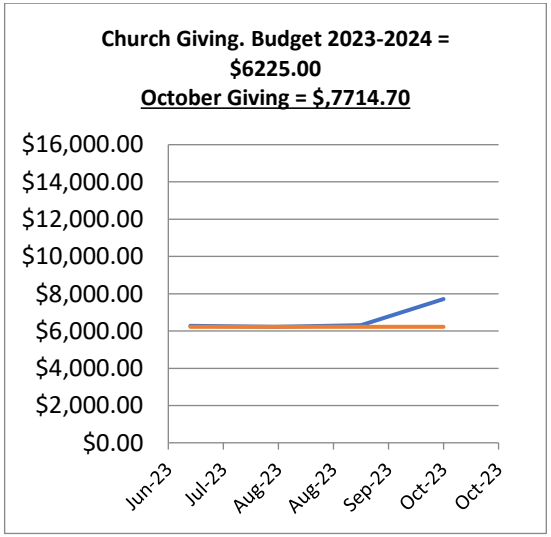
CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR NOV 2023

19 November	**Rev Jas**
Elder Duty:	Anne Moffat
Door Duty:	Joan Shearer / Marj Denton
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

26 November	**Rev Jas**
Elder Duty:	Kayla Crampton
Door Duty:	Howard and Lynette Fowler
Power Point:	Marlene Hawke
Mini Bus:	Graham / Sue
Morning Tea:	Merle Wilcox / Ali Romeril
Offering Count:	Tracy / Anne
Set-up Chairs:	Lincoln / Annette Wright
Heroes Programme:	Rev Jas King
Heroes Morning Tea:	Kate King

Giving Chart for October 2023



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I have been thinking a lot about the 5 layers of Evangelism/Mission I talk about a lot during our services. I'm wondering about the second layer, that of "taking an interest" or "Empathy." My feeling is that we are a reasonably polite and kind community. I see very few examples of impolite and unkind behaviour around. I think we have our heads around the idea of patience and grace as well as a good sense of joy in our general demeanour. Empathy and taking an interest in others is an easy value for the John Knox community to own.

With so much to be critical of, so much to disagree with and so much shaping our opinions of others, this is needed more today than ever. Politics, stance on conflicts in Palestine and Ukraine, online rhetoric, everything has the potential to be a battleground. Our opinions are important, but before we launch into something that may escalate a discussion, perhaps what is needed FIRST is an understanding of the other, or empathy.

Where have you found yourself disagreeing? How have you sought the to understand the "other" recently?

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 **Zane Purdom, Kim Fletcher-Purdom** and **Lincoln Moffat**. God bless you all.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 20 Nov: Romans 2 v 1 - 11
Tue 21 Nov: 1 Thessalonians 5 v 12 - 18
Wed 22 Nov: Matthew 24 v 45 - 51
Thu 23 Nov: Revelation 14 v 1 - 11
Fri 24 Nov: Revelation 22 v 1 - 9
Sat 25 Nov: Matthew 12 v 46 - 50
Sun 26 Nov: Ephesians 1 v 15 – 23

THIS WEEK:

Mon 20 Nov: Fun with Music: Marlene Hawke
Marlene Hopkinson

Wed 22 Nov: CONNECT: at Jas's home from 10am.

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 **22 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.

COMING SOON:

Yes, Christmas is Coming very soon and so are our opportunities ***TO HELP OTHERS HAVE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS.***

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.

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2ND DECEMBER

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- **Joel Amosa * Elisabeth Harris**

Conductor **Dr John Linker**

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Since a cheerful smile can do great good
by cheering hearts of care,
Just smile and smile, and don't forget that
smiles go everywhere.
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The longer we dwell on our misfortunes
the greater is their power to harm us.
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Too little or too much spoils everything.
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There is joy in growing older,
Gaining wisdom with the years,
Filling days with work and laughter,
Finding courage for the tears.

The best way out of a difficulty is through it.