

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
Thu 30 th Nov	"Journey To Bethlehem" movie
Sun 17 th Dec	Combined MUP/Fiji Fellowship Christmas Family Service
Thu 21 st Dec	8pm 'Carols In The Community'



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 Mondays at 1.30pm in the Church House. For more info contact Elaine Oates.

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study – Meets Tuesdays at 1.30pm in the Church House. Everyone welcome. For more info contact Maureen Wilson.

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

'Womens Lunch Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch. Next meeting, 30th November. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Meets fortnightly on alternate Thursdays to Women's Lunch Group, at 1pm in the Church House. Contact Elaine Oates or Diane McLean for more info.

"At age 20 we worry about what others think of us ... at age 40 we don't care what they think of us ... at age 60 we discover they haven't been thinking of us at all." - Ann Landers

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 3 rd December
Greeters	M Raitaukala, J Phin	A Clement, M Wilson
Creche	Parents	Parents
Ministry Team	A Clement	E Oates
Cups of Tea	D McLean, P Oram	W Carstens, L Hindle
AV & Sound	D Russell / A Russell	P Madsen / N Dunn
Counters	G Stevenson	N Coffey



Sunday 26th November 2023

10am: "Interview/Testimony with Shane & Ali Roche"

Psalm 100:5 – "For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations."

Leading: Stewart Patrick

Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick

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Elders Team

Stewart Patrick: 021 047 0795 Rodney Judd: 06 863-2400 Al Clement: 027 855 5949
 Paul Madsen: 027 511 4769

Children go out at 10:15am to their programmes.

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

In the first half of our Service this morning, the Lectionary Readings lead us in **praise and thanksgiving** and we affirm the foundations of our faith in singing, 'I Believe - The Creed'. Psalm 100:5 is so applicable to us today – *"His faithfulness to all generations.."*, that is you and me and little Hector, whom we dedicated last Sunday. Thank you MUP Church folk for your resounding, *"We Do!"* as you responded to the call to support, encourage and bless Hector and his parents as he grows to know Jesus. It was a powerful moment I have not experienced before in such a Dedication, you truly were speaking as one body, powerfully. Amen!



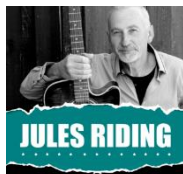
In the 2nd part of our Service this morning, we have the ZOOM video interview and testimony with Shane & Ali Roche, current 'Church Leaders' at Tewkesbury Baptist Church, UK. We put questions to Shane & Ali that have come from the Elders along with questions and comments from you, the MUP congregation. **Screening this 40 minute interview** is an



important part of our process, to be transparent in presenting to you this couple, and Shane as the prospective MUP 'Church Leader'. We will make this interview video available for screening to individuals or groups that cannot make the Sunday Service. Contact Stewart or Dione at the MUP office for this. In the week following this screening, the

MUP Elders, Leadership Team and Search Team members will meet together to determine a recommendation to be brought to you, MUP Church congregation members, for consideration and a vote. So we do hope for a good turnout this Sunday morning for this viewing. You can also **check out Shane preaching** at Tewkesbury Baptist Church on YouTube -

<https://www.youtube.com/@TewkesburyBaptistChurch>



Jules Riding Concert – 7pm Saturday 2nd December at Assembly Of God Church in Grey Street. Koha entry. For more information, see the poster at the back on our Noticeboard.



Christmas Advent Season – We have new displays being prepared now both inside the auditorium and out by the street. Our lawn Nativity scene will see the addition of a Stable surround and a large star along with additional lighting.

- 1) **Combined Christmas Family Service with the Fiji Fellowship – Sunday 17th December.** This will be full of fun and we will share in a BBQ lunch together too.
- 2) **'Carols in the Community' – Taking Carols to the street corners, 8.00pm Thursday night, 21st December.** We hope many of you will be part of the Carol Singing travelling around the Mangapapa area.



For Prayer this Week:

- **Pray for Shane & Ali Roche, and Ali's family**, as Ali's Grandfather died last Saturday. He was in his late 90's and in a way it was expected, but still tough for the family as he was much loved. A former Missionary Doctor in India. He also had a significant contribution to the conversion of J. John - the Anglican Cannon, Evangelist, Speaker and Author.
- **Pray for those unwell, receiving treatment or recovering.**
- **Pray for our new government to be formed** – Pray "...petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (1 Timothy 2)
- **"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem".** (Psalm 122)

Journey To Bethlehem Movie - If you are interested in going to this movie on **Thursday 30th November**, please put your name on the form on the Church Noticeboard at the back. Sorry, we do not know the times yet but will probably be in the afternoon.



Stars - Your creative stars are needed at the church by **Friday 1st December** please. This is the day we will be displaying them - for the month of December.

Christmas Carolling in the Church Neighbourhood - 8pm on Thursday 21 December. If you are interested in being part of this - singing or playing Keyboard or guitar - please put your name down on the sheet on the Church Noticeboard on the Sound Desk.



Nicola Hawkins is looking for a place for her lovely retired friends to house sit for some, or all of, 27th December – 17th January. They are excellent with pets, gardens and at taking care of houses. If you know of anyone who would like to offer their home, please contact Nicola on 022 131 9171 or nicandbruce@yahoo.com