

Dates to Remember	
TODAY	Ney's Farewell Service
19 th Dec	Christmas Family Service
25 th Dec	9.30am Christmas Day Service
26 th Dec	NO SERVICE TODAY



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 Joy McHardy or Val Judd.

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

Wednesday 'Mens Breakfast' – Meets for breakfast at 6.45am. Contact Paul Cosson for more info and venue.

Thursday 'Womens Breakfast' – Last meeting for the year this Thursday at 7am in the Church House. Will resume again end of January 2022. For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

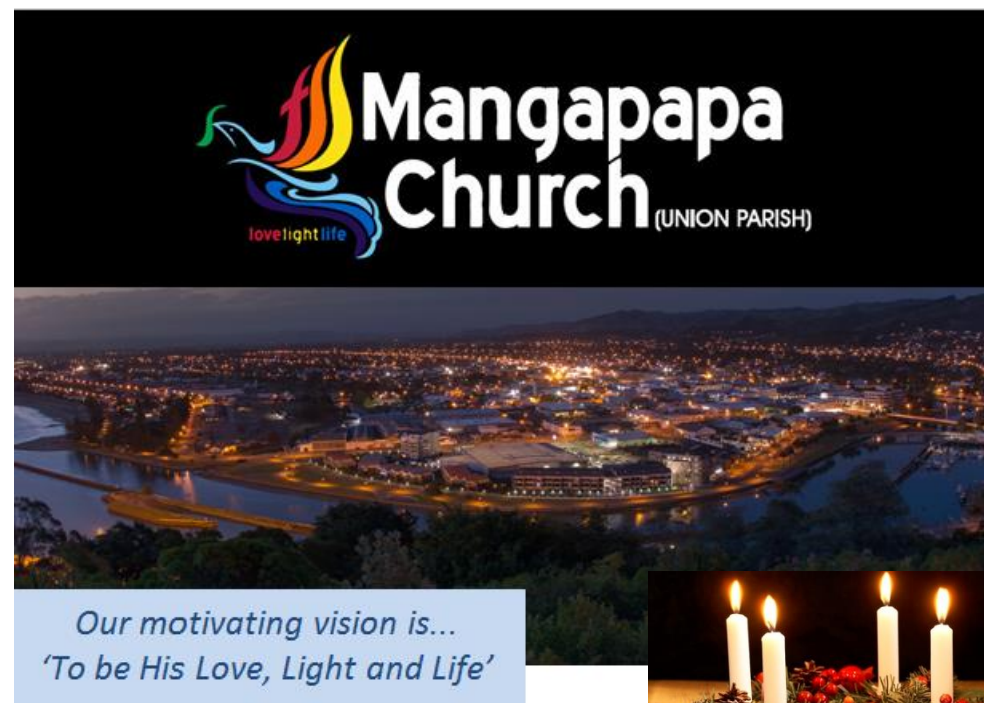
Women's 'Growth Group' – Has finished for the year and will not be meeting again until February 2022. Contact is Nicola Hawkins.



Booking for Services – Booking for services is very helpful for the greeters who just need to tick off your name when you arrive. **Book by emailing or ringing the office before 12pm Friday.** If you would like a permanent booking let the office know and we will automatically book you in each week.

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 19 th December
Greeters	M Raitaukala, Paul Madsen	M Wilson, L McAra
Explorers Crèche	R Theobald	Parents
Ministry Team	?	E Oates
Cups of Tea	W Carstens, P Oram, D McLean	N & C Coffey, R Keelan
Flowers	B Bowis	A Lewis
AV & Sound	R Nelson / P Walker	J Russell / <i>Volunteer</i>
Counters	B Wheeler	N Coffey



Sunday 12th December 2021

10am: "Praise Him – He Is Near"

Philippians 4:4-7

Leading: Stewart Patrick

Preaching: Stewart Patrick

Duty Elder: Al Clement

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Elders Team

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'Explorers' creche is available for 1-4 years. Parents will need to stay and supervise. 'Kidzspace' Primary age children go out at 10.30am.



