

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office Carols on the Street



**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** – Meets at 2pm in the Church House. For more info contact Elaine Oates.

**Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study** – Meets at 1.30pm in the Church House. For more info contact Maureen Wilson.

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

**‘Abiding Life Course’** – Meets at 3pm on Wednesdays in the Church House. Contact Stewart Patrick for more info.

**‘Womens Lunch Study Group’** – Last meeting for this year will be at The Museum Café, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

**Women’s ‘Growth Group’** – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm, at Diane McLean’s house. Next meeting will be 12<sup>th</sup> December. Contact Elaine Oates or Diane McLean for more info.

“Pray anywhere because God is everywhere.”  
- Unknown

**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	Next Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Greeters</b>	M Wilson, A Clement	J & L Hawksworth
<b>Ministry Team</b>	S Clement	E Oates
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	J McLatchie, I McCoy	L Hindle, N Aston
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	S Patrick / D Russell	R Nelson / N Dunn
<b>Counters</b>	A Radcliffe	A Radcliffe

*Our motivating vision is...  
‘To be His Love, Light and Life’*

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024

**10am: “Remember Me”**

*Keeping Jesus At The Centre Of Our Own Christmas Story  
With Communion*

**Leading: Rachal McIntyre    Preaching: Shane Roche**

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**Elders Team**

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*Kids go out with Ashley Mountfort & John Hill this morning.*

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



**It's the first Sunday of Advent** and our MUP Church Christmas displays are up, inside and outside. Let's pray they are a blessing to our community and are respected. Do come down at night time too to view when the lights take effect. This year we have added a bit more lighting to the 'Shepherds' out on the lawn.

**Thank you Stewart & Marilyn for all the time and effort you spent in putting up the decorations. They look amazing!**

**Ecclesiastes 7:2 "You learn more at a funeral than at a feast ... After all, that's where we'll end up. We might discover something from it..."**

That Scripture was true of Rodney Judd's funeral last Monday. It was one of the largest attended at MUP in many years, with approx,170 here and a lovely send off for him with much testimony to the Lord shared. There was a special moment after the lunch in the Blue Room, with just Rodney & Val's family present, as a grand-daughter looked at the Vine and Cecil the branch, mounted on the wall – "I remember that story. Noeleen Welch taught me that in Sunday School at the Matawai Church, then when I Grandad & Nana, it was shared here". It was very significant to her. Amen! When we put that up on the wall a few weeks ago, we prayed it would be a 'conversation piece' for the many groups that use our facilities.



**street carolling around Mangapapa at 5pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December.**

**'Carols in the Community' – Practise after the Service** – Today, next Sunday and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December there will be a short practise after the Service for those who have signed up to do the street carolling. You do not need to come to all of the practises, but it would be good to attend at least one to make sure that you know all the songs – especially the ones that we will be singing verses in maori. **We will be**



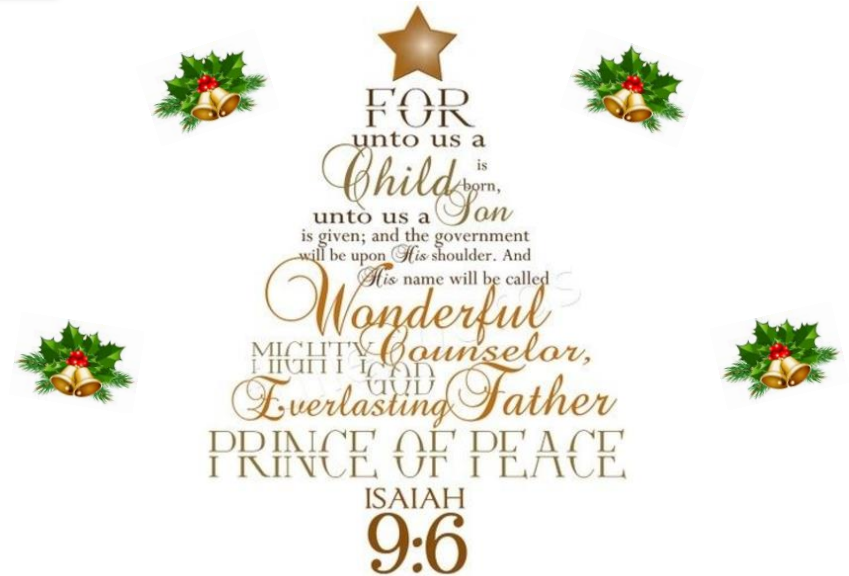
**For Prayer this Week:**

- 1) **Pray for Val Judd, Wendy & Mark Lindsey, and family** – Continue to remember the family as they grieve for Rodney.
- 2) **Pray for Amanda Lewis** who is currently recovering from a knee operation.
- 3) **Pray for Mike Tombleson and others** – Please keep praying for Mike as he continues his chemo treatment. Pray also for other MUP members who are currently going through serious health difficulties.
- 4) **For Praise & Thanksgiving** – Congratulations to Tirzah & Tyrone who are expecting their second child.



**House Available To Stay – January 5th to**

**January 15th.** 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:

500ml Canola Oil, spreads, muesli bars, coffee, milo/hot chocolate, corn/peas, spaghetti, baked beans, pasta, Christmas items.