CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR DECEMBER 2023

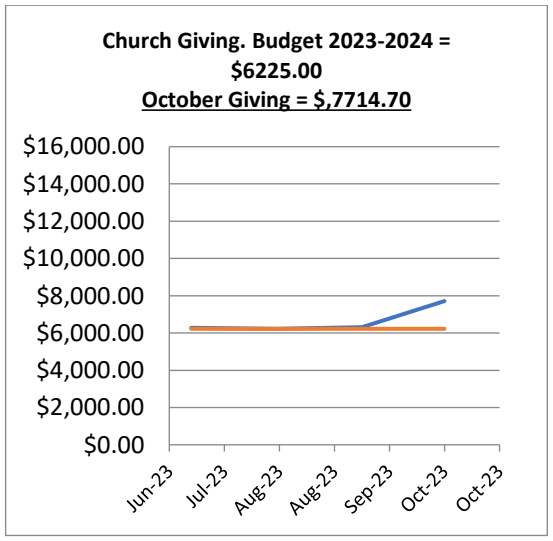
3 December

Elder Duty:	Bill White
Door Duty:	Gaye / Marlene Hopkinson
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:	Marlene
Heroes Morning Tea:	Gaye

10 December **Rev Jas**

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:	

Giving Chart for October 2023



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3 December 2023

Christmas is busy enough without having to think about transitions and building projects and relocating services and groups!

Over the next month we are going to see a lot of activity and changes and movements as we look to start the long-awaited building project early in 2024. One of the first signs of the rebuild will be a 40-foot container being delivered into the carpark down the Presbyterian Support end during the coming week. We will be emptying the church into this over the course of the next 2 months. Some of the church property will be for storage and some will be for the Rebuild project and some will be accessible for use over the next 12 months. This will take some careful management. There will also be opportunities to help pack up and store church equipment, office equipment and the kitchen!

We are looking for large plastic storage boxes with lids, 'banana boxes and helpers over the next couple of months. If you can help, please let me know. Christmas is an exciting time: this adds to anticipation!

Rev Jas

CHURCH SERVICE TODAY

Service Leader: Hamish McIntosh
Preacher: Brent and Colleen Weaver

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://www.youtube.com/live/KYk5J67F6aQ?feature=shared

READINGS: TBC

MESSAGE: Advent 1

CELEBRATIONS:

Birthday Wishes: to **Valda Reveley.** God bless you.

Wedding Anniversary: Congratulations to Joy and Ian Cormack on 20 years of marriage.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 4 Dec: Revelation 15 v 1 - 8
Tue 5 Dec: Revelation 18 v 1 - 10
Wed 6 Dec: Luke 21 v 34 - 38
Thu 7 Dec: 1 Thessalonians 1 v 2 - 10
Fri 8 Dec: Acts 11 v 19 - 26
Sat 9 Dec: Mark 11 v 27 - 33
Sun 10 Dec: 2 Peter 3 v 8 – 15a

THIS WEEK:

Mon 4 Dec: Fun with Music:

Tue 5 Dec: Young Adult's Break-up

Wed 6 Dec: CONNECT: at Jas's home from 10am.

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Christmas Lunch at Adele and John Warburton's home at 12noon on Wednesday 6th December. Please bring any donations for the Pillars Box of Christmas Goodies. More information next week.

Thu 7 Dec: Final Prayer Meeting at Jas's 1.30pm.

Sat 10 Dec: Heroes Break-up at 32 Kingsbury Ave.

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.

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.

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.**
Please note: The last Sunday is – ***TODAY!!***

Thanks very much for all your help at this busy time.

Verses for you

The greatest gift is not found in a store nor under a tree, but in the hearts of true friends.
- Cindy Lew

Love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.
1 John 4 v 7

Life is to be fortified by many friendships. To love and to be loved is the greatest happiness of existence.
-Sydney Smith

Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless.
-G.K. Chesterton

Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.
Hebrews 11 v 1

The hours that we pass with happy prospects in view are more pleasing than those crowned with success.
-Oliver Goldsmith

Light is sweet; how pleasant to see a new day dawning. Refuse to worry, and keep your body healthy.
Ecclesiastes 11 v 7, 10