

Tonight	Christmas Candles & Carols evening
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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 – Has finished for the year. For more info contact Maureen Wilson.

Wednesday 'Mens Breakfast' - Has finished for the year. For more info contact Paul Cosson.

Thursday 'Womens Breakfast' – Has finished for the year. For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Has finished for the year. 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.

	Today	Next Sunday 27 th December
Greeters	J Phin, L Frampton	B & A Hall
Explorers Crèche	N Welch, E Holwill	School Hols / Parents
Matrix	School Holidays	School Holidays
Ministry Team	E Oates	A Clement
Cups of Tea	E & B Bowis, L Hindle	N & C Coffey, M McHardy
Flowers	E Oates	E Oates
AV & Sound	J Russell / P Cosson	D Russell / R Levy
Counters	N Coffey	C Robinson



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



Sunday 20th December 2020

10am: "Wise Men Still Seek Him"

7pm: Carols & Candles Night

Please come at 6.30pm to pray before the service.

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'Explorers' creche is operating and available for 1-4 years.
'Kidzspace' Primary age children and 'Matrix 789's' go out together today.



Paula writes ...

Five more sleeps, five more windows on the Advent Calendar to open, and for Mary I guess she would have been on her uncomfortable and I am sure anxious journey to Bethlehem, not knowing quite how many sleeps until she was going to give birth. It's scary enough for a first time Mum when you have a hospital nearby and a room prepared, but this was so unknown for her.



This Christmas season, as you struggle with the unknowns in your life, may you know the presence of Jesus, Immanuel, who came into this world to be with us in the humblest way, yet who in the end conquered the most powerful forces of sin and death. May His act of extreme love and sacrifice for you, remind you of your value in the eyes of God and give you hope in the God who heals and restores.

Please join us for our Carols and Candles tonight at 7pm. Come early to pray at 6:30pm. Thanks to those who are helping. Invite your friends and neighbours.

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

Blessings as you celebrate Jesus' birthday. May you also find time to recharge and reconnect with God and friends, and enjoy this beautiful place where we live.

Meri Kirihimete, Paula



A Christmas nativity scene done by Zebrina Cowley.

Thanks for sharing your artwork with us Zebrina!



Christmas Day Service – 9.30am Friday

This will be a shortened service lasting approximately 45 mins to 1 hour. We would love a couple of volunteers for door greeters, Ezy Worship and Sound Desk. Please let the office know if you can help.

Curtains – Several of our curtains in the church building need a little TLC. Mainly they have come off hooks or need hooks replacing, and rehangng. 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.

Foodbank – Thank you for your faithful giving to the Foodbank. We currently need: long life milk, pasta sauce, tins of fruit, tins of peas or corn, tins of baked beans and spaghetti, soap, toothpaste, 500ml canola oil, rice, Christmas treats.



Kidz Programmes Over Summer – Over summer our Kidzspace and Matrix teams have a break. But we would love a few people willing to run games or a craft activity on a Sunday morning for 20-30 minutes. If you can do this then we would love to hear from you. If we had four people doing one Sunday each it would be sorted. Please let Debbie know this week.

An Update From Ruel Philippines – Greetings from the CEO! Like most of you, 2020 has been a very trying year! For me personally, I am still unable to get back to the Philippines. This is so hard, I miss the children and staff so much. They are managing well, the kids are all fine but feeling very confined since they have been locked down on our bases for 10 months! We have only been able to do a few operations and processing adoptions is really difficult. Christmas is looking great for the children thanks to sponsors providing funds so that we can buy presents for them all and an amazing Christmas party for children and staff. Thank you does not fully express my gratitude for this generosity, giving the children an even better Christmas than normal. So many of you have given in so many different ways. Many blessings to you all for Christmas. Love Pauline.



Christmas Closedown – The Office will be closing for two weeks from Christmas Day. It will be open again from Monday 11th January, with Marie Cosson in the office for this week and Dione Russell back on board from Monday 18th January. We will not be putting out a separate newsletter during this time – the newsletter for Sunday 27th will also include the rosters for Sundays 3rd & 10th January.

Paula will be on leave from 29th Dec and back in the office on 12th Jan. For urgent pastoral concerns during this time please contact one of the Elders.

