

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am MUP Prayer meeting in the Church House
TODAY	10am Carols Service
Sun 20 th Dec	10am Christmas Family Service
Thurs 25 th Dec	9.30am Christmas Day Service
Sun 18 th Jan	Beach Baptism Service and lunch



Church Office Hours: 9am - 12noon, Mon - Fri (excluding public holidays).
The office will be closed from Christmas Day until Monday 12th 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.



“Christmas is telling you that you could never get to heaven on your own. God had to come to you.” – Timothy Keller

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 21 st December
Greeters	A Clement, I McCoy	N Aston, M Wilson
Ministry Team	A Clement	E Oates
Cups of Tea	G Briant, J Dyas	J Paton, L Hindle, M Smith
AV & Sound	E Oates / S Patrick	R Nelson / N Dunn
Counters	H van Wijk	A Radcliffe



Sunday 14th December 2025

10am: “Carols Service”

Leading: Angela Paton

Preaching: Shane Roche

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Elders Team

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*Explorers, Kidzspace, Matrix, Teens – All hands on deck this morning!
 All in fun, working together ... games / food / gifts.*



This morning is a Carol Service – Reverent Revelation

I've always loved singing carols at Christmas. There are so many that stir that sense of joy and peace the Christmas story brings. Each one highlights a different part of the most beautiful story ever told.

This Sunday, we'll share that story with each other again - reading the key biblical scriptures and reminding ourselves what this season truly represents.

This year's focus is **reverence**: pausing in awe as we remember the wonder of God coming near. - *Shane*

Scriptures: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; Luke 1:26-38; Luke 2:1-7, 8-16; Matthew 2:1-11; John 1:1-14



This week Aaron turned 50!

It is a significant birthday for him as in his own words, "I wondered if I would make it!" Aaron as a young boy, was hit by a car in Ormond Rd and severely injured. It was life changing for him. Aaron has had numerous surgeries over the years, and his faith in Jesus has been vital for him. Congratulations Aaron, kept looking to Him who is with you and in you!



Thank You!

A Big Thanks to Mike Sharp for the electrical work he did in garage. It was most appreciated and has helped the TOSS garage to look really smart now!



Packing the Te Hāhi 'Christmas Awhi Baskets' – These gift Baskets will be put together at House of Breakthrough, at **9am THIS Wednesday, 17th December**, should you wish to be a part of the team filling them.

Christmas & New Year / Summer Dates to remember:



- **10am Sunday 20th December** – 'Christmas Family Service'
- **9:30am Thursday 25th December** – 'Christmas Day Family Service'
- **10am Sunday 18th January** – 'Beach Baptisms & Picnic Service'. *(More details to come but this is exciting as there are up to 7 folk desiring Baptism on that morning. See Shane if you would like to join them).*
- **10am Sunday 1st February** – 'Picnic & Outdoor Service' out at Bill & Jody Wheeler's country home.

John Hawksworths Art Sale - John Hawksworth's Art sale at Beetham Village brought in a staggering \$3,300.00! What an amazing feat, well done to everyone involved! It all goes to cleft palate operations in the Philippines, and will provide life-changing surgeries for 13 or 14 children. Just a reminder that John has some cards left over from the Art sale and they are available to purchase. Large \$5 each, and small x4 for \$10, or \$3 each. All proceeds go towards Ruel Foundation's Cleft Lip and Palate operations in the Philippines.

Gisborne Hospital is searching for more Volunteer Chaplaincy Assistants (VCA) to join the Chaplaincy team. If you have 2-4 hours available each week and would be interested, please contact Rev. Patsy via email at Patsy.Ngata-Hills@tdh.org.nz. Alternatively you can ring the hospital at (06) 869 0500 and ask to be transferred to the Chaplain. Training is provided.



Kidzspace - If you have any level of interest to join the Sunday School team for 2026, please notify Ali Roche or Ashley Mountfort so we can organise logistics, a fun team and the roster for 2026! No prior experience required, just a passion to share the love of the Lord in a fun and creative ways. The more volunteers, the lighter the load. *"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us."* - Romans 12:6



Foodbank – Our current foodbank needs are:

Weetbix, milk powder, milo/hot chocolate, tuna/salmon, washing powder, dishwash liquid, pasta, flour, 2 Min Noodles, Christmas food.