

**Church Office Hours:** 9am -12noon

**'Prayer Chain'** – Urgent matters for, Mon - Fri (excluding public holidays). 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.

**Wednesday, 'Mens Breakfast'**- meets every Wednesday morning 6:45am - 7:50am in the Church house lounge. For more info contact Paul Cosson.

**Friday Revival Prayer'**– every Friday evening 6:30pm-7:30pm at Joy McHardy's home.



**FOODBANK**...Thank you for your faithful giving to this ministry. Our foodbank is reasonably well stocked, however we would greatly appreciate help with the following items: **sugar, toilet paper, dishwashing liquid and light bulbs.**

**Women's Dessert Evening** - Thanks to everyone who helped organise a wonderful night out for more than 30 women. Gorgeous food, great location and awesome company. Thanks to Anita also for being the brain child behind our



lovely cake to take home. Our apologies to anyone who was mistakenly overcharged, or for any confusion over cost. IF that was you, let us know and we would love to put it right. We look forward to our next gathering early next year – Paula, Nicola, Maureen and Barbara.



**Prayer Ministry Team** - If you are available to come to the Healing Service, please gather for a short meeting after the morning service next week (the 9th) to pray and prepare.

	Today	Next Sunday 9 December
<b>Greeters</b>	M Wilson, D Whibley	N Hawkins, <i>volunteer</i>
<b>Explorers crèche</b>	R Theobald	J Langford
<b>Matrix</b>	L Hindle	S van Wyk
<b>Ministry Team</b>	A Clement	J Newman
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	J Dyas, B Corlett, W Carstens	A & D McLean, D Benson
<b>Flowers</b>	B Bowis	B Bowis
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	P Oram, P Walker	R Nelson, P Cosson
<b>Counters</b>	N Coffey	N Coffey



**Sunday 2 December 2018**

**10am: "Building on the Past" with Shared Communion**



**Leading: Paula Levy      Preaching: Gretchen Norman**  
**Duty Elder: Llew Paul**

**6.30pm: Evening Fellowship Gathering**

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**Elders Team**

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*'Explorers' creche is operating and available for 1-4 years.*  
*'Kidzspace' Primary age children head out when directed.*  
*'Matrix' Intermediates meet during the message time, over in the house*

**Paula writes...**This morning, it is a privilege to have Gretchen Norman share some of her story and our story with us. I was struck a few weeks ago as we remembered Armistice Day, the vital importance of learning from the past. We certainly don't want to get stuck there, but we have a responsibility to understand our foundations, understand what God has said and done, so that we can move into the future well, into all the new things God wants to do in and through us. Gretchen has been a significant member and leader of our community for many years, and we honour her and value her input.

This Sunday is also the first Sunday in Advent. This is a time we wait for and prepare for our celebrations of the birth of Jesus. "Ad Vent" means "to come". Each of the next four Sundays we will light a candle. These symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of Jesus and remind us that we too are to be the Light of the World. The four candles represent hope, peace, joy and love. My prayer is that as we take time to wait and reflect, we will again be blown away by the awesomeness of the Christmas story, of the Son of God breaking into history, bringing salvation and hope to a broken world.

Tomorrow afternoon there will be a Whanau Day in the Park in Atkinson Street from 3:30pm. We will have a gazebo there; and look forward to meeting and talking with people. We will also be telling people about the work of CAP and inviting them to our Christmas Family service and our Carols on Christmas Eve.

There will be a special Healing service next Sunday in the evening at 6:30pm. This will involve a time of worship, followed by opportunities to receive prayer for healing. Please be praying for this time now, and we welcome you to bring anyone along who would appreciate special prayer in this way.

We are still looking for a small team of people to coordinate our Christmas Eve Carols. Please let Paula know as soon as possible if this is you ☺ Blessings, Paula

**Gretchen's brief on her message this morning...**

Jesus said "My house will be called a house of prayer" Matthew 21:13



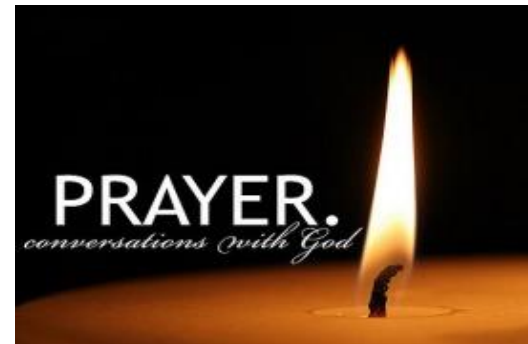
**CAPtion** – This Monday I am going to Mangapapa Whanau in the Park Day to connect with other service providers and local community members in the hope that people who need financial help hear of our CAP services. – Nicola

**You're invited to...**

**Mangapapa Whanau Day on Mon 3 Dec 3:30pm- 5:30pm**

**Evening Healing Service next Sunday 9 Dec 6.30 pm**

- Please join us for a service of worship and prayer for healing, and invite anyone you know would especially appreciate prayer.



**Christmas Eve Carols on Church Lawn @ 8:15pm**

We are looking for a team to lead and run this wonderful community outreach. Please let Paula know if you are keen.



**'Carols By Candlelight'**

Christmas Eve  
Monday 24 December



On the Mangapapa Church Lawn  
71 Atkinson Street

**MANGAPAPA WHANAU DAY 2018**  
Building Happy Community!  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 3**  
**3:30PM - 5:30PM**  
Bouncy castles, Chess, Ultimate frisbee  
Live music, Pony rides, Train rides  
Facepainting, Games, Spot prizes & More  
Atkinson Park Mangapapa  
Nau Mai Haere Mai

Logos include: Cancer Society, TURANGAPAPA, SuperGrants, rrt, RAPID RELIEF TEAM, TE RUNANGA O TURANGAUNI A KIWA, ECT, Ka Pai Kaiti, Te Puni Kōkiri, Barnardos, FOR KIWI KIDS, Sport, whānau, euahti here, VFTN, E Te Whānau!

**Angel Tree**– Unwrapped gifts are due back today please. Wrapping night will be on **Friday 7 December 6pm - 8pm**, in the Kidzspace room. You are invited to make a donation of \$25.00 for each gift, via envelope or via online banking into our MUP church account - reference "Angel Tree".



There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.