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| 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Matrix 789s EOY Beach event              |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Women's Christmas Coffee @ Robert Harris |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Pre Christmas Camping at Tolaga Bay      |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Family Service and Pot Luck lunch        |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Carols Service                           |



**Church Office Hours: 9am - 12noon, Mon - Fri** (excluding public holidays).

**'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'** – Meets at 7am in the Church House. For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

**Women's 'Growth Group'** – Meets fortnightly on a Thursday, 1pm–2.30pm, 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.

**Matrix 789s End of Year At Beach – 1-3pm 6<sup>th</sup> December** – We began the year at the beach - lets finish it there as well. Come with your family after church. Makarori Beach (But watch Facebook for any updates).

|                         | Today                 | Next Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> December |
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| <b>Greeters</b>         | J & L Hawksworth      | A Clement, M Raitaukala              |
| <b>Explorers Crèche</b> |                       | A Lawton                             |
| <b>Matrix</b>           | P & D Viljoen         | All Teachers                         |
| <b>Ministry Team</b>    | A Clement             | J Newman                             |
| <b>Cups of Tea</b>      | N & C Coffey, M Smith | B Corlett, J Dyas, A Alder           |
| <b>Flowers</b>          | D Dobbie              | G Sharp                              |
| <b>AV &amp; Sound</b>   | J Russell / P Walker  | D Russell / P Walker                 |
| <b>Counters</b>         | A Radcliffe           | N Coffey                             |



**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**10am: "Crisis Or Opportunity"**

*Psalm 55:22 (Give your burdens to the Lord)*

**Leading: Sal Clement**

**Preaching: Frank Darcy**

**Duty Elder: Andrew Russell**

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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 789's' are to go out at message time.*

## Paula writes ...

Thanks to all of you who prayed for our Leaders Retreat yesterday. We look forward to updating you on our time, our learnings and decisions that were made.

Today is the first Sunday in Advent. Here is a message from the Presbyterian Church Moderator. May we find ways to let the good news and truth of Christmas be told and lived out again as we prepare to celebrate.



### Prepare Yourself

Advent is the season of preparation; when Christians get ready, focus, and plan in anticipation for Christmas. This year may be very different from any other Christmas due to Covid-19. Preparation is the keyword.

Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, this year 29 November. We, the Church, recall our hopes and expectancy in the comings of Christ - past, present, and future. Christmas will always be Christmas. That magical day when we celebrate the Baby of Bethlehem.

Whether it be in the snow of the Northern Hemisphere or be in the warm summer of the Southern hemisphere, it is a wonderful season of hope, love, peace, and joy. Let's be prepared in mind, heart, and attitude. Let's be prepared for whatever coronavirus restrictions we may face.

This is a wonderful season for each one of us to strive to clear the deck. Remove any unnecessary baggage that has accumulated over the year. Prepare yourself for the baby of Christmas, Jesus.

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**Right Rev Fakaofu Kaio**  
**Moderator**

Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand



**Women's Christmas Coffee** – 10.30am Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at Robert Harris. All Welcome.

**Family Service and Pot Luck Lunch** – Great opportunity to invite family and friends to our Family Service on **13<sup>th</sup> December**, which will be followed by a pot luck lunch. Please bring a plate to share, and stay and get to know other brothers and sisters in Christ.

**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.

**Bless a Family this Christmas** – We would love you to join us in blessing families in need this Christmas. We will be putting together Boxes for both our CAP Clients and also to gift to the Te Hahi Ministry. You could make a box or give donations of things like: Chocolates, small games, toiletries, towels, a swimming pool voucher, movie pass, colouring book, pens etc. If interested, please bring these the next two Sundays. We will be putting together boxes at **9am Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December** and you are welcome to join us for this.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Church Directory Correction** – Please note that Llew Paul's address in the Church Directory is incorrect. The number of his house is 19 – not 9.

**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.

### Pre Christmas Camping – 11<sup>th</sup> December

Drag out the tent, motorhome, campervan, or book a cabin and join a bunch of outdoor-loving friends at Tolaga Bay Holiday Park (06 862 6716). Be aware that Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> is a special event for Children's Church, so by getting to Tolaga on Friday evening, you could do both. Make your own arrangements. For more info contact Paul Cosson - 027 665 8006.



We really need more Support Friends to continue CAP Debt Help work. If you know of Christians from other churches that you think might like this role, please discuss it with them then give me their contact details. Nicola.