

Today	Youth Group EOY Beach event
9 th Dec	Women's Christmas Coffee @ Robert Harris
11 th Dec	Pre Christmas Camping at Tolaga Bay
13 th Dec	Christmas Family Service and Pot Luck lunch
13 th Dec	Te Hahi Combined Churches Service & BBQ
20 th Dec	Christmas Candles & Carols evening



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' – 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.



Youth Group End of Year Beach Bash – 1-3pm Today

– We started the year at the Beach – let's finish it there too! Makarori Beach car park. Bring whatever gear you enjoy at the Beach – snacks, drinks, sunscreen. Contact Kate with any questions.

	Today	Next Sunday 13 th December
Greeters	A Clement, M Raitaukala	M Wilson, L McAra
Explorers Crèche	A Lawton	Family Service
Matrix	All Teachers	Family Service
Ministry Team	J Newman	J McHardy
Cups of Tea	B Corlett, J Dyas, A Alder	N Aston, M Potter, D Benson
Flowers	G Sharp	G Sharp
AV & Sound	D Russell / S Patrick	R Nelson / P Cosson
Counters	N Coffey	A Radcliffe



Sunday 6th December 2020

10am: "Pride and Unbelief"
Hebrews 3:12

With shared Communion

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'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 ...

As we near the end of the year, I am consciously trying to take time, in what can be the crazy season. As Jesus' followers, this Celebration is ours. It is the coming of Jesus, the Son of God, into our world. It is the message of God with us. It is Good News, it is Peace on Earth. I have been thinking about some questions:



How can I take responsibility for making it Good News in some way?
How can I find ways of living and telling the story again?
How can I give, and bless and serve?
How can I make Christmas a time of hope for those for whom it can just feel like a reminder of their poverty and loneliness?
And how can I really celebrate this Good News myself with those close to me?

Can I encourage you to make time – even if its just little bits of time. Make time to re-read the Christmas story. Make time to think how you can bless someone else. Make time to notice those who are struggling. Make time to pray and just let the good news of Jesus sink in. Make time to be thankful. It may have been a tough year but what are things we can be thankful for? Make time to celebrate.

May I encourage you to be involved in our Christmas Candle and Carols night on the 20th – helping or bringing friends. Let's make it the way we together tell the story to our friends and neighbours.

I am away in Wellington this weekend. A postponed gathering from COVID – with all my brothers and sisters, and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. I pray I can be a blessing to them.

Blessings, Paula

Leigh McGurk shares with us this morning on 'Pride & Unbelief'. No Christian likes to admit to the sin of **Pride**, but have we considered **Unbelief – I can't do it ... even with Christ.** Hebrews 3:12, *"See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God."*

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.



Women's Christmas Coffee – 10.30am Wednesday 9th December at Robert Harris. All welcome, no need to RSVP, just come along.

Christmas Family Service and Pot Luck Lunch – Great opportunity to invite family and friends to our Christmas Family Service on **13th 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.

Wanted Please – A well-loved/worn soft toy to use at the Christmas Family Service on 13th December. If you can part with one please see Debora Dobbie and remember to collect it after the service. Thank you.



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

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.

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 8th 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 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.



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.



Thank you for praying for CAP's needs. We are now well "stocked" with clients, baking and Support friends for this year's workload. We still need more Support Friends for next year though.