



**Sunday 21 December 2025**

The Lyrics from the popular Christmas Carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem* read: “The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight...”

The “...hopes and fears...” cast an interesting reflection worth meditating on. This incredible, world-changing event happening in this small seemingly insignificant town in the middle of nowhere brings meaning to our hopes and our fears.

Having our *hopes* met in the coming of “God among us” puts all other hopes in perspective. The Car, the job, the holiday all may have a special place, but are unfulfilling in comparison to knowing and being known by Jesus, our maker.

Likewise, having our *fears* met in Him, bring a sense of comfort to our lives as our fears, while very real for us today, have no real, lasting power over us when we consider the fullness of the kingdom to come with no more fears and pain.

What hopes and fears do you need to re-prioritise in light of the coming of Jesus (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> coming) this Christmas?

Nga mihi nui, Jas

## CHURCH SERVICE TODAY

**Service Leader:** Jas

**Preacher:** Jas

**YouTube Link:** <https://youtube.com/live/XfyK5SAyewQ?feature=share>

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

### **READINGS:**

Luke 1: 47-49

Luke 1: 50-55

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

A Candle Is Burning

Love Come Down At Christmas

Christ Be Our Light

Carol Our Christmas

Do You Hear What I Hear

### **CELEBRATIONS:**

**Birthdays in December:** *Lord Jesus Christ, Hamish McIntosh, Marg Hamilton, Moira Courtney*

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

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

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

**Mon 22 December:** Revelation 22:6-7, 18-20

**Tue 23 December:** Galatians 3:6-14

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

**Thu 25 December:** Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20, John 1:1-14

**Fri 26 December:** Acts 7:59-8:8

**Sat 27 December:** 1 John 5:1-12

**Sun 28 December:** Matthew 2:13-23

## NOTICES:

- **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.

### 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

### 21 December

<b>Elder Duty:</b> Annette Paterson	<b>Door Duty:</b> Theckla Barnhill
<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

## 28 December

<b>Elder Duty:</b> Kayla Crampton	<b>Door Duty:</b> Fran Taylor and Maureen Landreth
<b>Power Point:</b> Richard McMurdo	<b>Mini Bus:</b> Gaye / Mayhew's T or A
<b>Morning Tea:</b> Daphne Begley and Fran Taylor	<b>Offering Count:</b> Tracy/Alan Mcl
<b>Readings:</b> Ewen	<b>Heroes Leader:</b> On holidays
<b>Prayers:</b> TBC	<b>Fun with Music:</b> On holidays

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