



December 1st. First day of the Church New Year, first day of Summer, first day of Advent (and the first window in the Advent calendar.) Any other firsts?

This week the focus of **Advent** is Hope. I have a lot of hopes this week. I hope our first service in the new church honours the occasion. I hope the work still to be done doesn't detract from the amazing job that has been done. I hope the transition doesn't become too overwhelming. I hope also that we don't lose what is important this year while we're fitting out the building. I hope all the tech works. I hope all those who have worked tirelessly to shift the equipment from Cust last weekend realise how amazing they are! I hope we don't miss any key parts to the opening service next week. And I hope everyone who has been a part of this journey feels a sense of accomplishment.

All the different plates spinning in our lives as we come into this blessed season. I pray we don't drop the important ones.

Jas

**CHURCH SERVICE TODAY – *First day of Advent and the first Communion in our new church.***

**Service Leader:** Jas

**Preacher:** Jas

**Our Service will be streamed online today at:**

<https://youtube.com/live/xqC57ST0IEA?feature=share>

**PRE-SERVICE PRAYER:** 9.45am in Jas's office

**READINGS:** Jeremiah 33:12-16

## The Worship Hymns and Songs:

1. Come, All Ye Faithful
2. Come Thou Long expected Jesus
3. Christ Be Our Light
4. The Blessing

## CELEBRATIONS:

Birthdays: *Juliette King, Marlene Hawke, Graham Gibson, JKR rebuild*

*May The Lord bless you and keep you well 😊*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

**Mon 02 December:** 2 Peter 3:1-18  
**Tue 03 December:** Revelation 22:12-16  
**Wed 04 December:** Luke 11:29-32  
**Thu 05 December:** Philippians 1:12-18a  
**Fri 06 December:** Philippians 1:18b-26  
**Sat 07 December:** Luke 9:1-6  
**Sun 08 December:** Luke 3:1-6

## NOTICES: -

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December:** first service in our new church

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December:** Pillars presents and donations collected

**5 December:** Prayer Meeting, 1.30pm at church

**7 December:** we will sing Christmas Carols on the lawn at front of Church. Open day 10-2 and we intend to sing from 10.30-11am and 12.20-1pm. If you are interested in being part of the 'choir' please talk with Madge or Moira

**7 December:** Christchurch City Choir sings "Messiah" at Christchurch Town Hall at 7.30 pm. Book @ Ticketek.co.nz

**8 December:** Commissioning service for opening of our church. Shared morning tea

**10<sup>th</sup> December:** Young Adults break up for the year, 5pm, BBQ, bring food to share, Kingsbury Ave

**15<sup>th</sup> December:** The Rangiora Community Choir are performing their Christmas Concert. Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm, at Rossburn

Reception, Spark Lane, Rangiora. \$10 pp, kids free, afternoon tea provided. For more details email: [rangioracommunitychoir@gmail.com](mailto:rangioracommunitychoir@gmail.com)

**24 December – 31 January:** Megan is away on holiday. If anyone could take over the newsletter during this time, please let her know.

**Chair fundraiser:** we've purchased 119 so far – thank you! If you can continue to support our church, please see Craig or details are on the clipboard.

**Prayer for our friends:**

Please pray for *Joan Shearer's son and Daughter-in-law, Merle Wilcox, Neil and Sue Burt, Allan Russell, Donna, Edna Van Der Loon, Mary Stewart and Ian Cormack.*

**CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR DECEMBER 2024**

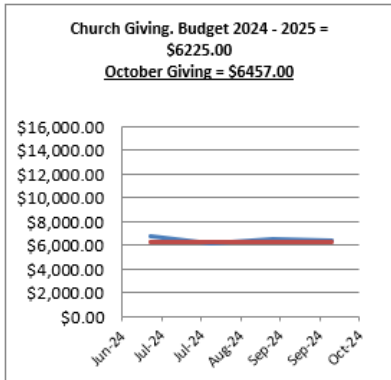
**01 December**

<b>Elder Duty:</b> Ewen Nichol	<b>Door Duty:</b> Alon and Tracy Mayhew
<b>Power Point:</b> April McMurdo	<b>Mini Bus:</b> Donna and Grenville
<b>Morning Tea:</b> Moirra Courtney and Lyn O'Malley	<b>Offering Count:</b> Graham and Richard
<b>Readings:</b> Gaye Edwards	<b>Heroes Leader:</b> Christmas decorating in church
<b>Prayers:</b> Margaret Hamilton	<b>Fun with Music:</b> Adele Warburton

**08 December**

<b>Elder Duty:</b> Gaye Edwards	<b>Door Duty:</b> Anne Moffat and Kim Fletcher
<b>Power Point:</b> April McMurdo	<b>Mini Bus:</b> TBC
<b>Morning Tea:</b> Maureen Landreth and Marlene Hopkinson	<b>Offering Count:</b> Tracy and Alan Mcl
<b>Readings:</b> Anne M	<b>Heroes Leader:</b> n/a
<b>Prayers:</b> Gaye	<b>Fun with Music:</b> Shared morning tea, Adele

## Giving Chart for October 2024:



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