

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am MUP Prayer meeting in the Church House
TODAY	10am Christmas Family Service
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am Christmas Day Service
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am All-Ages Family Service
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Beach Baptism Service at Makarori Beach - north end



**Church Office Hours: 9am - 12noon, Mon - Fri** (excluding public holidays).  
**The office will be closed from Christmas Day until Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

**‘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** – Finished for the year.

**Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study** – Finished for the year.

**‘Men’s Group’** – Meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7.30am, currently at Noel Dunn’s place. Contact John Hawksworth for more info.

**‘Womens Lunch Study Group’** – Finished for the year.

**Women’s ‘Growth Group’** – 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>	N Aston, M Wilson
<b>Ministry Team</b>	E Oates
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	J Paton, L Hindle, M Smith
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	R Nelson / N Dunn
<b>Counters</b>	N Coffey

**“For it is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child Himself.” - Charles Dickens**

	Christmas Day	Next Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Greeters</b>	J Dyas, L McAra	M Raitaukala, J Phin
<b>Ministry Team</b>	None	A Russell
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	None	D McLean, N Aston
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	D Russell / A Russell	D Russell, E Oates/A Russell
<b>Counters</b>	N Coffey	N Coffey



**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

**10am: “Christmas All-Ages Family Service”**

*An hour full of Joy, Fun & Thankfulness*

**Leading & Preaching: Stewart & Marilyn Patrick**

**Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick**



**Church Leader:** Shane Roche    **E-mail:** shane@mup.org.nz

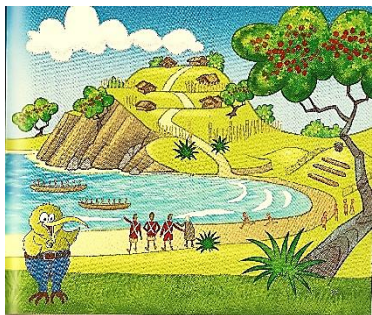
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**Elders Team**

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





### **'Christmas All-Ages Family Service' -**

***An hour full of Joy, Love, Fun &***

***Thankfulness.*** In this last Sunday of the Advent Season, God in Christ coming to us, we have put together a celebration for everyone to enjoy. 'Thankfulness' for God's perfect provision in



Jesus, and for each other in Jesus Christ, is a key theme today.

***Kids, keep a look out and 'follow the star' this morning.***



### **A Thank You from the Gisborne Hospital Social Work Team**



We were really blessed this week when the 5 ladies from the Social Work team at the Gisborne Hospital stopped by with 2 big baskets, and 3 shopping bags, full of food for our Foodbank, along with a card and a \$300 cash donation. This was a 'thank you' for all the food parcels we have supplied to their clients over 2025. They wrote: *"To Dione and the beautiful supportive whanau at Mangapapa Union Parish. Thank you all for your help in 2025 to our patients and their whanau. Arohanui, The Hospital Social Work Team."*

### **Christmas & New Year / Summer Dates to remember:**



- **9:30am Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December** – 'Christmas Day Family Service'
- **10am Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January** – 'Beach Baptisms & Picnic Service'. Will be held at the north end of Makarori Beach. (See Shane if you would like to be baptised).
- **10am Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February** – 'Picnic & Outdoor Service' out at Bill & Jody Wheeler's country home.

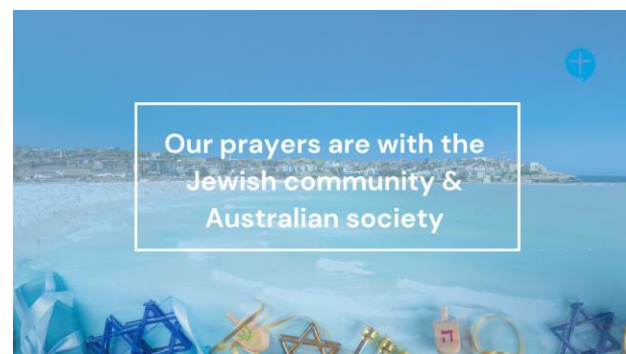
**Pauline Curtis-Smith Love Gift** – Many of you gave a love gift for Pauline, who came to speak at MUP a couple of weeks ago about her work with Ruel in the Philippines. We were able to bless her with \$750. Pauline's response was, "That is incredible 😊 Praise the Lord! What a wonderful heart your church had! Please tell them that I am so very grateful for their kindness to Ruel. xx Thank you so very much. May the Lord bless you all mightily."



**to all those who turned up to HOB to help pack the Awhi Baskets.**

Many hands made light work of the 110 baskets to pack, and it was great to have the different churches and different folk, all working alongside for the same goal. That is the heart of Te Hahi - to get alongside Whangaia/Police where we are needed. And to be able to provide Awhi baskets, not only to the families Whangaia deal with, but also to be able to bless the people among our own churches as well.

**Odd Jobs For Easter Camp 2026** – Zebrina is keen to work any odd jobs, gardens, lawns, tidying up, cleaning, childcare etc, to keep her busy over the holidays and to help with Easter Camp 2026 costs. Phone Raewyn on 027 3049 399. *Thank you.*



**Christmas Holiday Office Hours** – The office will be closed from **25<sup>th</sup> December** for three weeks over Christmas and New Year, and re-open again on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

