

**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, rice, 2 minute noodles, light bulbs, canned spaghetti/vegetables/fish.**

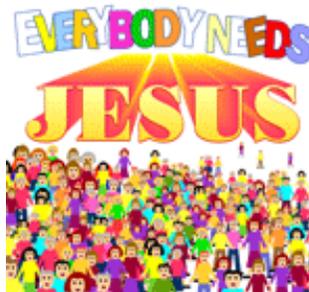
**TOSS Garage Sale** - The last Open Shed Day for 2018 was held on Thursday, whereby \$220.00 was raised for local mission projects. Many thanks to those who have donated items this year, and a special mention for local resident Ian Radcliffe who has popped into the office many a time with items to sell.



**Church Directory** - We are in the process of updating our church directory. If you have any details to update, or you are new to the church and would like to be included in this booklet, please see Marilyn at the table after the service.



**'Te Hahi' MUP On Call this week – Mangapapa Church volunteers are 'On-Call' with Te Hahi/Police from Monday 17th – Sunday 23rd December.** Callouts generally involve us giving a food parcel, prayer and encouragement.



	Today	Next Sunday 23 December
<b>Greeters</b>	<i>Al Clement, L McAra</i>	<i>J Phin, H Hockey</i>
<b>Explorers crèche</b>	<i>M Parker</i>	<i>R Theobald</i>
<b>Matrix</b>	<i>Christmas Family Service</i>	<i>School Holidays!!</i>
<b>Ministry Team</b>	<i>E Oates</i>	<i>J McHardy</i>
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	<i>P &amp; A Walker, volunteer</i>	<i>3 volunteers please</i>
<b>Flowers</b>	<i>E Oates</i>	<i>E Oates</i>
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	<i>D Russell, S Patrick</i>	<i>AV volunteer, P Walker</i>
<b>Counters</b>	<i>A McLean</i>	<i>A McLean</i>



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

**Sunday 16 December 2018**

**10am: Christmas Family Service  
"Presents/Presence"**

**Leading & Preaching: Debbie Dobbie & Team  
Duty Elder: Andrew Russell**

**6.30pm: Last Evening Gathering for 2018**

**Church Leader:** Paula Levy **Office** 06 867-9604 **Cell** 021 140-4667  
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**Elders Team**  
Andrew Russell: 027 815-1635 Rodney Judd 06 863-2400 Llew Paul: 022 052 8297

*All children remain in church for duration of Christmas Family Service*

**Paula writes...** Welcome to Mangapapa Church this morning, especially if you are visiting for our Family Service. Debbie and the team have lots in store, so enjoy the music and message and learning about Christmas



“presence”. Our family are away in Wellington this weekend but will be praying for you all this morning.

This week has been a challenging one for me, having to attend the funeral of a close cousin I grew up with. A wonderful, life-filled entrepreneur type character she had also blessed many with her hospitality and generosity. We hadn't lived

in the same city since we were at school – but I was very grateful that earlier this year our whole family spent an afternoon with hers, seeing some of their projects and dreams, and we reconnected and enjoyed time together. I spoke to another person at the funeral who had been saying for 4 years they should have caught up with her – but didn't. A good reminder to make the most of opportunities and the time we have with people. Life can be more uncertain than we know. So I guess a challenge this Christmas is that your “presence” matters, and to take time to connect with those who matter to you. Also, to take time to make space for those who maybe do not have others around them.

I was challenged at the funeral about what to “say” – and how to sensitively, in a life-giving way share a little hope of the gospel. On the spot it is quite hard – so maybe think through how you can share a little of the Jesus story this Christmas with those around you, creatively and sensitively.

With only about 10 days to our Community Christmas Carols – thanks to those who have already volunteered to help. Please sign the clipboard today to join a team, many hands make it possible, and let's make this a joyful and meaningful gift to our community. Please be praying for good weather and for all the details to come together.

Blessings as you continue to reflect on, live out the Christmas story this week.

Paula

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.

## Mangapapa Church are looking for a new Administrator.

Normal working hours: 9am – 1pm, Monday to Friday.

We are looking for someone who loves people, is committed to the mission of our Church, has great computer and technical skills and copes well with a wide range of tasks and responsibility. Extra hours would be considered for someone who also had skills in accounting.

Please contact Paula Levy, Mangapapa Church Leader, 021 140 4667 for further details and a Job Description. Applications close 20 December 2018.

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

## **CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLS! Church Lawn @ 8:15pm**



### 'Carols By Candlelight'

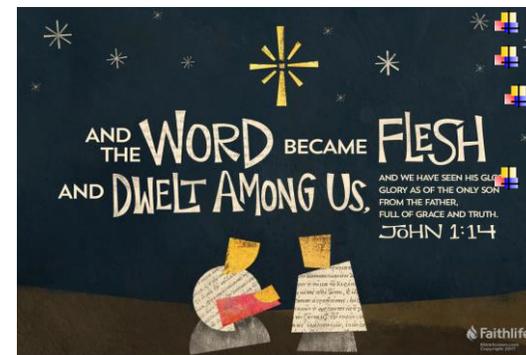
Christmas Eve  
Monday 24 December



On the Mangapapa Church Lawn  
71 Atkinson Street

Please add your name to the clipboard list on the auditorium table, to be part of Set-Up team, Kitchen team, Host & Welcomers or to be of help in Other ways.

We would also like some help from our men folk to erect our 'Carols by Candlelight' sign on the front lawn by the church entrance early next week. See Sepoima today please or contact her at the church office.



## **CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE!!**

**Monday 25 Dec – More details in next week's newsletter.**



**CAPtion** – The CAP Debt Help Centre will be closed from now until the beginning of February. People who need debt help can ring 0508 227 111 and they will be booked an appointment for February/March - Nicola.