



Coming to the end of the year, there are two equal truths to help shape how we carry ourselves as a Church Family: -

1. Important for us to rest after a big task,
2. Important for us to not lose momentum.

Completing a 13-year building project is a cause for celebration. But once the celebrating has waned, once the back patting has decreased, once the congratulations has dwindled, the image of what next comes a little more into focus.

For me the “what next” has two parts. We need to rest. Our energy and resources have been given and the tank is sitting close to empty. (For some we have been running on empty for a while...) We need a space to sit and rest after all the hard work over the last few years. A well-earned rest! The second part, just as important, is the question of what next? Now we’ve built the thing, what do we do with it? Burying your talents, hiding the lamp under the bushel or not making the best use of our time when there is so much opportunity and momentum may be a lost opportunity.

These are good questions to ask coming into Christmas. Do you sway to one side or the other? Do you have a preference?

Jas

CHURCH SERVICE TODAY

Service Leader: Jas

Preacher: Jas

Our Service will be streamed online today at:

<https://youtube.com/live/1CvMVnHs6Gk?feature=share>

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: 9.45am in Barrett Room

READINGS: 1Timothy 1: 12-14, 1Timothy 1:15-17

The Worship Hymns and Songs:

1. The First Noel
2. Do You Hear What I hear
3. When A Child Is Born
4. Love Came Down At Christmas

CELEBRATIONS:

Birthdays: *Lord Jesus Christ, Marg Hamilton, Moira Courtney*

May The Lord bless you and keep you well 😊

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 23 December: Colossians 1:15-20

Tue 24 December: Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

Wed 25 December: Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20

Thu 26 December: Acts 6:1-7; 7:51-60

Fri 27 December: John 21:19b-24

Sat 28 December: John 21:19b-24

Sun 29 December: Revelation 21:1-7

NOTICES: -

From Annette Paterson: THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

For all Your GENEROSITY in the last month. The Salvation Army AND Pillars Organisation were both very grateful for all the food items and gift items we gave them to help those in need enjoy Christmas!!

In the New Year I am hopeful we can return to our monthly contributions to Salvation Army.

Tell me what you think.

24th December: Christmas Eve combined service, 7pm, John Knox
No Christmas Day service.

24 December – 31 January: no newsletter during this time. Please share your items during that weeks' service. 2nd February newsletter resumes.

Church office closed 25, 26, December and 1st, 2nd January

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

5th Jan to 20th January, Jas on leave back 21st Jan

29th January – Connect resumes

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

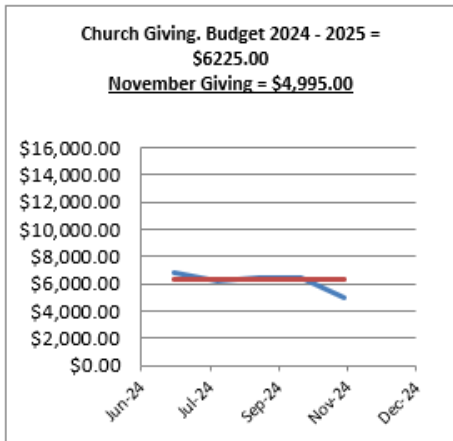
22 December

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

24 December

Elder Duty: TBC	Door Duty: TBC
Power Point: April McMurdo	Mini Bus: N/A
Morning Tea: N/A	Offering Count: N/A
Readings: Peggy	Heroes Leader: Finished for 2024
Prayers: TBC	Fun with Music: Finished for 2024

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