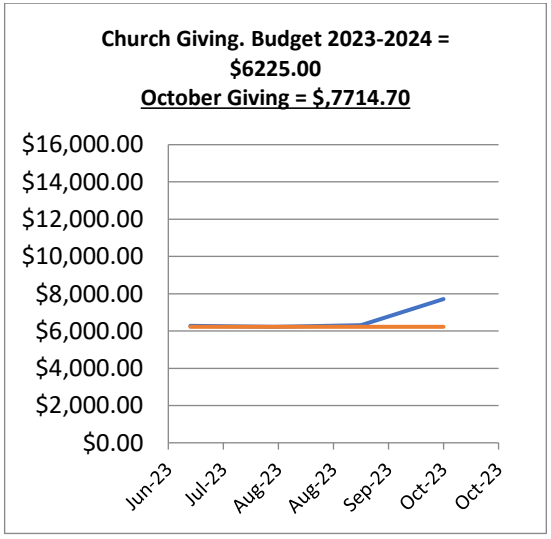
CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR DECEMBER 2023

10 December	**Rev Jas**	**Communion**
Elder Duty:	Annette Paterson	
Door Duty:	Alon and Tracy Mayhew	
Power Point:	Richard McMurdo	
Mini Bus:	Richard / Sue	
Morning Tea:	Howard and Lynette	
Offering Count:	Tracy / Chris Scotten	
Set-up Chairs:	Allan Russell / Lincoln	
Heroes Programme:	Breakup	
Heroes Morning Tea:	N/A	

17 December	
Elder Duty:	Bill White
Door Duty:	Margaret Vallance / Fran Taylor
Power Point:	April McMurdo
Mini Bus:	Richard / Sue
Morning Tea:	Howard and Lynette Fowler
Offering Count:	Tracy / Anne
Set-up Chairs:	Purdom's
Heroes Programme:	
Heroes Morning Tea:	

Giving Chart for October 2023



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10 December 2023

"We can be Heroes!"

A song by David Bowie called Heroes is a favourite of mine because it is a challenge for me to appreciate the incredible potential and opportunity that I and indeed **all** of us possess.

Each of us possess the *Imago Dei* or the image of God inside us giving us the opportunity to do amazing and miraculous things in the name of our saviour Jesus. It is through the power of the Spirit of God that we can truly live out the calling of witnesses and influences and Heroes to our Church family and to our wider global family.

Jesus says, "…remain in me… apart from me you can do nothing…" As we remain in Him, we carry this potential. As we gather together as His family, as we meditate on His words, as we bring our hearts to Him in worship we are allowing His Spirit to flavour our lives. And from here it is only natural that we become the Heroes our schools, workplaces, clubs and retirement homes are seeking.

You too can be Heroes, what an amazing calling!

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

READINGS: Advent 2

MESSAGE: Advent 2

CELEBRATIONS:

Birthday Wishes: to **Juliette King, Marlene Hawke and Graham Gibson.** God bless you all.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 11 Dec: Acts 2 v 37 - 42
Tue 12 Dec: Acts 11 v 1 - 18
Wed 13 Dec: Luke 1 v 5 - 7
Thu 14 Dec: Philippians 3 v 7 - 11
Fri 15 Dec: Philippians 3 v 12 - 16
Sat 16 Dec: Matthew 21 v 28 - 32
Sun 17 Dec: Luke 1 v 46b - 55

THIS WEEK:

Mon 11 Dec: Fun with Music: Final for the year.

Wed 13 Dec: No CONNECT this week.

Charles Upham Morning Tea 10am.

Pastoral Care meeting 1.30pm.

Sun 17 Dec:
RANGIORA COMMUNITY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT – 5 P.M.
at Rangiora Methodist Church, King Street, Rangiora. $10 entry – children free. Afternoon tea provided.

COMBINED CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE at 7pm.

at METHODIST CHURCH

Please note:

NO CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Rev Jas is on leave from 3 Jan to 23 Jan 2024

OTHER NOTICES:

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 **20 December.**
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.

Verses for you

Happiness is a butterfly which, when pursued, is always just beyond your grasp, but which, if you will sit down quietly, will light upon you.

We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done.

If you want to be happy, be happy now. There is no certainty of tomorrow.

It is not enough to do good; one must do it in a good way.

People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges.

We know more bad things about ourselves than does anyone else; yet no one thinks so highly of us as we do ourselves.

Good manners and soft words have brought many a difficult thing to pass.

Life is not measured by the years that we live,
But by the kind thoughts you have and the pleasures you give.

Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important.

Be tolerant of the mistakes of others, you can't live long enough to make them all yourself.

From "Cameos" by Edna Neville (Aunt Haysl).

A Few Handy Hints:

Squeaky Hinges. When you have a squeaky door hinge, spray with a little cooking oil. Move the door until the squeak has gone, then wipe the excess oil away with a paper towel.

Garden Gnomes. To stop your garden gnomes from falling or getting blown over in strong winds, just fill with sand or dirt and put tape across the bottom.

A great way to soothe **mozzie bites** is to mix bi-carb soda into a paste with water, and dab it on the bites. It works like a charm and the cost is minimal.

Furniture cleaner. A quick, easy way to clean plastic outdoor pool furniture, is to dunk the tables and chairs in your chlorine-filled pool. They come out bright and clean.

Pot Sealer. If you use terracotta pots, always paint over the inside with sealer before adding the soil and plants. This saves them from drying out so quickly.