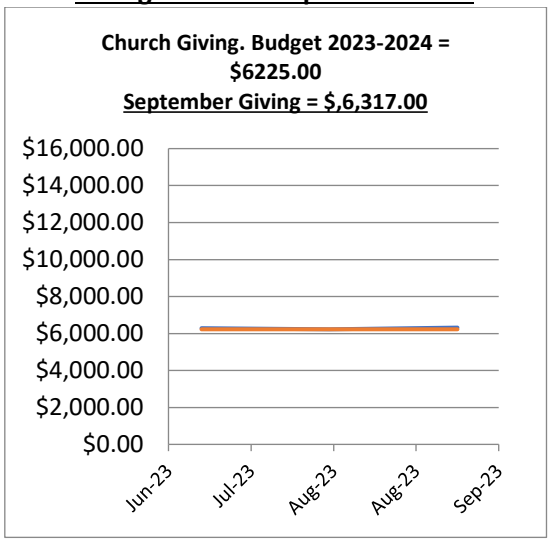
CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR NOV 2023

12 November	**Rev Jas Communion**
Elder Duty:	Gaye Edwards
Door Duty:	Margaret Hamilton
	Chris Scotton
Power Point:	Alan Russell
Mini Bus:	Graham / Gaye
Morning Tea:	Alon and Tracy Mayhew
Offering Count:	Annette / Leigh
Set-up Chairs:	Alan Russell / Eric and Peggy
Heroes Programme:	Lincoln and Hamish
Heroes Morning Tea:	Anne

19 November	**Rev Jas**
Elder Duty:	Anne Moffat
Door Duty:	Kim / Moira Courtney
Power Point:	Tracy Mayhew
Mini Bus:	Gaye Edwards / Sue Burt
Morning Tea:	Gaye Edwards / Joan Shearer
Offering Count:	Tracy / Anne
Set-up Chairs:	Ewen / Leigh and Bill White
Heroes Programme:	Rev Jas
Heroes Morning Tea:	Margaret

Giving Chart for September 2023



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We all have different images or metaphors to help us understand our life as followers of Jesus.

The Image of a Family of God. The image of an army of faithful believers. The image of an exciting Circus filled with life and joy and clowns…

The Bible uses images like a Body or a Temple or the Bride of Christ. It uses images of a Vine or a Flock. It helps its readers connect in many different ways to Jesus and His church.

For me, I have always seen my life as a Christian and my place in God's church in terms of a **Lifeboat**. However, we were never called to simply pull people out of the sea into the safety of the lifeboat. We have been called to step out of the boat and walk across the water with Jesus. Our purpose extends to meeting those sinking in the sea and teaching them to also walk on water with Jesus. But furthermore, to challenge those huddling in the lifeboat to be faithful enough to themselves get out of the boat and walk on the water with Jesus.

What images of Christianity have meaning for you?

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.

READINGS: Ezra 8

MESSAGE: Ezra 8

CELEBRATIONS:

Birthday Wishes: to **Abby Sturgeon, Janice Wilson, Michael Morriss and Fran Taylor (today).**
God bless you all.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 13 Nov: 1 Corinthians 14 v 20 - 25
Tue 14 Nov: 1 Thessalonians 3 v 6 - 13
Wed 15 Nov: Matthew 24 v 29 - 35
Thu 16 Nov: Revelation 16 v 1 - 7
Fri 17 Nov: Revelation 16 v 8 - 21
Sat 18 Nov: Matthew 12 v 43 - 45
Sun 19 Nov: 1 Thessalonians 5 v 1 - 11

THIS WEEK:

Mon 13 Nov: Fun with Music: Mary Blaikie

Wed 15 Nov: CONNECT: at Jas's home from 10 – 11am

Thu 16 Nov: Prayer Meeting at 1.30pm. at Jas's.

OTHER NOTICES:

Counting the Offering:
Is anyone willing to go on the roster for Counting the Offering, please? If so, please see Tracy.

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 a donation to cover food costs will be accepted.
The next one is at the home of ***Anne and Lincoln Moffat*** on ***Saturday 25 November***. See Jas for details.

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 **29 November.**
Rev Jason King and Rev Darryn Hickling will be leading the services.

Prayer for our friends: Please pray for Donna, Nell Ellis, Helen O'Brien and her husband Murray, Ron and Lyn O'Malley, Edna Van Der Loon, Mary Stewart and Ian Cormack.

IT IS NEARLY HERE - THIS SATURDAY IN FACT - OUR MINI MARKET!!!!!!
Hope everyone is ready and organised. We will be Setting Up the Stalls (inside only of course) on FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER. You can bring goods from 1p.m. onwards to be priced and set up for Saturday. ON SATURDAY MORNING - 18 NOVEMBER we will be accepting items from 9am. This is mainly food items and plants.
If you bring goods Saturday morning BEWARE - THE CAR PARK WILL ALSO BE A CAR WASH AREA!!! So follow instructions to the door to unload your goods then take your car off property to park - either on the street nearby or in the car park off High Street or Durham Street. Of course, if you wish our young people to wash your car leave it and pay up. You may have to leave your keys for them to park it after it's washed.
Whether or not you bring items to sell PLEASE COME ALONG SOMETIME BETWEEN 10A.M. AND 2P.M. TO ENJOY THE FUN OF THE FAIR - You may find something to buy and you never know who you may meet there!!!!!

STALL HOLDERS REMEMBER - there is a meeting after church today for final discussion and instructions.

Books and Jigsaws for Church Fair
We are ready to receive these items at church or by arrangement. Please limit all church donations to 2 supermarket bags or wine boxes per person.
DEFINITELY NO HEAVY BOOKS – including cook and reference books, and no magazines unless they are recent. If the boxed or bagged containers are too heavy for your elderly mother, they are too heavy for us. Jigsaws may be donated in a larger box. Both books and jigsaws must be in very good to new condition.
Please, phone or email us first if you want to donate a larger collection or need items collected.
Lynette and Howard Fowler 03 310 7891.

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

COMING SOON: Yes, Christmas is Coming very soon and so are our opportunities ***TO HELP OTHERS HAVE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS.***
1. For a number of years now the Women's Fellowship have collected goods (mainly Christmas food items but some small personal gifts too) for **PILLARS.** This is a group who help Families of Prisoners. The congregation have helped us do this for a few years now and we were able to take a good amount of surprises for the Pillars community. They are always most appreciative of help. If you would like to help again there will be a box in the Foyer labelled Pillars for you to add your donations to. This will be there for 2 Sundays - on 26 November and 3 December.
The other way we traditionally help is via the **INTERCHURCH FOOD BANK.** We thank all who give regularly to this (we do it monthly) and ask if you could possibly give some extra in December so the Salvation Army can give out **CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES** to those in our Community who need them. Goods will be collected in the basket in the Foyer over the two Sundays of 26 November and 3 December.
Thanks very much for all your help at this busy time.