Stewart writes ... 'Praise Him – He is Near' – This is the 3rd Sunday in Advent and it's the 'JOY' Sunday. The celebration of the gift that comes and the gift we are to and with one another. Let there be shouts of praise and hope. Let there be laughter and joy. But we are conscious too we cannot pretend all is well in these peculiar times of a global pandemic, and for many, things are not well. Yet as our 'Call to Worship' from Isaiah 12 prophetically says; *"With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name; make known His deeds among the nations; proclaim that His name is exalted."* (Isaiah 12:3-4 NRSV). In Christ we have a well to draw from in every situation. Truly, there is nothing that the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome. AMEN!



Also sharing in our Service today - Dr's Ken & Alison McFarlane share on Covid 19, and working in the Medical frontline. Everyone is facing difficulties with this Covid situation and it is necessary for us to hear from Ken and Alison who will speak on behalf of all Medical staff, on their concerns and the precautions they must take, in coming to Church, which they want to continue to do. We will have to 'up our game' here @ MUP as it appears Covid is in the community now. Dione will share more on the measures 'workers/volunteers' in our Services need to take note of.

Leadership Team join with Assets & Finance Team for their final meeting of the year on Wednesday night. The Government review of the 'Traffic Light' settings for each region, on Monday, will see us reviewing our Services too. We will advise before next Sunday if any changes are to be made.

For Prayer & Praise – Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Jan Newman**, as her husband Graeme passed away at Beetham on Thursday morning. Graeme had been unwell for some time.

- This morning we pray with thanksgiving for **Patrick & Kate Ney & family**, who are returning to their homeland of Canada after approx 10 years with us in NZ. We will not gather around them as we would normally do, but invite prayers of thanks and blessing from where you are seated.



'Drop In Communion, Prayer and Meditative Time' – A NEW 'Small Gathering' for anyone - Wednesdays 12:30-1:30pm - for any folk (vaccinated or unvaccinated) that desire to receive Communion and share in simple meditative worship, or receive prayer. It will not be a lot of talking, but listening. If for whatever reason, you are not able to be at a Sunday 10am Service, because of work, no MY Vaccine Pass, not wanting to be in a crowd - this is for you, but for anyone else too.

New Nativity Display Sign To Go Up On Ormond Rd Corner



At the time of writing we are still waiting on Printing House to print our lovely large Nativity Sign onto core-flute (pictured). We will pray a blessing on it when it is up, and it may be our Wednesday Gathering will do that.

Still Needing Help With A Vaccine Pass? – If anyone is still needing help getting their vaccine pass, Bramwell's Pharmacy is helping people get their Vaccine Pass at no charge. If you need help just pop in with your name and DOB and they will have it ready for you to collect later in the day. Pharmacy 53 is also offering help with about 10 minutes of waiting time, depending on how busy they are. Also, if you don't have access to a computer you can ring 0800 222 478 to register.

Te Hahi Christmas Hampers – This Sunday is the last Sunday to bring items for the Te Hahi Hampers. If you can't make it to church on Sunday and you want to contribute to this, you can drop items to the office on Monday morning. The Hampers will be getting done up and delivered by Thursday this coming week. **There is a list of items to purchase for the Hampers on the back table.**



Want Some New Plants For Your Garden? – All the plants in the room off the church foyer are free to a good home ... take any you want with you on Sunday.



Upcoming Christmas Services

Sunday 19th December – Next Sunday we will be having our Christmas Family Service. Bring the kids.
Saturday 25th December – We will be having a Christmas Day Service, commencing at 9.30am.
Sunday 26th December – No Service on Boxing Day.

Operating Under The Traffic Light System – Please bear with us as we continue to learn what the requirements are for us to operate under the RED Traffic Light system.



- Signing In/Scanning In is required.
- Vaccine Passes need to be shown for services that require them.
- People should be seated 1 metre apart unless part of the same 'bubble'. If you move your seat to sit next to your spouse/family, please move it back to the original position after the service.
- If you are on the Duty or Music Roster then you are considered a 'worker/volunteer' and are therefore required to wear a mask in the carrying out of your duty.
- Anyone serving food or drink is required to wear a mask.

Things continue to be quite 'fluid' at the moment, so we will update you as we learn more.