

Dates to Remember	
TODAY	Christmas Family Service - Vax Pass required
Wednesdays	12.30pm-1.30pm 'Praise' Service - No Vax Pass required
25 th Dec	9.30am Christmas Day Service - Vax Pass required
26 th Dec	NO SERVICE TODAY



Church Office Hours: 9am - 12noon, Mon – Fri then closed for two weeks over Christmas/New Year. Opening again on Monday 10th January 2022.

'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, Wednesday 'Mens Breakfast and Thursday 'Womens Breakfast' groups – Have all finished for the year.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Has finished for the year. Will resume again February 2022. Contact is Nicola Hawkins.

Small Groups/Home Groups - Please remember all MUP Small Groups, gatherings and meetings need to adhere to the Covid 19 Health protocols. In a 'mixed' gathering 1 metre spacing, well ventilated area and hygiene care.

Operating Under The Traffic Light System – Orange Level

- 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.



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 26 th December
Greeters	L McAra, D Russell
Explorers Crèche	Parents
Ministry Team	E Oates
Cups of Tea	N & C Coffey, R Keelan
Flowers	A Lewis
AV & Sound	J Russell / S Patrick
Counters	N Coffey

No Service



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



Sunday 19th December 2021

10am: 'Christmas Family Service'
Light In The Darkness

Leading: Angela Paton & Team

Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick



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Kids stay in for the service today.

If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, stay home and call your doctor or Healthline on 0800 358 5453 for advice about getting tested. By getting a test, you are helping keep your community safe.



to Debora Dobbie who prepared the service for us this morning.

Debbie writes ...

At Christmas we celebrate God's glorious light breaking into spiritual darkness
Isaiah 9:2, 6 & 7

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the shadow of death a light has dawned. For unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end."

No wonder the angel said to the shepherds, "I bring you **good news of great joy** that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Saviour as been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

Let's celebrate with joy the coming of Jesus, the Light of the world, who brings light, love, hope and life to all who choose to follow him.



From the Elders, Leadership and A&F Teams Combined Meeting on Wednesday 16th December

Our main agenda item was to decide how Church Services will operate under the new Covid Traffic Light setting of '**ORANGE**' for the Gisborne/Tairāwhiti region, from 11:59pm Thursday 30 December. We assessed the Congregational feedback received over the past 2 weeks, which included advice from doctors Ken & Alison, and looked at all the requirements we would have to meet should we opt for permitting 3 separate Services on a Sunday – two in the morning and the Fijian Service in the afternoon. After much discussion of the options **we unanimously agreed to continue operating as we are now, through January 2022, with vaccine pass Services for 10am & 3pm (Fijian Service)**. We will review again after the School Holidays. The reality is Covid 19 will come to Gisborne and how we set up our Church Services now needs to cope with that happening, rather than having to backtrack. This Sunday our Kidzspace Christmas Service will be '**Livestreamed**' and so can be viewed live through this link to the [Mangapapa Church Facebook Page](#) Our thanks to David Levy for enabling this! In the new year we await a permanent livestreaming install. Don't forget too, the other midweek Worship option, for all folk...

'PRAISE' – A MUP Worship Gathering for Anyone – Wednesdays

12.30pm-1.30pm - Drop In Communion, Prayer and Meditative Time' – for any folk (vaccinated or unvaccinated) that desire to receive Communion and share in simple meditative worship, or receive prayer. 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.

Drs Ken & Alison McFarlane share on Covid 19

If you missed their excellent presentation last Sunday, you can listen to it here on our message podcasts;

[Christian Mission Doctors Share on Covid 19](#)

Ken and Alison McFarlane, have over 80 yrs combined experience, and for the past 7yrs have been training medical students in remote areas of Myanmar. A key takeaway from Ken was this - "In NZ we are not used to infectious disease. The things that cause us the most harm are not infectious diseases, they are heart disease, cancers, diabetes, accidents (etc.) When we work in Myanmar it's all about infectious disease – that's what kills people and they are rightfully scared of infectious disease. But with the kinds of diseases we normally get in NZ, it's all about 'me'. It's my heart attack, my osteoporosis, it's my treatment, my operation. But with infectious disease it's not about me. It's about me and you and you and you and you and you..." (a 'wow' moment).



For Prayer & Praise – Our beautiful 'Christmas Nativity Sign' went up on Tuesday and has received very positive feedback. Lord, we pray it is a blessing to those passing and causes some to pause and think of Christ in Christmas.

- **Patrick & Kate Ney & family**, have delayed their departure to Canada as Patrick recovers from surgery. Sadly, we lose another wonderful family in the New Year too - **Phil & Debbie Viljoen & family** are moving to Hawkes Bay, We will miss them but Debbie's Dad will be blessed as he needs extra care at this time.



Upcoming Christmas Services

Saturday 25th December – We will be having a Christmas Day Service, commencing at 9.30am. Vaccine Passes required.

Please try and book if you know you are coming.

Sunday 26th December – No Service on Boxing Day.



Te Hahi Christmas Hampers

– Thank you to all who donated items towards these hampers, and to Raewyn, Zebrina and Laraine for putting them together and making them look beautiful. Thanks also to Paul for organising it all with Te Hahi. We pray that the Lord will bless the families who receive these.



Christmas Closedown – The Office will be closing for two weeks from Christmas Day. It will be open again from Monday 10th January 2022. We will not be putting out a separate newsletter during this time – the newsletter for Christmas Day will also include the rosters for Sundays 2nd & 9th January.