



I'm a fan of Rugby. I'm not a fan of referees even though they're necessary to the game. However, there are some profound truths on the game of Rugby and some good lessons can be learned from those who are students of the game. Some uses of language and phrases that have deeper meanings.

In broken play, around the side of a maul or ruck, in the Ref's microphone, sometimes you'll hear the referee calling out to the defending team to "find it" as they start creeping around the breakdown offside.

"Find it" means that there is an offside line which you have crossed and the onus is on you to work hard to find the offside line and get back onside or you're likely to be penalised!

I'm hearing God speaking the words "find it" to me this Christmas as I sit and reflect on feelings of joy and fun and laughter. If you haven't been able to experience the hope and peace and joy and love this Christmas the whisper of God to "find it" is ringing through my mind and my heart!

Jas

CHURCH SERVICE TODAY

Service Leader: Jas

Preacher: Jas

Our Service will be streamed online today at:

https://youtube.com/live/eK_k4PVOP4Y?feature=share

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: 9.45am in Barrett Room

READINGS: Luke 2:8-15

The Worship Hymns and Songs:

Joy To the World

Joyful Joyful

As With Gladness

Light of God

Angels we have heard on high

Now Unto Him

CELEBRATIONS:

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

May The Lord bless you and keep you well 😊

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 16 December: Hebrews 13:7-17

Tue 17 December: Acts 28:23-31

Wed 18 December: Luke 7:31-35

Thu 19 December: Hebrews 10:10-18

Fri 20 December: Hebrews 10:32-39

Sat 21 December: Luke 13:31-35

Sun 22 December: Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

NOTICES: -

From Joan Shearer: Thank you for your prayers; my son and his wife are home recovering well from their Kidney Transplant surgeries.

New rosters for December/January are on the noticeboard

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

17th December: Young Adults, 5pm, BYO BBQ food to share

18th December: 10am, last Connect for 2024.

18th December: 6.30pm, Parish Council breakup and meeting

24th 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.

5th January, 2025: 2pm, afternoon tea at 'The Vicarage': 32 Kingsbury Ave. All welcome

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 DECEMBER 2024

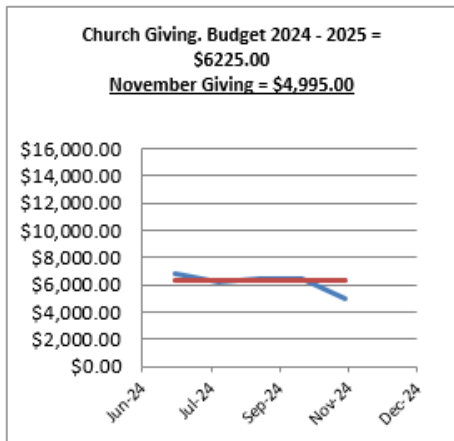
15 December

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

22 December

Elder Duty: Kayla Crampton	Door Duty: Joan Shearer
Power Point: Tracy Mayhew	Mini Bus: TBC
Morning Tea: Anne and Lincoln Moffat	Offering Count: Gaye & Christine S
Readings: Vincent	Heroes Leader: Finished for 2024
Prayers: Gaye Edwards	Fun with Music: Finished for 2024

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