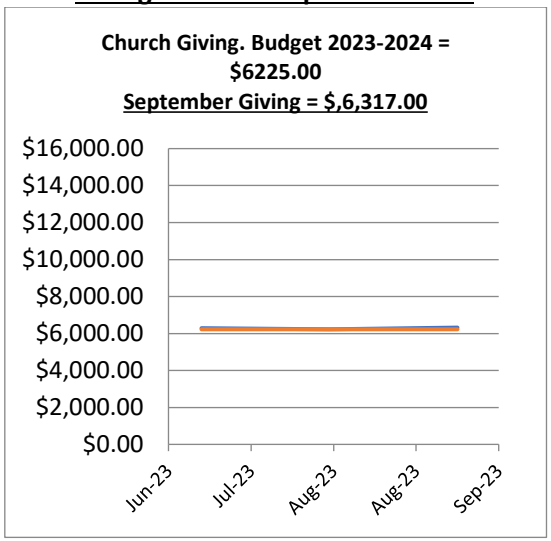
CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR NOV 2023

5 November	**Rev Jas**
Elder Duty:	Annette Wright
Door Duty:	Lincoln and Anne Moffat
Power Point:	Allan Russell
Mini Bus:	Richard / Gaye
Morning Tea:	Alon and Tracy Mayhew
Offering Count:	Annette / Leigh
Set-up Chairs:	Purdom's
Heroes Programme:	Megan
Heroes Morning Tea:	Gaye

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

Giving Chart for September 2023



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Christian Experience.

If we took a survey of our total experience as Christians the results would be significantly diverse. It might even surprise us how broad our legitimate expression of Christianity might be.

However, this survey would not come without a cost. Because I could guarantee that there would be some results on this survey that would cause offence or outrage for others. I could guarantee that some things I consider legitimate in my faith that would be a big red flag for you. And perhaps vice-versa. If I had a dollar for every time someone told me that what I did or said "wasn't very Christian" I could fund a new Church build. In many different areas. Mission opportunities, forms of baptism, language, metaphors, dress code, movies and music, cultural references and all manner of behaviours.

Imagine if we were seen for a generous orthodoxy rather than a narrow one. Perhaps there would be a lot more space made available in Jesus' family for a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language. (Revelation 7:9)

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 7

MESSAGE: Ezra 7 Parihaka Sunday

CELEBRATIONS:

Birthday Wishes: to **Julieadel McIntosh**, **Ace Russ** and **Linda Kevern.** God bless you all.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 6 Nov: 1 Thessalonians 2 v 13 - 20
Tue 7 Nov: Acts 13 v 1 - 12
Wed 8 Nov: Matthew 15 v 1 - 9
Thu 9 Nov: Revelation 8 v 6 – 9 v 12
Fri 10 Nov: Revelation 9 v 13 - 21
Sat 11 Nov: Matthew 14 v 1 - 14
Sun 12 Nov: 1 Thessalonians 4 v 13 - 18

THIS WEEK:

Mon 6 Nov: Fun with Music: Margaret Vallance

Tue 7 Nov: Young Adult's Group: 7pm

Wed 8 Nov: CONNECT: at Jas's home from 10 – 11am

Gifts for the Elderly*: If you don't know what to give an elderly or arthritic friend or relation as a gift, here are a few ideas: Cook some nutritious meals to put in their freezer; buy a yearly subscription to their favourite magazine; get a daily paper delivered to them; or simply take them for a drive or on a picnic, some people hardly ever get out of their homes.*

OTHER NOTICES:

A thank you note:
Thank you for all your prayers for us and help. Praise God we are both feeling so much better. Janice and Ross.

A BIG THANK YOU to Tracy Mayhew for the huge effort she put into sorting all reports and organising our AGM report for John Knox Church.

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.

Gift Ideas: *For friends who seem to have everything, make up a box of stamps, pens, notebook, birthday, thank you and thinking of you and sympathy cards. They are always appreciated.*

JOHN KNOX ANNUAL MINI MARKET

Saturday 18 November

Our Mini -Market is only TWO (yes 2) weeks away!!! SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER is COMING SOON!!! Thanks to all who have offered to help with goods and/or to help on stalls during the day. If you can help with anything - even if it's to be on a stall for 1 hour while someone else has a break. PLEASE talk to one of the Stall Holders or to Annette Paterson.
There will be *a* ***meeting of Stall Holders on Sunday 12 November*** *after* our Church service. Please know how many floats your stall will need by then.

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

Keep a List: *As friends mention things they like or need, place a note in your address books so that when birthdays come up you know what to get them. You can also take the list to the mid-year sales to get the gifts cheaper.*