

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
16 th Dec	4.45pm Carols on the Street
22 nd Dec	10am Christmas Family Service
25 th Dec	9.30am Christmas Day Service
5 th 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 – Meets at 2pm in the Church House. For more info contact Elaine Oates.

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.



“ You can be born in a garage, but that doesn’t make you an automobile. You can be born in a Christian home, but that does not make you a Christian.” - Billy Graham

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 22 nd December
Greeters	M Raitaukala, I McCoy	J Phin, N Aston
Ministry Team	M Freeman	A Clement
Cups of Tea	A Tyler, D McLean	A Dehne-Walker, M Smith
AV & Sound	D Russell / A Russell	R Nelson / D Russell
Counters	B Wheeler	N Coffey

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



Sunday 15th December 2024

10am: “His Story & Me”

Leading: Shane Roche Preaching: 3 Speakers Share
Duty Elder: Al Clement



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Kids go out with Ashley & John this morning for fun, games, gifts and celebration.

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

This morning we have 3 people sharing the message, "His Story and Me". What does the Christmas story mean to you? Which part of the story of our Saviour coming to us as a baby resonates with you most? This Sunday, we take a more personal approach to His story, with some of our church family sharing their favourite part of the nativity and how it has impacted on their own story.



Kidzspace / Young Adults!
 Final Sunday until February – **TODAY!!**
 Fun and games, gifts and food – with John and Ashley
 Hope you brought a plate of food to share.



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'** 4.45pm Monday 16th December. There will

be a last quick practise of the carols for those who haven't been to one, after our service today. Please continue to familiarise yourselves with the pronunciation of the Silent Night verse in Te Reo Maori. We will meet outside the church between 4.45pm and 5pm tomorrow - Monday 16th Dec - weather permitting (or the next fine evening if possible) do a warm up carol, then walk over to Winter St, followed by Riverdale and Lytton West. (If anyone has voice left, Angela would be open to somewhere else!! Eg Bryce St) 😊 **The link to Silent Night in Maori is here:**



<https://youtube.com/watch?v=2gDVxPTyIVs&feature=shared>

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, 45 minute service, from 9.30am – 10.15am on Christmas Day.



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



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 unwell, receiving treatment or recovering.
- 3) **Praise God!** - Shane & Ali, Izzy & Esme moved into their new home on Saturday. It has been an amazing journey and testament to God's provision and the wonderful way that He has been looking after them. We have seen Him answer many prayers on their behalf. Pray for God's blessing of peace and refreshment for them over the holidays, and that they can finally relax.
- 4) **Congratulations!** – To Izzy, Esme and Caleb who all took out awards at the Sunrise Christian School Junior Prizegiving on Wednesday night. Caleb even won the Overall Academic Achievement, Dux for years 1-8. Well done guys, we are proud of you!



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. 🙏



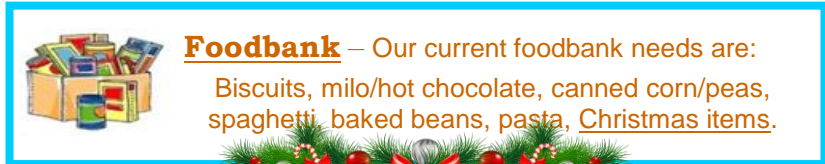
Work Wanted – For 2-3 hours per week.

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



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.

