

Today	Christmas Family Service and Pot Luck lunch
Today	Te Hahi Combined Churches Service & BBQ
20 th Dec	Christmas Candles & Carols evening



Church Office Hours: 9am - 12noon, Mon - Fri (excluding public holidays).
The office will be closed from 25th December and re-open on Monday 11th January.

'Prayer Chain' – Urgent matters for confidential prayer support, can be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Joy McHardy or Val Judd.

Tuesday 'Prayer For the Nation' – No more meetings until next year. For more info contact Janet Burgess or Gretchen Norman.

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

Wednesday 'Mens Breakfast' - Have continued meeting in the Church House at 6.45am – 8.00am. For more info contact Paul Cosson.

Thursday 'Womens Breakfast' – Will start up again next year. For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Last meeting for the year, 1pm–2.30pm on Thursday 17th Dec, in the Church House. For more info contact Nicola Hawkins.

Friday 'Revival Prayer' – Starts 6.30pm and will be held at Joy McHardy's place. For more info contact Elaine Oates.

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.

Fundraising for Ruel – Orphanage and Cleft Lip Operations Philippines. Selections of cards kindly offered from originals by John Hawkesworth. Pack of 4 small \$10, pack of 3 large \$10. Framed originals from \$85. Contact Angela Paton 021 216 8446.

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Greeters	M Wilson, L McAra	J Phin, L Frampton
Explorers Crèche	Family Service	N Welch, E Holwill
Matrix	Family Service	School Holidays
Ministry Team	J McHardy	E Oates
Cups of Tea	N Aston, M Potter, <i>Volunteer</i>	E & B Bowis, L Hindle
Flowers	G Sharp	E Oates
AV & Sound	R Nelson / P Cosson	J Russell / P Cosson
Counters	A Radcliffe	N Coffey



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



Sunday 13th December 2020

10am: "Christmas Family Service"

Isaiah 9 verses 2 & 6

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Kids stay in for the service today.



Paula writes ...

Summer is definitely here! Hope you are finding ways to enjoy our wonderful climate and find some places to swim and stay cool. At our family gathering last weekend, we Zoomed in extended family in England who had just built a snowman and were all rugged up. There is something quite special about the incarnation, that Jesus came into our world, for all cultures and all people, and that the Christmas message can be celebrated in so many different ways: from gatherings around fires with the snow outside, to beach BBQ's in Aotearoa, to community shared meals cooked on fires like we had in Vanuatu. And in all of these Jesus is the reason.

Please join us, if at all possible, for our 'Carols and Candles' night next Sunday at 7pm. There are many ways to help, from decorating and setting up, to welcoming, to lighting candles, to bringing friends. Check the sign-up sheets today.

Our Sunday services will continue over the Christmas period with a range of people leading. The office itself will be shut from the 24th Dec until the 11th of January.

Leaders Update:

Two weekends ago our Leadership Team met to pray and discern our direction and focus for the coming year. It was lovely to be at Al and Sal's beautiful place, surrounded by trees, flowers and abundance of growth. We had time to worship, time alone and time together. The key Bible passages we focussed on were John 15 and Philippians 1, in light of important questions as to where we are at. We focussed on questions like:

1. **In what ways are we bearing fruit?**
2. **What needs pruning?**
3. **What are our goals for 2021?**

There was a consensus that our purpose in everything is to glorify God. There was a sense of needing to focus on discipleship, pastoral care and prayer. We looked briefly at each of our different outreaches which serve our community and are ways we are the hands and feet of Jesus. We came up with some key goals for next year, which we are just finalising and will present in the New Year.

We made one significant decision around our CAP Debt Help Centre, which we have been praying about for the last 6 months. It was decided that: ***"We finish the CAP Debt Help Centre agreement with CAP at the end of Term 1 2021, putting in place all we can to continue to support our clients on their journey out of debt, and that we continue our involvement with CAP through CAP Money"***.

The Debt Help Centre has been running for close to 6 years now, and we know has positively impacted individuals and families in becoming free from debt. Not only this, they have also experienced love, prayer and opportunities to hear the gospel. This year we have had less people approach us for support. However, just the last month we have had many enquiries. Because of this we want to finish well and over the next 4 months and do all we can to start these individuals and

families on their journey out of Debt. From April next year however, we will not take any more new clients. Those who have already started will continue to be supported by the CAP head office and also by their support friends from here. So please continue to support this ministry for the impact we can have in this time. After April, we will continue to run CAP Money courses (our 3 week budgeting course) and so will offer financial support in this way.

Blessings, Paula



Thank You to everyone who brought things for the Te Hahi and CAP gift boxes. We were able to do up 25 parcels to bless families over Christmas. Thank you also to those who helped make them up.



Combined Churches Service TONIGHT – 5.30pm Sunday 13th December. At Alive Church in Leith Street. Shared bbq afterwards, please bring a plate.

Curtains – Several of our curtains in the church building need a little TLC. Mainly they have come off hooks or need hooks replacing, and rehangings. We already have the hooks available. If you would be willing to give a couple of hours to help do this - please let Dione know in the office. Thanks.

New Photocopier from Business Applications Ltd – We want to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to Business Applications Ltd who has gifted us with a second hand photocopier, a couple of models up from our old outdated one and with plenty of life left in it. It had gotten to the stage where we needed to replace the old one as it wasn't working properly.

Christmas is Coming – A wonderful opportunity to share the good news of the Birth of Jesus. Our Christmas Carols are going to be on Sunday Evening 20th December. Please put it in your diaries now. We need actors, musicians, decorators, hospitality people, security, set-up, clean-up, and people to cover the event in prayer.



The Debt Help Centre will close this week and reopen mid January. Please pray our clients experience peace and joy as they celebrate Christmas and for the conversations when the lovely Christmas boxes are delivered.