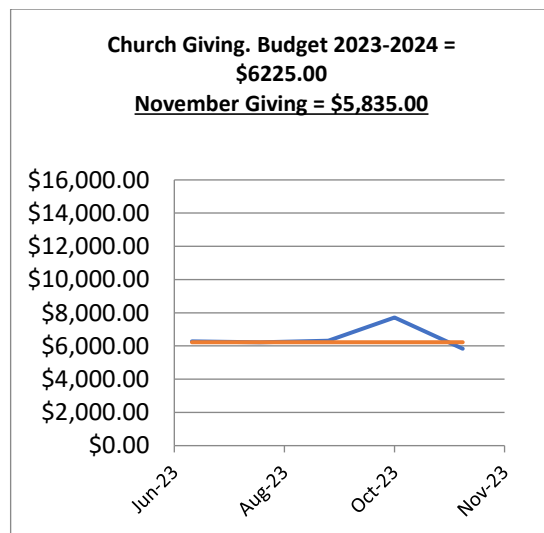


## CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR JAN 2024

**21 January**      **Rev Stephanie Wells**  
Elder Duty: Anne Moffat  
Door Duty: Gaye Edwards / Maureen  
Power Point: Tracy Mayhew  
Mini Bus: Richard / Sue  
Morning Tea: Joan Shearer / Fran Taylor  
Offering Count: Tracy / Gaye  
Set-up Chairs: No set-up needed

**28 January**      **Rev Jas (Totara Club)**  
Elder Duty: Bill White  
Door Duty: Gaye Edwards / Kim  
Power Point: Alan Russell  
Mini Bus: Richard / Sue  
Morning Tea: Lincoln and Anne Moffat  
Offering Count: Annette / Gaye  
Set-up Chairs: Lincoln / Jas

### Giving Chart for November 2023



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**21 January 2024**

### Passages

We do not, in our conscious minds, remember the moment of birth, although in sleep we may curl around some dream of our prenatal past. Who among us notices until long afterward that childhood has been left behind forever? And may not death be like the first note the orchestra sounds to the long and glorious symphony which follows? The time of birth, the leaving of childhood for adulthood, and death are brief and soon lost to us. But these passages are the major miracles of our lives. Each one is inevitable, yet as amazing as the cocoon which weaves the future of the caterpillar to the past of the butterfly. They are at the same time wondrous and fearful, for we must cross these slender bridges between what we have been and what we are to be, alone with God.

Therese D. Pusateri

## **CHURCH SERVICE TODAY**

**Service Leader:** Rev Stephanie

**Preacher:** Rev Stephanie Wells

**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/t6lk4d4ASs8?feature=share>

**READINGS:** TBA

**MESSAGE:** TBA

**CELEBRATIONS:**

**Birthday Wishes:** to Ewen Nichol, Lucy Smith and Merv Hamilton. God bless you all.

**Condolences:** to Lyn O'Malley and family on the loss of Ron, a much loved member of our congregation.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Mon 22 Jan:** 1 Corinthians 7 v 17 - 24

**Tue 23 Jan:** Acts 5 v 33 - 42

**Wed 24 Jan:** Mark 3 v 13 – 19a

**Thu 25 Jan:** Romans 9 v 6 - 18

**Fri 26 Jan:** Revelation 2 v 12 v 17

**Sat 27 Jan:** Matthew 8 v 28 – 9 v 1

**Sun 28 Jan:** 1 Corinthians 8 v 1 - 13

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

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

## **COMING UP:**

**Thu 25 Jan: A working bee** will be held at 9am to finally pack up everything in the church. All welcome

## **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

**CONNECT** starts again on **Wed 31 Jan 2024** at 1am at the home of Jas and Kate.

**Shed Talk** will be held at 8.30am at the home of Alon and Tracy Mayhew on **24th of February 2024**.

## **OTHER NOTICES:**

**Stamps:** Even though APW as an organization no longer exists, you can still leave Christmas or other stamps with us. They will join a mixture for the Rangiora Branch of the Christchurch Stamp Club. A donation is made to JK Women's Fellowship each year to help pay for wool etc for knitting projects. Lynette and Howard Fowler

## **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 at 1pm**.

Rev Jason King and Rev Darryn Hickling will be leading the services.

## **Prayer for our friends:**

Please pray for Lyn O'Malley, 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:**

It is not doing the things we like to do, but liking the things we have to do, that makes life blessed.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

“That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil – this is the gift of God”.

Eccles 3 v 13

If we did all the things we are capable of doing, we would literally astound ourselves. Thomas Edison

“With God all things are possible”. Matt 19 v 26

“The heavens praise Your wonders, Lord, Your faithfulness too”.

Psalms 89 v 5

“I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in His Word I put my hope”.

Psalms 130 v 5