

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
12 th Dec	8.30am putting together the Te Hahi Awhi baskets at HOB
16 th Dec	Carols on the Street
22 nd Dec	10am Christmas Family Service
25 th Dec	9.30am Christmas Day Service



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. Last meeting for the year will be this Tuesday, 10th December. 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’ – Has finished for the year.

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

Women’s ‘Growth Group’ – Last meeting for the year will be a pot luck lunch at Diane McLean’s house, **12.30pm this Thursday**, 12th December. Contact Elaine Oates or Diane McLean for more info.

“Faith does not eliminate questions. But faith knows where to take them.” - Elisabeth Elliot

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 15 th December
Greeters	J & L Hawksworth	M Raitaukala, I McCoy
Ministry Team	E Oates	M Freeman
Cups of Tea	L Hindle, N Aston	A Tyler, D McLean
AV & Sound	R Nelson / N Dunn	D Russell / A Russell
Counters	A Radcliffe	B Wheeler



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



Sunday 8th December 2024

10am: “Apologetics, A Defence Of Christian Faith”

Leading: Andrew Russell Preaching: Peren Mountfort
Duty Elder: Andrew Russell



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Kids go out with Zebrina Cowley & John Hill this morning.

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



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) **'Carols in the Community'** 5pm **Monday 16th December**. Taking Carols to the street corners of Mangapapa.

3) **Christmas Family Service** – 10am **Sunday 22nd December**. Shane & Ali will be leading a 'Christmas themed' service suitable for all ages, so make sure that you invite your neighbours, friends and family. Shane assures there will be carol singing involved!



4) **Christmas Day Service** – We will be having a shorter service, starting at **9.30am on Christmas Day**.



For Prayer & Praise this Week:

- 1) Pray for our **Advent witness** with our outdoor **Nativity displays**, and our **'Carols in the Community'** team prep.
- 2) Pray for those unwell, receiving treatment or recovering.
- 3) "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem". (Psalm 122)
- 4) **Thanksgiving and Celebration!** - Shane & Ali's offer on a house in Oak Street has finally gone through, and they will be taking ownership next Friday, 13th December and moving in on Saturday 14th. Their shipping container also arrived in Gisborne this week, and Shane & Ali had to spend Friday ticking off all their boxes. Bit of a stressful time, but praise God for His goodness and His timing, as everything has come together for them to be in their own home, with their own things, for Christmas. Thank you to everyone who has been praying for them, and to our wonderful God who has answered so many prayers.



Kidzspace / Young Adults!

Final Sunday until February.... **Sunday 15th December**
Fun and games, gifts and food – with John and Ashley
Please supply a plate of food to share.



'Carols in the Community' – Practise after the Service

– Today and next Sunday, 15th 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 both practises, but please come to 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 street carolling**

around Mangapapa at 5pm on Monday 16th December.

Awahi Baskets - Volunteers needed to help put together the Te Hahi baskets on **Thursday 12th December at 8.30am.**



Work Wanted – For 2-3 hours per week.

Help for the elderly – a companion, cook, driver, housework etc. Basic Admin.

If interested please contact Margo Hawksworth on 021 131 5547 or 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:

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

