Duty:	Marlene Hopkinson / Gaye
Power Point:	Tracy
Mini Bus:	Donna / Sue
Morning Tea:	Jack and Merle
Offering Count:	Tracy / Alan McIntosh
Set-up Chairs:	Marlene / Leigh and Bill
Heroes Programme:	Kate
Heroes Morning Tea:	Anne Moffat

Giving Chart for June 2023



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Ministers Paragraph

The writer of Proverbs wrote this: *"The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding."* (Proverbs 4:7) There is a recognition that gaining understanding and wisdom is the first step to growing in wisdom and understanding. The irony is that if you are not wise you will never fully understand this and will most likely miss out altogether.

Where are we going to gain wisdom? Do we get it from the paper? Youtube and social media? Over the back fence gossip? 6 o'clock news? Church? The truth is that all places and media and mediums are great places to gain wisdom. They can tell us truths, they can help us identify half-truths or mistruths. If we are wise to the devices of misinformation they can also open our eyes to interpretative principles which help us discern wisely the difference.

The advice of the writer of Proverbs is to *Get Wisdom*. This will not happen if we close our eyes and ears to the world around us. The act of *getting* requires our intentionality. How are you getting wisdom?

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 today on
https://youtube.com/live/SlZrmafseoc?feature=share

READINGS: 1 Samuel 3 v 1 - 11
Deuteronomy 30 v 15 - 20
MESSAGES: "Are you hearing from God".
"How much choice do we actually have."

CELEBRATIONS:

Birthday Wishes: to **John Warburton, Ian Cormack, Adele Warburton and Colin McPherson (latter two are today).** God Bless you all.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
Mon 24 July: Revelation 14 v 12 - 20
Tue 25 July: Galatians 4 v 21 – 5 v 1
Wed 26 July Matthew 12 v 15 - 21
Thu 27 July: 1 Corinthians 4 v 14 - 20
Fri 28 July: Acts 7 v 44 - 53
Sat 29 July: Matthew 12 v 38 - 42
Sun 30 July: Romans 8 v 26 - 39

THIS WEEK:

Mon 24 July: Fun with Music: Adele Warburton

Wed 26 July: CONNECT meet at the home of Rev Jas. Join us for a cuppa and chat. Also, enjoy the warmth of the new logfire.

Thu 27 July: Prayer Meeting at the home of Rev Jas at 32 Kingsbury Avenue at 1.3pm.

OTHER NOTICES:

MOVING HOME:

On Saturday 29 July, our dear friend, *Mary Stewart* will be moving into Room 102 on the ground floor at Charles Upham.

This will be an enormous change for her, but a good one, in that she will be very near her sister, Anne, who also lives there.

It will be so nice for Mary to be able to relax and enjoy all the opportunities that Ryman's have to offer.
We at John Knox wish you well in your retirement and know that you will soon be making lots of new friends.

House sitter required
We need someone to look after our dog, Griff (5), and Lisa (14), our cat as well as my 40+ goldfish in the outside pond. The dates are: 16 December to 13 January. This may suit family or friends visiting for a long holiday...

We have a large four-bedroom home in a quiet lane (with fantastic neighbours!) and all conveniences of modern day life: unlimited internet, Netflix, Disney Plus, Sky TV, gaming room, large garden complete with football goal and mature gardens. We live in the township of Woodend, North Canterbury. 25kms north of Christchurch, just over an hour from Hanmer Springs, Kaikoura and Akaroa are day trips too. Lots of beaches nearby to make the most of the summer sun!

Contact Megan Waddington 0221082007

Firewood: We have another pile of logs at Lincoln's to be cut up for next year. If you are competent with a chainsaw or just want to give a hand, please see Jas.

JOHN KNOX ANNUAL MINI MARKET
Saturday 18 November

This gives us 17 weeks to plan and prepare - to plant and grow garden cuttings; to make jams, pickles or preserves; to bake yummy cakes, etc; to sort out books and/or jigsaws that need a new home.
A clipboard list will be at church for you to put your name down to help on a certain stall and/or provide goods for sale at a certain stall. Please think about how you can help at this important fundraising event for our Church. Annette Paterson

Christmas Tree Fundraiser: We are selling Christmas Trees as a fundraiser at Christmas… 2025… To do this we are wanting to plant some trees in our front/back yards. This is the second year we are doing this and I invite those who are willing and able to take a tree each year and plant it in their garden or in a pot each year. when the time is right, we will harvest them at Christmas and sell them at the church for a fundraiser! Seedlings are available from the church over the next two weeks. Jas

Prayer for our friends: Please pray for: Adele and John and their daughter-in-law Chris, Marlene and Ken Hawke and family, Janice and Ross, Justine and Patrick, Jan Morriss, Maureen Day, Ron and Lyn O'Malley, Edna Van Der Loon, Mary Stewart and Ian Cormack.

Claire Calder has moved into Ballarat: Rm 6 Ashley Wing, phone 027 684 9434.

MONEY SAVERS

To make a casserole or stew go further, add a packet of 2 minute noodles, including the flavouring, towards the end of the cooking time.

To prevent boiled eggs from cracking, put a dressmaker's pin into the saucepan while cooking.