



*See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight--indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.*

Malachi 3:1

This week has been a big week of preparation. Anyone who has chanced past the church this week would have seen many tradies, trailers, cleaners, techies and gardeners buzzing around like busy little bees!

This weekend is off the back of a lot of preparation. It is good that we can have this celebration and opening this side of Christmas because Advent speaks loudly of celebrating together and our opening celebration certainly fits this season.

When we gather as God's Church in this place, His presence will dwell here. Make some time this weekend to celebrate and acknowledge the work that God has done in getting us here. Make some time to encourage and thank those who have faithfully helped get us to this point over the last 13 years.

And take some time to take a deep breath. 2025 is just around the corner and I have a feeling that God has much more preparing for us to do.

Jas

### **CHURCH SERVICE TODAY**

**Service Leader:** Jas

**Preacher:** Jas

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

<https://youtube.com/live/W61uxOWff2w?feature=share>

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

**READINGS:** Acts 2:42-47

**The Worship Hymns and Songs:**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Here I Am to Worship

May The Peace (Benediction)

**CELEBRATIONS:**

Birthdays: *Allan Blaikie, Vincent Stevens, Lynne O'Malley*

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Mon 09 December: Romans 8:22-25**

**Tue 10 December: 2 Peter 1:2-15**

**Wed 11 December: Luke 7:18-30**

**Thu 12 December: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15**

**Fri 13 December: 2 Corinthians 9:1-15**

**Sat 14 December: Luke 1:57-66**

**Sun 15 December: Luke 3:7-18**

**NOTICES: -**

New rosters for December/January are on the noticeboard

**8th 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

**11<sup>th</sup> December:** no Connect this week

**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)

**17<sup>th</sup> December:** Young Adults, 5pm, BYO BBQ food to share

**18<sup>th</sup> December:** 10am, last Connect for 2024.

**24<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Eve combined service, 7pm, John Knox

**24 December – 31 January:** no newsletter during this time. Please share your items during that weeks' service. No Christmas Day service.

**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**

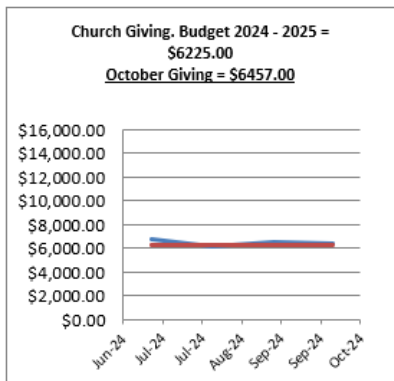
**08 December**

<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> Richard and Donna
<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 Santa Parade
<b>Prayers:</b> Gaye	<b>Fun with Music:</b> Shared morning tea, Adele

**15 December**

<b>Elder Duty:</b> Annette Patterson	<b>Door Duty:</b> Chris Scotton and Margaret Hamilton
<b>Power Point:</b> Tracy Mayhew	<b>Mini Bus:</b> Richard and Allan Bellamy
<b>Morning Tea:</b> Fran Taylor and Kate King	<b>Offering Count:</b> Tracy/Alan Mcl
<b>Readings:</b> Ross	<b>Heroes Leader:</b> n/a
<b>Prayers:</b> Annette P	<b>Fun with Music:</b> Finished for 2024

## Giving Chart for October 2024:



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