## CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR DECEMBER 2023

| **17 December** | **Rev Jas** |
|---|---|
| Elder Duty: | Anne Moffat |
| Door Duty: | Margaret Vallance / Fran Taylor |
| Power Point: | April McMurdo |
| Mini Bus: | Gaye / Sue |
| Morning Tea: | Merle Wilcox / Ali Romeril |
| Offering Count: | Tracy / Richard |
| Set-up Chairs: | Richard / Annette Wright |

| **24 December** | **Rev Jas** |
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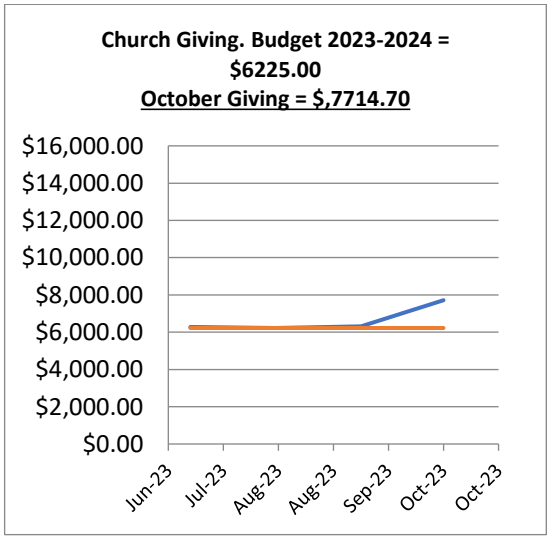
| Elder Duty: | Richard McMurdo |
| Door Duty: | Annette Wright / |
| Power Point: | April McMurdo |
| Mini Bus: | Richard / Sue |
| Morning Tea: | Marlene Hawke |
| | Marlene Hopkinson |
| Offering Count: | Graham / Richard |
| Set-up Chairs: | Ewen / Bill and Leigh |

## Giving Chart for October 2023

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**17 December 2023**

Christmas Presents!

Reading about the great joy that the people of God experienced in Ezra when they saw the temple rebuilt there was a sense of Joy in the community.

> Ezra 6:16 "Then the people of Israel—the priests, the Levites and the rest of the exiles—celebrated the dedication of the house of God with joy."

What a great present for the town of Rangiora and for the family of John Knox Rangiora that we are in the process of dedicating our own place of worship this Christmas!

It gives me great joy to see activity on site and meeting with contractors and funders.

A new place to worship, a new place to offer the community, a new seed planted in the middle of this amazing town. And an exciting mission space for John Knox Rangiora to use for the Glory of God.

The Joy that keeps on giving this Christmas!

God Bless
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/fYImmv5Ndk4?feature=share

**READINGS:**
Psalm 51 v 10 – 12
Luke 2 v 8 - 12
Peter 1 v 3 - 9

**MESSAGE: Advent 3**

**CELEBRATIONS:**

**Birthday Wishes:** to Ruth Wheeler and Allan Blaikie. God bless you both.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Mon 18 Dec: Ephesians 6 v 10 - 17**
**Tue 19 Dec: Acts 3 v 17 – 4 v 4**
**Wed 20 Dec: Mark 9 v 9 - 13**
**Thu 21 Dec: Hebrews 1 v 1 - 4**
**Fri 22 Dec: Hebrews 1 v 5 - 14**
**Sat 23 Dec: John 7 v 40 - 52**
**Sun 24 Dec: Luke 1 v 46b - 55**

**THIS WEEK:**

**Wed 20 Dec: Final CONNECT Christmas Get-together**

**Sun 24 Dec:**
***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.***

***Sun 31 Jan: Afternoon tea at the home of Jas and Kate, 32 Kingsbury Avenue.***

**Site Blessing and Dedication:** On the 28th of January we will be blessing the site for the new Church Build in preparation for construction to begin in 2024. This will be open for all the Church family, for the wider community and any who would like to celebrate with us. It will be on site from 11.30am and I invite all to come and bring a shovel or a spade to participate in a 'ground-breaking' as we dedicate the next part of this journey to God. Please put this in your diary and let all others interested in the project know so we can get as many as we can there on the day. Jas

**OTHER NOTICES:**

**Firewood:**
We have finished splitting the church firewood. My thanks to the guys who so ably worked on this fundraiser. All the helpers were grateful for Anne's catering!
Jason of course continues to deliver orders, so contact him if you need some.
Lincoln Moffat

**Monthly Combined Hymn Service**
The service is now scheduled to happen on the fourth Wednesday of the month, the next being **24 January 2024.**
Rev Jason King and Rev Darryn Hickling will be leading the services.

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

**Verses for you**

You never know what you can do until you try.
A. Maclaren
Blessed is the one who perseveres. James 1 v 12

God has cast our confessed sins into the depths of the sea, and he's even put a "No Fishing" sign over the spot. Dwight L. Moody

The Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials.
2 Peter 2 v 9

To me, faith means not worrying. John Dewey

**A Few Handy Hints:**

**Tea bag soaker**. Keep used tea bags to put around indoor plants if you are expecting to be away for up to a week. Simply place near the plant, not against the stem, water well and leave; they will keep the plant moist. The more tea bags around, the longer the pot keeps moist.

**Banana shine.** Use the inside of banana skins to polish your pot plant leaves. They look great.

**Christmas trees**. To save all that mess of pine needles when getting rid of the Christmas tree, just drape a doona over it and hold the ends tightly. You can then drag it outside, leaving no mess behind.

**Dusting.** Use cheap baby wipes for dusting. All the dust wipes up easily and leaves a nice clean surface.