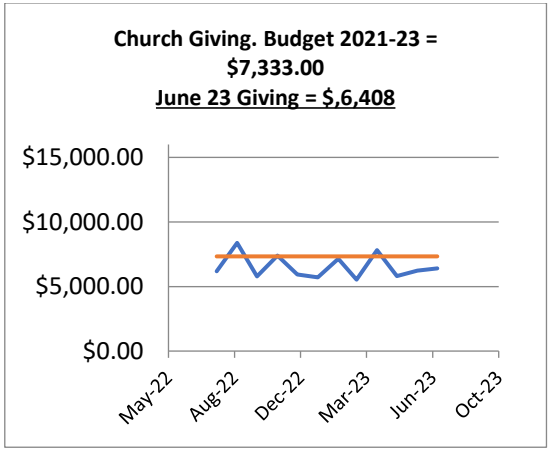
CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR SEPT/ OCT 2023

24 September	**Rev Jas**
Elder Duty:	Gaye Edwards
Door Duty:	Margaret Hamilton
	Chris Scott
Power Point:	Annette Wright
Mini Bus:	Richard / Sue
Morning Tea:	Moira / Maureen Landreth
Offering Count:	Richard / Anne
Set-up Chairs:	Ewen, Bill and Leigh White
Heroes Programme:	Marlene
Heroes Morning Tea:	Anne

1 October	**Kayla Crampton**
Elder Duty:	Annette Paterson
Door Duty:	Fran Taylor / Maureen Landreth
Power Point:	Annette Wright
Mini Bus:	Gaye / Sue
Morning Tea:	Annette W / Marlene Hawke
Offering Count:	Richard / Howard
Set-up Chairs:	
Heroes Programme:	Not on due to School Holidays.
Heroes Morning Tea:	N/A

Giving Chart for June 2023



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Ministers Paragraph

I'm reading through Proverbs, I underline/highlight interesting or challenging sayings that imprint themselves on me as I read. I underlined this text on Tuesday morning:

> Better a dry crust with peace and quiet
> than a house full of feasting, with
> strife. (Proverbs 17:1)

I suppose there are many ways of reading this and each of us could imagine how this might play out in our own households. For me, it speaks of the difference between excess and contentment. Some are never happy with what they have and are always looking for more or better or the next best thing. Even if this comes with a cost. Not just a monetary cost, but also a cost to the well-being and peace and harmony of the household. It's an easy trap to fall into. There is a lesson of contentment, a secret of being content, and it is in drawing our strength and identity from Jesus whose life and teaching satisfies and fills us.

Are you experiencing peace and quiet through the life and Teaching of Jesus today?

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/YRYa1mX1RIM?feature=share

READINGS: Ezra 4

MESSAGE: Ezra 4

CELEBRATIONS:

Birthday Wishes: to **Louise Courtney.** God Bless you.

Wedding Anniversary: Congratulations Jas and Kate on your 13th year of married bliss! God bless you both.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 25 Sep: Romans 16 v 1 - 16
Tue 26 Sep: Romans 16 v 17 - 20
Wed 27 Sep: Matthew 18 v 1 - 5
Thu 28 Sep: James 4 v 11 - 16
Fri 29 Sep: Acts 13 v 32 - 41
Sat 30 Sep: Mark 11 v 27 - 33
Sun 1 Oct: Philippians 2 v 1 - 13

THIS WEEK:

Mon 25 Sep: Fun with Music: Closed for Holidays.

Wed 27 Sep: CONNECT will not be meeting.

Hymns at Methodist Church at 1pm.

OTHER NOTICES:

Annual Leave: Rev Jas will be taking Annual Leave from 9th – 16th October.

Seating Rosters for Sept – Dec
I shall be setting up seating rosters for the above timeframe shortly.
Can anyone who has conflicting dates / planned times away, please let me know.
Any "new blood" is very welcome!
Lincoln

Shed Talk: *We have had our first Monthly Shed Talk.*
This is open to anyone who wants to come and have Breakfast and a tour around the Shed of one of our Church members. We will start at 8.30am and the host will provide breakfast before we will have a tour of the Shed or Workshop. The Host will share a story of something in their Shed and we will finish by 9.30am. There will be a donation to cover costs of the breakfast. Any Questions contact Jas.

Church AGM: We are ***DELAYING the Church AGM*** to the **29 October.**

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.

Monthly Combined Hymn Service
The service is now scheduled to happen on the fourth Wednesday of the month till December 2023, the next being **October 25.**
Rev Jason King and Rev Darryn Hickling will be leading the services.

JOHN KNOX ANNUAL MINI MARKET

Saturday 18 November

This gives us **8 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 Russell and Jill Drake, Nell Ellis, Helen O'Brien and her husband Murray, Janice and Ross, Ron and Lyn O'Malley, Edna Van Der Loon, Mary Stewart and Ian Cormack.

The Weaver

My life is but a weaving between my Lord and me.

I cannot choose the colours He works so steadily.

Oft' times He weaves in sorrow and I, in foolish pride,

Forget He sees the upper and I, the underside.

The dark threads are as needed in the Weaver's skillful hand,

As the threads of gold and silver in the pattern He has planned.

Not till the loom is silent and shuttles cease to fly,

Will God unroll the canvas and explain the reason why.

(Kristone)

Worry

Worry is carrying tomorrow's load with today's strength – carrying two days at once.

It is moving into tomorrow ahead of time.

Worrying does not empty tomorrow

of its sorrow;

it empties today of its strength.

(Corrie ten Boom