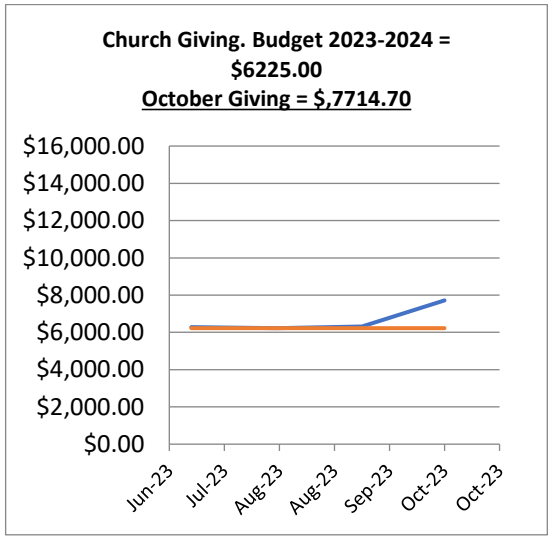
CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR DECEMBER 2023

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

31 December	**Woman's Fellowship**
Elder Duty:	Alon Mayhew
Door Duty:	Joan Shearer / Marj Denton
Power Point:	Annette Wright
Mini Bus:	Richard / Sue
Morning Tea:	Maureen Landreth
	Marlene Hawke
Offering Count:	Graham / Howard

Giving Chart for October 2023



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24 December 2023

COME LET US ADORE HIM

Come all you shepherds and shearers.
Put down your blades,
kick the fleece into a corner
and hurry on down to the birthing place.
Christ is with us.

Not in a stable this time,
but a house-truck parked down by the creek
under a snow of manuka blossom,
Mary, the baby, two cats and a dog,
and Joseph making pancakes over a little gas stove.
Go quietly now, for this is holy time.
Kick your boots off at the step
and go in with open eyes, ready to be surprised by God.
Christ is with us!
– Joy Cowley

May the birth of the Christ child be a blessing and not a burden this season. May the close of 2023 be a space to enjoy, celebrate, a space to rest and a space to point us towards the new year. May the 1st Advent align us with God and point us towards the 2nd Advent with hope and joy this Christmas Season.

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/Sdmn2swQbkE?feature=share

READINGS: Psalm 89 v 1 – 4, 19 – 29

John 1 v 1 – 14

Matthew 1 v 18 - 25

MESSAGE: **Advent 4**

CELEBRATIONS:

Birthday Wishes: to **Hannah Hancox, Lyn O'Malley and Hamish McIntosh and also to Margaret Hamilton,** who celebrates her birthday on Christmas Day!! God bless you all.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 25 Dec: Luke 2 v 1 – 7, 8 - 20
Tue 26 Dec: Hebrews 8 v 1 - 13
Wed 27 Dec: Mark 11 v 1 - 11
Thu 28 Dec: Matthew 2 v 13 - 18
Fri 29 Dec: Matthew 12 v 46 - 50
Sat 30 Dec: 2 Peter 3 v 8 - 13
Sun 31 Dec: Galatians 4 v 4 - 7

"I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations". Psalm 89 v 1

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:

Kitchen Storage:
I'm on the hunt for the plastic packaging/bags from bedding to store the tea towels and tablecloths. If anyone has a spare one, could you let me know, thanks. Marlene

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:

As you deck the halls,
enjoy sweet treats,
and gather with family,
may the love and
happiness continue
to radiate in your
lives throughout
the coming year.

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Christmas wishes are
being sent your way
to hope you have happiness,
peace and hope today and everyday.

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A BIG THANKYOU to those who were involved in the Carol Singing on Tuesday evening. This brings our people such joy to have visitors who entertain with singing and conversation.
Moira Courtney