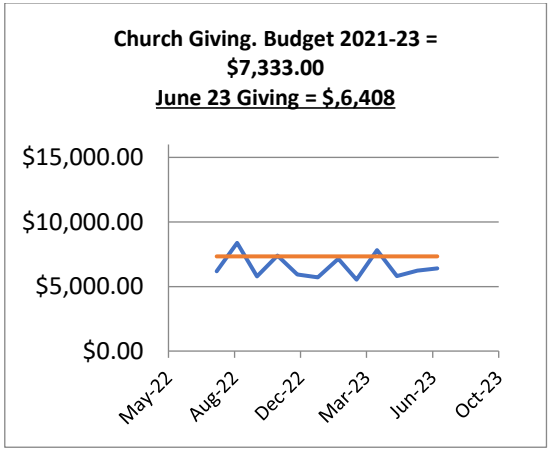
CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR OCTOBER 2023

15 October	**Rev Stephanie Wells**
Elder Duty:	Alon Mayhew
Door Duty:	Alon and Tracy Mayhew
Power Point:	April McMurdo
Mini Bus:	Graham / Gaye
Morning Tea:	Fran / Margaret Hamilton
Offering Count:	Tracy / Graham
Set-up Chairs:	Lincoln / Eric and Peggy
Heroes Programme:	N/A
Heroes Morning Tea:	N/A

22 October	
Elder Duty:	Bill White
Door Duty:	Moira / Gaye
Power Point:	Marlene Hawke
Mini Bus:	Gaye / Donna
Morning Tea:	Kate King / Annette Wright
Offering Count:	Gaye / Alan McIntosh
Set-up Chairs:	Lincoln / Blackburns
Heroes Programme:	Rev Jas
Heroes Morning Tea:	Margaret

Giving Chart for June 2023



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15 October 2023

You, Springtime Jesus,
just as I'd settled down for winter,
you broke into my heart
and danced your love right across it
in a mad excess of giving.
Just as I'd got comfortable
with bare branches and unfeeling,
just as my world was neatly black and white,
there you were,
kicking up flowers
all over the place.
Springtime Jesus,
I tried to find a way to tell you
that there were places
where you could or would not dance.
I wanted to guide you on my paths
and have you sign the visitors' book;
but you laughed right through my words
and sang to me your melting song,
causing sap to fire the branches,
causing the flames of buds
to flicker into green bonfires,
causing a windquake of blossom,
causing burstings, searings, breakings,
causing growth-pain,
causing life.
Springtime Jesus,
the fullness of life can be frightening
and I'm lacking in courage.
It isn't easy to live with a heart
that's wide open to invasion.
Teach me, Jesus, how to move with you,
step for step, in your love dance.
Touch my fears with your melting song.
Gift me with your laughter,
and, in the mystery of your Springtime,
show me the truth of the blossoming Cross.

Joy Cowley

CHURCH SERVICE TODAY

Service Leader:
Preacher: Rev Stephanie Wells

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 on:
https://youtube.com/live/SQ76ql6q298?feature=share

READINGS: TBA

MESSAGE: TBA

CELEBRATIONS:

Birthday Wishes: to **Joy Cormack, Ross Wilson, Helen Walker and Ron O'Malley.** God Bless you all.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 16 Oct: Jude 17 - 25
Tue 17 Oct: Philippians 3 v 13 – 4 v 1
Wed 18 Oct: John 6 v 25 - 35
Thu 19 Oct: 3 John v 9 - 12
Fri 20 Oct: 1 Peter 5 v 1 - 5
Sat 21 Oct: Matthew 14 v 1 – 12
Sun 22 Oct: 1 Thessalonians 1 v 1 - 10

THIS WEEK:

Mon 16 Oct: Fun with Music: Margaret Hamilton

Wed 17 Oct: CONNECT will not be meeting.

Thu 18 Oct: Parish Prayer Meeting to be held at the home of Janice and Ross Wilson, 7 AWA Place, at 1.30pm. All welcome.

OTHER NOTICES:
OOPS & APOLOGIES - Please add the following to your list of Stall Holders in the Insert in last week's Newsletter.
OUTSIDE STALLS: Joan Shearer 027 437 2592

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.
There was a great turn-out of both men and ladies. Jas and Kate prepared a beautiful cooked breakfast, including bacon, eggs, sausages, mushrooms, baked beans, toast and coffee or tea. There was a real buzz of conversation going on in the room!
Out in the shed, Jas shared his love of Christmas light decorations for the exterior of the house, of which he buys more and more each year. A very enjoyable morning for all those in attendance! Thank you, Jas and Kate!

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 **5 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 Donna, 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.

Verses:

Prayer need not be about words. It can be just being in God's presence, looking at a flower or a butterfly, or enjoying the evening sun, or a painting, or a smile of a child. Our innermost thoughts are known to God, and when we seek to grow spiritually, our Creator hears us, and smiles at us.

Negotiation and reconciliation to reach a position of peace can be a struggle. But finding a place of peace can be blissful
Please choose the way to peace.

(Mother Teresa in a letter to George Bush and Saddam Hussein, January 1991)