



**Sunday 14 December 2025**

When I pretend I am better than I really am, I make God look worse than He really is. When I am humble about how flawed I really am, I make God look more gracious than I could ever believe.

People who see you and really know you, know what kind of person you are. They see you at your best and at your worst. Warts-and-all! Whether you realise it or not or as much as you try to hide it. (The careless comment, the angry tone, the subtle expression, the reckless attitude, the entitled driving.) If you have ever identified yourself as a Christian or with your Church family, those watching you will see these things and remember them. (Especially if you are quick to point out the flaws of others.)

Pretending you are better than you really are wont fool anyone. It will however give the impression that your Christian ethic is shallow and that the Jesus you reflect must also be shallow and live out a Holier-than-thou ethic.

Being honest about your flaws, your insecurities, your bad habits will make God to be a gracious God who calls not the perfect and healthy, but the broken and flawed to be a part of His family and loves and accepts us despite our wayward lives.

You are loved; you don't have to pretend to be someone you are not. Rest in the security that you are not alone.

Nga mihi nui, Jas

## **CHURCH SERVICE TODAY**

**Service Leader:** Jas

**Preacher:** Jas

**YouTube Link:** <https://youtube.com/live/AK1p6sD1zvQ?feature=share>

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

**READINGS:**

Luke 2:8-15

**The Worship Hymns and Songs:**

\_We Three King (Prelude)

Joyful, Joyful

O Come All Ye Faithful

Te Harinui

Joy To The World

**CELEBRATIONS:**

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

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

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Mon 15 December:**

**Acts 5:12-16**

**Tue 16 December:**

**Jude 1:17-25**

**Wed 17 December:**

**Matthew 8:14-17, 28-34**

**Thu 18 December:**

**Galatians 3:23-29**

**Fri 19 December:**

**Galatians 4:1-7**

**Sat 20 December:**

**John 3:31-36**

**Sun 21 December:**

**Matthew 1:18-25**

**NOTICES:**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December:** 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).*

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Rangiora Community Choir: A**

**Summer Christmas – Hallelujah.** 2pm, Rossburn Reception, Spark Lane, Rangiora. \$10 pp, kids free. Includes afternoon tea. reminder about the Operation Cover Up meeting to be held in January.

- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** 1.30pm, Pastoral Care, JKR

- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Young Adults, 7pm at JKR, bring a Dessert to share
- **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December:** Combined Christmas Eve service, 7pm, Rangiora Methodist Church.
- **Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> January** 2pm-3pm, afternoon tea at the Vicarage (32 Kingsbury Ave)
- **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2026:** 10.30am, Rangiora Baptist Church, 111 East Belt, Rangiora. Morning tea will be provided. Gold coin donation towards shipping costs. Everyone will receive a gift of wool as you enter. Please bring your completed articles, as well as sundry items i.e blanket strips/squares, hats, scarves, mittens etc.

### 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

#### Giving for Newsletter

November 2025

	Current Month		Year to Date		Annual	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Forecast
<b>Total Months Giving</b>	8,735	7,420	44,767	40,810	96,460	100,417

### 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

### 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

### 21 December

<b>Elder Duty:</b> Annette Paterson	<b>Door Duty:</b> Gaye Edwards and tbc
<b>Power Point:</b> Marlene Hawke	<b>Mini Bus:</b> Richard Mc / April
<b>Morning Tea:</b> Alon and Tracy Mayhew	<b>Offering Count:</b> Tracy/Alan Mcl
<b>Readings:</b> Vincent	<b>Heroes Leader:</b> On holidays
<b>Prayers:</b> Eric	<b>Fun with Music:</b> On holidays

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