

Dates to Remember ...	
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am Christmas Day Service



### Church Office Hours:

The office will be closed over Christmas from 25<sup>th</sup> December until 13<sup>th</sup> 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'**-11am–12noon in Church Prayer Room. For more info contact Janet Burgess.

**Wednesday 'Mens Breakfast'**- No more meetings until Feb 2020. For more info contact Paul Cosson.

**Thursday 'Womens Breakfast'**- No more meetings until mid January 2020. For more info contact Gretchen Norman or Amanda Lewis.

**Friday 'Revival Prayer'**- No prayer meetings until further notice.

### 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.



### Youth Group has finished for the year.

See YG Facebook page for more details.



	Today	Next Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Greeters</b>	A Clement, H Hockey	J & L Hawksworth
<b>Explorers Crèche</b>	A Lawton	M Patrick
<b>Matrix</b>	School Holidays	School Holidays
<b>Ministry Team</b>	J McHardy	A Clement
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	S & M Patrick, N Aston	N & C Coffey, M Smith
<b>Flowers</b>	E Oates	E Oates
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	J Russell / P Walker	D Russell / S Patrick
<b>Counters</b>	A McLean	A McLean



### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019

**10am: '9 Lessons & Carols'**

Scriptures and songs for all ages

**Leading: Paula Levy**

**Duty Elder: Andrew Russell**

**No Evening Fellowship**

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### Elders Team

Andrew Russell: 027 815-1635 Rodney Judd 06 863-2400 Llew Paul: 022 052 8297

'Explorers' creche is operating and available for 1-4 years.  
'Kidzspace' Primary age children go out at message time.  
'Matrix' Intermediates are to go out during message time.

## Paula writes...

Today we celebrate together a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. This is a worship experience that has been celebrated for more than 100 years in many churches, either on Christmas Eve or on a Sunday close to Christmas.

It is very simply, the reading of 9 scriptures which demonstrate the development of the loving purposes of God from the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah in the prophetic books of the Old Testament, right up to the birth of Jesus. After each reading is a carol or song relating to the theme.

Today we have 9 readers, spanning 9 decades, and 9 songs ancient and modern. My prayer is that as you listen and respond in song, that not only the Christmas story, but the story of the redemptive plan of a loving God throughout history would speak to you, renew your hope and confidence and lead you to worshipping the coming of the long awaited Messiah.

Thanks to everyone for helping out with the Carols last night. I am writing this in faith, not knowing yet whether it will be outdoors or indoors, but praying that all who come to this event will enjoy celebrating the Christmas story and being together.

Thanks too to everyone for your commitment to this church family over 2019. It is a privilege to serve you as the Church Leader and I value so much your passion for Jesus, care for each other and love for our community. Rest well this Christmas season – and continue to look out for each other.

## Blessings, Paula

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Please check the lost property in the foyer: clothes on the hooks and other items underneath on the trolley, to see if anything belongs to

you. If items are not claimed they will be passed on to the second hand clothing stores or garage sale. There are also a few pairs of glasses on the table in the foyer.



**Christmas Day Service – 9.30am Wednesday**  
This will be a shortened service lasting approximately 45 mins to 1 hour. We would love a couple of volunteers for door greeters.

## **Bible 2020 Launch in Gisborne – 1st January**

Bible 2020, the world's largest Bible reading campaign, is only 9 days away. Bible 2020 is about Christians all over the world downloading a smartphone app and receiving a Scripture passage each day. Participants will be able to record themselves speaking the passage out loud and upload it to the global video wall. They can then watch people from all over the world reading that same passage in their heart language. This is a unique opportunity to join with thousands of Christians and help cover the whole of God's world with God's Word. ***And what's even better is that the whole global campaign kicks off in Gisborne at sunrise on January 1st!***



The Bible Society will be at **Okitu Beach at 5.30am** to film the first readings for this global campaign as the sun rises. They will be joined by the campaign founder from the Bible Society of Scotland, and they'd love to see you there to be part of this historic moment. There will be BBQ facilities so bring your bacon and

eggs. They'd love to have you join and help with the Scripture reading, as they want to have a strong start to this global campaign with as many people as possible uploading videos of the passage that morning. If you'd like to come, let them know by emailing [sopie@biblesociety.org.nz](mailto:sopie@biblesociety.org.nz) so they can bring enough juice for everyone!

**Foodbank** – Thank you for your faithful giving. We currently need: tuna/salmon, weetbix, long life milk, pasta sauce, tins of fruit, tins of peas or corn, spreads ... jams, peanut butter, marmite.



**Summer Sunday Social Events** – Over summer we are planning to have some casual social activities on Sunday afternoons, for anyone who wants to join in. Things like bush walks, snorkelling, surfing, picnicking, bbq's on the beach, cricket, volleyball ... etc. If you have any ideas, or are willing to co-ordinate an afternoon, please let Paula or Nicola know.