



## **Sunday 7 December 2025**

One of the greatest dangers is that once we receive our blessing or whatever we were needing or seeking from God is we stop caring about firstly those that helped us get this and secondly those who are still seeking it!

Matthew 18: the ungrateful servant who received his forgiveness from the King. But once he received what he needed - the mercy and the grace from the King - he forgot about the needs of others and chose to deny one of his own servants the same forgiveness.

Finding what you seek from God is a good thing. But God makes us channels of his blessing, not just a cup to be filled. When you receive that healing, that sense of belonging, that sense of hope or purpose through God's mercy, it is an opportunity to seek the same opportunity for others around us. Not to tap out once you get what you want.

- You got that miracle? Great! Now seek the miracle for those around you also.

- You found a new group of friends? Great! Now be a friend to those who need the same thing!

- God has given you a new purpose? Great! Now help out your fellow church family to find the same opportunity.

Take the gift you have received and use it as motivation to bless the next person Ngā mihi nui, Jas

## CHURCH SERVICE TODAY

**Service Leader:** Jas

**Preacher:** Jas

**YouTube Link:** <https://youtube.com/live/DyGj6Wd6tIE?feature=share>

**PRE-SERVICE PRAYER:** 9.45am in Barrett Room

### **READINGS:**

Luke 1:39-45, Luke 1:57-66

### **The Worship Hymns and Songs:**

O Come O Come Emmanuel

What Child is this

Silent Night

O Little Town of Bethlehem

### **CELEBRATIONS:**

**Birthdays:** *none this week*

**Wedding Anniversaries:** *none this week*

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

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Mon 08 December:** 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

**Tue 09 December:** Romans 15:14-21

**Wed 10 December:** Matthew 12:33-37

**Thu 11 December:** 2 Peter 3:1-10

**Fri 12 December:** 2 Peter 3:11-18

**Sat 13 December:** Luke 3:1-18

**Sun 14 December:** Matthew 11:2-11

### **NOTICES:**

- **Saturday 6th December:** Memorial service for Donald Jeffrey, John Knox, 2pm
- **Tuesday 9th December:** Young Adults Break-up 7pm, JKR
- **Sunday 7th December:** no Heroes

**Sunday 7th December:** bring donations for the **Salvation Army Food Boxes**

**Dec 14:** Bring donations for **PILLARS**. Collection boxes will be in the foyer on those Sundays. Thank you for your generosity! *Questions? Contact Annette Paterson (313 4116).*

**Dec 14: Rangiora Community Choir: A Summer Christmas – Hallelujah.** 2pm, Rossburn Reception, Spark Lane, Rangiora. \$10 pp, kids free. Includes afternoon tea.

**Christmas Singalong**

Musical Frenz would like to invite John Knox people to a Christmas singalong which will also be joined by Tōtara Club members. This will be held from 1 - 2 p.m. on Friday 12 December in the Wyllie and Stewart rooms. No charge. Hope to see you there. If you need further information, please contact John Warburton (0211082866)

Christmas Tree Fundraiser: Our first tree sale is on 13 December. If you're growing trees, please record your available number on the foyer clipboard. Collection will be Friday afternoon or early Saturday morning. Thanks, Jas.

Megan is on holiday 24/12/2025 to end of January. If anyone is keen to take over the newsletter, please let me know otherwise, we will recommence when I am back. Megan

**October 2025**

	Current Month		Year to Date		Annual	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Forecast
<b>Total Months Giving</b>	9,761	9,275	36,032	33,390	96,460	99,102

**Prayer for our friends:**

*Our neighbouring Parishes: Oxford Union, Kaiapoi Co-operating Parish, Kowai-Cheviot Presbyterian Parish Amberley as they go through seasons of change, Rev Robert Robati-Mani and family, Sandra McPherson, Max Atkins & Averill Gibson, Judith Spriggs, Jean Jeffrey, Janice and Ross Wilson, Donna Abernethy, Clare Calder, Mary Stewart and Ian Cormack.*

**CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2025**  
**07 December**

<b>Elder Duty:</b> Kayla Crampton	<b>Door Duty:</b> Joan Shearer and Lyn O' Malley
<b>Power Point:</b> Allan Russell	<b>Mini Bus:</b> Gaye and Richard
<b>Morning Tea:</b> Marlene Hawke and Anne Moffat	<b>Offering Count:</b> Tracy and Richard
<b>Readings:</b> Howard Fowler	<b>Heroes Leader:</b> None this week
<b>Prayers:</b> Annette Paterson	<b>Fun with Music:</b> Shared morning tea (8 <sup>th</sup> Dec)

## 14 December

<b>Elder Duty:</b> Bill White	<b>Door Duty:</b> Lincoln and Anne Moffat
<b>Power Point:</b> Marlene Hawke	<b>Mini Bus:</b> Richard and Lincoln
<b>Morning Tea:</b> Alon and Tracy Mayhew	<b>Offering Count:</b> Tracy and Richard
<b>Readings:</b> Margaret Hamilton	<b>Heroes Leader:</b> Kate TBC
<b>Prayers:</b> Anne Moffat	<b>Fun with Music:</b> On holiday

<b>Minister</b>	Rev Jas King	027 452 7546	<a href="mailto:jason@johnknoxrangiora.co.nz">jason@johnknoxrangiora.co.nz</a>
<b>Parish Council correspondence</b>	Craig Sargison	021 716 984	<a href="mailto:Sargison.craig@gmail.com">Sargison.craig@gmail.com</a>
<b>Financial Committee:</b>	Tracy Mayhew 027 3257 377	Annette Wright 021 036 3922	Richard McMurdo 021 1175 300
	Richard Morris		
<b>Facility Booking:</b>	Tracy Mayhew	027 3257 377	<a href="mailto:admin@johnknoxrangiora.co.nz">admin@johnknoxrangiora.co.nz</a>
<b>Parish Clerk:</b>	Craig Sargison	021 716 984	<a href="mailto:Sargison.craig@gmail.com">Sargison.craig@gmail.com</a>
<b>Newsletter Editor:</b>	Megan Waddington	022 108 2007	<a href="mailto:waddingtonmegan@yahoo.co.nz">waddingtonmegan@yahoo.co.nz</a>
<b>Church contacts:</b>	P.O. Box 74, Rangiora 7440		<a href="http://www.johnknoxrangiora.co.nz">www.johnknoxrangiora.co.nz</a>
<b>Complaints and Disputes Manager</b>	PCANZ	0800 244 357	<a href="mailto:ComplaintsandDisputesManager@presbyterian.org.nz">ComplaintsandDisputesManager@presbyterian.org.nz</a>