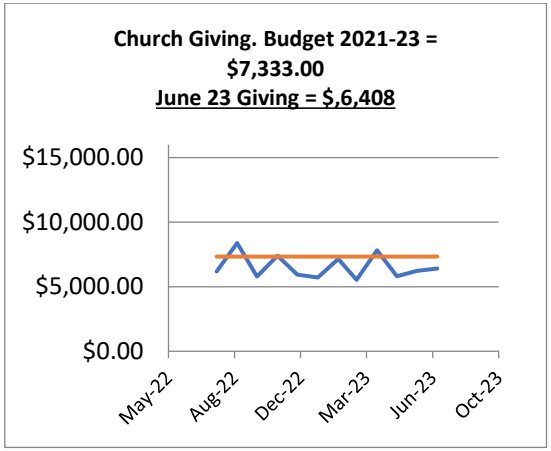
CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR AUG / SEP 2023

27 August	**Rev Jas – Budget Sunday**
Elder Duty:	Richard McMurdo
Door Duty:	Lincoln and Anne
Power Point:	Marlene Hawke
Mini Bus:	Donna / Sue
Morning Tea:	Averil and Graham
Offering Count:	Tracy / Leigh
Set-up Chairs:	Annette / Leigh and Bill White
Heroes Programme:	Megan
Heroes Morning Tea:	Anne

3 September	**Father's Day**
Elder Duty:	Annette Wright
Door Duty:	Moira Courtney / Anne Moffat
Power Point:	Marlene Hawke
Mini Bus:	Donna / Sue
Morning Tea:	Moira / Marlene Hawke
Offering Count:	Tracy / Leigh
Set-up Chairs:	Lincoln, Kevin and Sherryn
Heroes Programme:	N/A
Heroes Morning Tea:	N/A

Giving Chart for June 2023



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27 August 2023

Ministers Paragraph

Looking at the budget for next financial year may seem either a daunting task or even may just make the eyes glaze over as numbers and percentages start blurring before your eyes.

Interesting that on Thursday a small group of us were working away splitting firewood to sell to help with the budget. I want to say a big thank you to Lincoln Moffat who worked hard on the end of a log splitter for most of the day. Also, to Anne Moffat who hosted us and looked after the workers. Thank you to Alon Mayhew who popped out for a couple of hours to help. And finally, to Craig Sargison. Craig doesn't even come to John Knox. But he felt the desire to come and support what God is doing at John Knox and where God is leading us as a church community. And as a result, is interested in helping us further with the Building project.

God invites *all* of us to play a part. Even those not part of the community. God can move the hearts of those within and without to join Him in growing His kingdom. Take encouragement from this.

Rev Jas

CHURCH SERVICE TODAY

Service Leader:

Preacher:

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://www.youtube.com/live/L4mcxaQmIZ4?si=sW1CYqTbLzi6A3MG

READINGS: **Ezra 1**
MESSAGE: **The Book of Ezra**

(Budget Sunday discussion after the service).

CELEBRATIONS:

Birthday Wishes: Olive Anderson, Robert Worsfold and **Jean Shearman** (today). God Bless you all.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 28 Aug: **Romans 2 v 1 - 11**
Tue 29 Aug: **Romans 11 v 33 - 36**
Wed 30 Aug: **Matthew 26 v 6 - 13**
Thu 31 Aug: **Ephesians 5 v 1 - 6**
Fri 1 Sep: **2 Thessalonians 2 v 7 - 12**
Sat 2 Sep: **Matthew 8 v 14 - 17**
Sun 3 Sep: **Romans 12 v 9 - 21**

THIS WEEK:

Mon 28 Aug: Fun with Music: Margaret Vallance

Wed 30 Aug: CONNECT meet at the home of Rev Jas. Join us for a cuppa and chat from 10-11am.

Thu 31 Aug: Parish Prayer Meeting 1.3pm at the home of Rev Jas at 32 Kingsbury Avenue, Rangiora.

OTHER NOTICES:

Budget Sunday: **TODAY**, the Parish Council and Finance Team will be presenting the Budget for the upcoming financial year. We will be having a discussion after the service and taking questions.

Church AGM: We are looking to hold the Church AGM on the **24th of September**. If you are preparing reports for the Ministries you are involved in, can you please have these into Tracy by the **TODAY.**

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 **12 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.
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: Helen O'Brien and her husband Murray, Janice and Ross, Maureen Day, Ron and Lyn O'Malley, Edna Van Der Loon, Mary Stewart and Ian Cormack.

Monthly Combined Hymn Service
An enjoyable time was had on Wednesday afternoon, with a brief service, including the old hymns, at Trinity Methodist Church, led by Rev Jas.
The service is now scheduled to happen on the fourth Wednesday of the month till December 2023, the next being Sep 27.
Rev Jason King and Rev Darryn Hickling will be leading the services.

Bread and Rolls?
Does anyone know about the bread and bread rolls that have been put in the freezer? If this is for the meal ministry to use, would you please let me know?
Thanks Sue.

About Sister Eveleen Retreat House:

Sister Eveleen Retreat House (SERH) is a spiritual haven nestled among the native trees on Scarborough Hill. It is owned by the Anglican Diocese but is run ecumenically. It was bequeathed to the church by Sister Eveleen who asked for it to be used as a 'house of spiritual help.'
If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact SERH: (ph) 022 563 6879 (e) enquiry@sistereretreat.com.