

Dates to Remember	
TODAY	10am Christmas Family Service
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am Christmas Day Service
5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11am Service & Pot Luck lunch at the Wheelers



**Church Office Hours:** 9am - 12noon, Mon - Fri (excluding public holidays).

**'Prayer Chain'** – Any matters requiring confidential prayer support, can be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Val Judd or Elaine Oates.

**Monday Bible Study** – Has finished for the year.

**Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study** – Has finished for the year.

**'Men's Fellowship Breakfast Group'** – Meets at 7am on Tuesdays. Contact John Hawksworth for more info.

**'Abiding Life Course'** – Has finished for the year.

**'Womens Lunch Study Group'** – Has finished for the year.

**Women's 'Growth Group'** – Has finished for the year.




**Giving/Tithing** - If you wish to tithe or make a donation to Mangapapa Church, our account number is: Mangapapa Church, 03-0638-0381084-00. Please make sure you say 'tithe' or 'donation' in the reference. If you would prefer to give using our 'Envelope' system, then see Jenny Phin who will set you up with envelopes allocated to you.

Today	
<b>Greeters</b>	<i>J Phin, N Aston</i>
<b>Ministry Team</b>	<i>A Clement</i>
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	<i>A Dehne-Walker, M Smith</i>
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	<i>R Nelson / D Russell</i>
<b>Counters</b>	<i>N Coffey</i>


"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world."  
- C S Lewis

	Christmas Day	Next Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Greeters</b>	<i>I McCoy, L McAra</i>	<i>A Clement, M Raitaukala</i>
<b>Ministry Team</b>	<i>No Ministry Team</i>	<i>S Clement</i>
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	<i>No Morning Tea</i>	<i>N Coffey, I McCoy</i>
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	<i>D Russell / S Patrick</i>	<i>D Russell / N Dunn</i>
<b>Counters</b>	<i>S Patrick</i>	<i>N Coffey</i>




# Mangapapa Church

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Our motivating vision is...  
'To be His Love, Light and Life'





**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024**

**10am: "Christmas Family Service"**

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*Kids stay in for the Christmas Family Service this morning.*

**If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home and don't share them.**

## This morning you are welcome to

join us for our family-friendly Christmas service.

This year, in addition to some traditional carols and readings, we'll share some dramatised interactions for the children from some of those we read about in the nativity story. Refreshments and Christmas treats will be served as we spend this special time with each other!



## Our Christmas Advent Season Events:



1) **Come down one night to have a look at our Church Christmas Lights.** The Star, angels and entrance are lit up all through the day and night now, plus the solar Nativity Display lights on the lawn light up at dusk too.

2) **Christmas Family Service – 10am Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.** Today

Shane & Ali lead a 'Christmas themed' service suitable for all ages. Hope you brought your neighbours, friends and family, and have brushed up on your carol singing! ☺

3) **Christmas Day Service** – We will be having a shorter, 45 minute service, from **9.30am – 10.15am on Christmas Day.**



5) **Church At The Wheelers – 11am Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January.** We will be doing something a bit different to start 2025, by holding our first service for the year at Bill & Jody Wheeler's house, instead of at the church. The service will begin a bit later at 11am, and will conclude with a shared pot luck lunch. Please bring a plate and come and share in a more relaxed time of worship and great fellowship. **Bill and Jody's address is in the Church Directory, or ask Shane or one of the Leadership Team for directions.**



**Christmas Holiday Office Hours** – The office will be closed from **25<sup>th</sup> December** for two weeks over Christmas and New Year, and re-open again on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.



## For Prayer & Praise this Week:

- 1) Pray for our **Advent witness** with our outdoor **Nativity displays**, and our '**Carols in the Community**'.
- 2) Pray for those who have come down with Covid in the past week.
- 3) Pray for Ali, Shane, Izzy & Esme as they settle into their home

## WELCOME HOME Ken & Alison!!!

After many months away the McFarlanes have come home. We're excited to hear all about the amazing things they have been doing oversea, but firstly we're praying they have a well-deserved rest and a blessed Christmas with their family!



**Thursday Morning Prayer meeting** has stopped for the Christmas/New Year holidays. Will re-commence again in the New Year, either on 16<sup>th</sup> January or 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

**Something To Think About ... For Next Year** - Are you well and able to: endure rather hot days, hold babies, read, play games, talk to kids, teach needlework, fix bikes, repair things, help with cooking, homework etc? If this appeals to you then we know just the place! Angela and John are wondering if anyone would like to come with them to Ruel Orphanage in the Philippines for a few weeks next winter - June or July 2025. Have a think and a pray over summer and have a chat with us sometime. 🗨️

## Work Wanted – For 2-3 hours per week.

Help for the elderly – a companion, cook, driver, housework etc. Basic Admin. If interested contact Margo Hawksworth on 021 131 5547 or [margo.hawksworth@xtra.co.nz](mailto:margo.hawksworth@xtra.co.nz)



## House Available To Stay – January 5th to

**January 14th.** I'm wanting someone pet friendly to stay all nights as we have a small dog (crated at night) and a cat. Please see Raewyn Theobald if you can help. Ph: 027 3049 399



**Foodbank** – Our current foodbank needs are: Biscuits, milo/hot chocolate, canned corn/peas, spaghetti, baked beans, pasta, Christmas items.

