



24th November

This will be our last Sunday in the Tōtara Club. This Sunday is a milestone for us as a Parish, thinking of the shift into Presbyterian Support on the 28th of January. Living out of a Backpack for 10 months seemed like a lot of work. And while this has been a lot of extra work, it has also been an encouraging time for the Church family to experience the necessary dislocation before the move into the new facilities. A nice feeling.

Personally, I have so appreciated the hospitality Presbyterian support have shown us and the generosity to be able to store our equipment and trolleys and emptying the dishwasher on Mondays. I haven't liked working from home as much as I thought I would and I am looking forward to having space in the office to write and pray and meet and connect. I'm also looking forward to having the spare room back.

It's been nice to be able to use the Tōtara club but it has been a lot harder with all the extra setting up and arranging tech and managing keys etc. I'm grateful for what we have had but I'm looking forward to what is ahead. Jas

CHURCH SERVICE TODAY - *last service in the Tōtara Room!*

Service Leader: Jas

Preacher: Jas

Our Service will be streamed online today at:

<https://youtube.com/live/75kEcAnlwKA?feature=share>

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: For those interested in praying for our Sunday Service, a brief prayer time will be held *in the Totara Club*.

READINGS: Psalm 74:12-17, Leviticus 26:3-5

The Worship Hymns and Songs:

All the Earth

Goodness of God

All things Bright and Beautiful

Holy Holy are you Lord

CELEBRATIONS:

Birthdays: *Valda Reveley*

Wedding anniversary: *Ian & Joy Cormack*

May The Lord bless you and keep you well 😊

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 25 November: Revelation 11:1-14

Tue 26 November: Revelation 11:15-19

Wed 27 November: John 16:25-33

Thu 28 November: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Fri 29 November: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

Sat 30 November: Luke 21:20-24

Sun 01 December: Luke 21:25-36

NOTICES: -

27th November: Connect, 10am, 32 Kingsbury Ave, all welcome!

Sunday 24th: Inter-Church food donations collected

Sunday 1st December: first service in our new church

Sunday 1st December: Pillars presents and donations collected

7th 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 the 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

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

15th December: The Rangiora Community Choir are performing their Christmas Concert. Sunday 15th December, 2pm, at Rossburn Reception, Spark Lane, Rangiora. \$10 pp, kids free, afternoon tea provided. For more details email: rangioracomunitychoir@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.

Christmas Giving to those in need: for some years now, we have given food and gifts to two community charities. The Inter-Church Food Bank, run by the Salvation Army, who accept boxes of goodies to the needy folk locally at Christmas time. The second is Pillars, who help the Families of Prisoners and those in need also.

Inter-Church Food Bank Donations: I will collect donations Sunday 17 November and Sunday 24 November. Ideas are: non-perishable items, sanitary items, washing and laundry cleaners, toiletries, Christmas treat food would be appreciated. Specific foods are shared on the video <https://www.salvationarmy.org.nz/help-us/food-banks>

Pillars: I will collect donations Sunday 1 December. Ideas are: some small and inexpensive toys for children, toiletries and Christmas treat foods, non-perishable items, sanitary items, washing and laundry cleaners, toiletries, Christmas treat food would be appreciated.

If you have things for both groups, please put them in a bag labelled for whichever group. Any questions, see Annette Paterson.

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 *Merle Wilcox, Neil and Sue Burt, Allan Russell, Donna, Edna Van Der Loon, Mary Stewart and Ian Cormack.*

CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2024

24 November

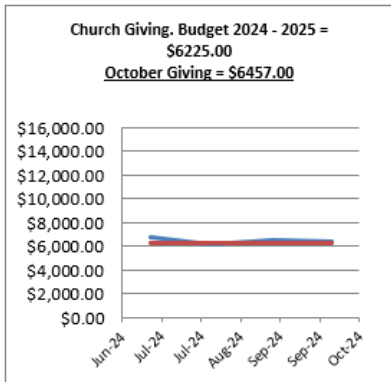
Elder Duty: Alon Mayhew	Door Duty: Lincoln and Anne
Power Point: Annette Wright	Mini Bus: Gaye and Grenville
Morning Tea: Moira Courtney and Lynette Fowler	Offering Count: Graham and Alan Mcl
Set-up chairs: Ewen and Whites	Heroes Leader: Megan
Prayers and readings: Vincent and Max	Fun with Music: Mary Blaikie

01 December

Elder Duty:	Door Duty:
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Ewen Nichol	Alon and Tracy Mayhew
Power Point: April McMurdo	Mini Bus: TBC and Grenville
Morning Tea: Moira Courtney and Lyn O'Malley	Offering Count: Graham and Richard
Set-up chairs: TBC	Heroes Leader: TBC
Prayers and readings: Margaret Hamilton, Gaye Edwards	Fun with Music: Adele Warburton

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