

Dates to Remember	
Sun 18 th Dec	Christmas Family Service / BBQ Lunch
Fri 23 rd Dec	8:15pm Carols By Candlelight



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.

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study – Has finished for the year and will recommence in February 2023.

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

Thursday 'Womens Breakfast' – Meets at 7am on Thursdays in the Church House for Breakfast. Last day for 2022 will be this Thursday, 15th December. For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm in the Church House.



Foodbank – The demand on our food bank has increased lately and we are currently low on the following items: canned corn, canned peas, pasta sauce, flour, rice, washing powder, dishwashing liquid. These are items not usually supplied by Gizzy Kai.

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 18 th December
Greeters	I McCoy, M Raitaukala	J & L Hawksworth
Explorers Crèche	R Theobald	Parents
Ministry Team	A Clement	M Freeman
Cups of Tea	N Coffey, P Oram	A Alder, M Smith
Flowers	B Bowis	G Sharp
AV & Sound	D Russell / N Dunn	R Nelson / N Dunn
Counters	G Stevenson	G Stevenson

Mangapapa Church (UNION PARISH)

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



Sunday 11th December 2022

10am: "Advent: The Joy Of The Redeemed"

Isaiah 35:1-10

Leading: Angela Paton

Preaching: Paul Madsen

Duty Elder: Al Clement



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Elders Team

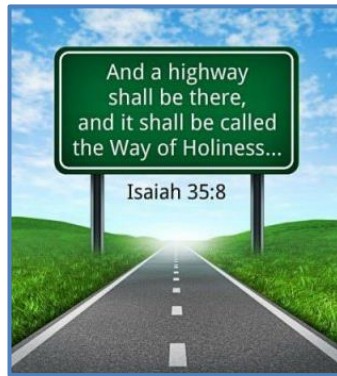
Stewart Patrick: 021 047 0795 Rodney Judd: 06 863-2400 Al Clement: 027 855 5949

Children 4-8 years go out with Marilyn. 9+ years to go out with John.

If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home and get a R.A.T. Test.

Paul shares the message this morning.

He writes ... Advent looks both forward and back – back to the first coming of Jesus and forward to His second coming. It reminds us we live in a world of the 'already' and the 'not yet'. Today is Gaudette Sunday, Gaudette meaning to have joy, to rejoice. We are called to rejoice, to look forward to Jesus with joy but to also live in the 'already' in joy too.



Stewart writes... This morning *our two Children and Youth groups* that meet each Sunday morning now, are having a combined '**Christmas end of year Celebration**' with fun and food, out in the lounge and outside. There are up to 15 involved now, in two age groups, 4-8yrs and 9-13yrs. Thank you Marilyn, John, Janice and Mark for this year, which has been very challenging but it ends well!

Elders and Leadership Team are delighted to advise the unanimous congregational vote of support received, for **Paul Madsen** to be appointed as an Elder on the Elders Team, here at MUP Church. Thank you Church, and there will be an ordination for Paul in a Service in the new year. **Assets & Finance Team** are delighted to advise too, that **Mike Tombleson will be joining the A&F Team in the new year too.**

'Keeping Christ in Christmas' - Our Nativity display outside on the

Church Lawn has been up for a week and so far has been respected by the community, and actually we hear of several folk who have been delighted with it and speaking of it to others. We know one of the workers at '**The Cake Kitchen**' is recommending to



customers to "go and have a look at it". Our picture of it was taken around 9pm at night this week, when our Solar Christmas Lights come on too around the Church entrance. They are not that bright, but do give a nice touch. We have put up the lovely **Nativity signboard picture** on the corner.



The 10am service is live streamed. To access – at 10am 'Ctrl click' on the following Facebook link: [Mangapapa Union Parish](#)



Carols By Candlelight

This week we will be putting up the signage to advertise our '**Carols by Candlelight**' event, on **Friday 23rd December, commencing 8:15pm.** Our planning for this event has determined that it will take place **outside on our Church Deck and Lawn**, so if the weather is not right and it rains, it will be cancelled. We just feel with rising Covid infections again in the community, and with the attendance we usually get to this, we will keep it in the outdoor setting.



For Prayer this Week:

St Davids Church, Kaiti, Leaders – Pray for them, as after the suspected Arson last week on their Church Hall facility on Rutene Rd, they will have much to work through and many decisions to make. We pray that what was meant for evil, will result in blessing, in many ways.



We note with sadness the passing of Rev Bruce White this past week. Bruce was the Vicar of Holy Trinity for several years, then as 'Hospital Chaplain' here for several years too, and as such had many connections with folk in this region.

TEAR FUND Christmas Gift – We will be receiving and passing on to Tear Fund any donations for the Hunger Crisis in Africa. If you would like to donate you can either do it through their website or you can put your donation in an envelope labelled 'Tear Fund – Africa' and pop it in the Offering Box. There are plain envelopes available on the foyer table for you to use. We will also be giving \$100 from the '**Community Mission Garage Sale**' (TOSS) fundraising.



Mary Namboowa – Just a reminder that MUP sponsors a child monthly through World Vision. Mary lives with her grandfather in Ngogwe, in Uganda. There is some information about Mary on the wall beside the counter where we serve morning tea, and also a box where you can pop in any donations you would like to make towards her monthly sponsorship.

