

'Prayer Chain' – Urgent matters for confidential prayer support, can be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Joy McHardy 8689268 or Val Judd, 8632400

'Confidential Healing Prayer 4 U' – The last **Prayer 4 U session for 2017** will be on **Monday 11 December** in the Church House lounge, 12:30pm to 1:30pm. **Prayer 4U will resume on Monday 5 February 2018.** If anyone has an urgent prayer need over the Christmas/New Year holiday period, contact either Gretchen Norman or Joy McHardy.

Tuesday, 'Prayer For the Nation' - 11am -12pm in the Church Prayer Room.

'Friday Revival Prayer'– Meets every Friday evening 6:30pm to 7:30pm at Joy McHardy's home 266B Ormond Road. Enquiries to Stewart Patrick, contact 0210470795.



FOODBANK.. Thank you for your faithful giving to this ministry. We currently have a good supply of breakfast cereals, tinned fruit, baked beans & spaghetti, tea bags, toilet paper, toothpaste and rubbish bags. However, we would love help with the following items: **biscuits or treats for kids, flour, sugar, rice, pasta sauce, jams & spreads, 2 min noodles, UHT milk, canned tomatoes or veges, dishwashing liquid and laundry powder/liquid.**

Focus on Servanthood – We would like to acknowledge everyone who contributed and volunteered towards this year's Angel Tree Christmas (ATC) programme, led by Raewyn, Sharon, Rebekah & Esther. Thank-you all for your donations, gifts, and time; all of which made this year's Christmas appeal such a roaring success.



2018 'Matrix' Intermediates – For 2018 we are looking for 6-8 people who are willing to go on a roster to take this group on a Sunday morning in term time, while the preaching is on. Lessons are provided. Please see Marilyn if you can help.



'Beautiful Women in the Lord' 2018 – Ladies, we will be meeting sometime in January for dessert. So keep watch on this space for further updates!

Lost Property – Please check 'found' clothing items on the coat hangers in the church foyer. Has anyone seen a pair of pink sandals which were left behind in the Explorers' creche about a month ago?? Contact Ben Sutherland if you have.



'Youth Group on Christmas/New Year Break'
Check YG Facebook Page in February next year for 2018 Programme



Today 10 December 2017 Next Sunday 17 December 2017

Greeters	<i>D Whibley, A Clement</i>	<i>H Hockey, V Judd</i>
Explorers crèche	<i>R Theobald, H Dobbie</i>	<i>E Fuchs</i>
Ministry Team	<i>E Oates</i>	<i>J McHardy</i>
Cups of Tea	<i>N & C Coffey, L Hindle</i>	<i>P & D Viljoen, Volunteer</i>
Flowers	<i>D Dobbie</i>	<i>A Lewis</i>
AV & Sound	<i>R Nelson, J Holland</i>	<i>Dione Russell, Jackson Holland</i>
Counters	<i>A McLean</i>	<i>N Coffey</i>



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

Sunday 10 December 2017

10am: 'Christmas, Coming Home' Advent Week 2

Leader: Sal Clement Sharing/Preaching Ralph Fuchs & Stewart Patrick

Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick

5pm: City Christmas Parade
MUP Church has a Nativity Float in the City Parade

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*'Explorers' creche is operating and available for 1-4yrs.
'Kidzspace' Primary age children head out when directed.*

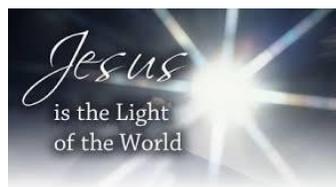
'Matrix' Intermediates meet during the message time, in the Church house

Stewart writes... This morning, Ralph Fuchs shares testimony & thoughts on Christmas times growing up in his homeland, Germany. What is 'home'? Home is anywhere we meet God, face-to-face and hand-in-hand. Home is the assurance that Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, thus proving God's love for us. Home is knowing that we are saved by the grace of God. Home is anywhere that we meet God's people and welcome them in with the love of Christ. Many folk @MUP are 1,000's of kms from their homeland and/or family members every Christmas. Remember our 'true home', & its being prepared



CHRISTMAS SERVICES – There will now be a 9:30am 'Christmas Day Service' here at MUP. Elders have agreed to include this 3rd Service, on the proviso that it is picked up by a competent team not involved in the Christmas Eve Services. Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, so there are two Christmas Eve Services – 10am & 8:15pm 'Community Carols by Candlelight Service'.

MUP Christmas Parade Float theme – "THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD HAS COME", 5pm SUNDAY NIGHT!! Come help us share this wonderful news! The Christmas Parade is a great opportunity to step out, to lift the name of Jesus high, and to rejoice that he is the light of our lives. We would love for you, your families and friends to join the celebration with us. **Duration: 30minute walk in the parade.**



Meet us at: 5pm, Reads Quay, Float #14. Theme: 'The Light of the World has come!' Wear something bright, white, glowing or just use your imagination to light up the streets of Gisborne. **Float Decorating:** For those who have expressed interest in float decorating, this will take place Saturday 9 December from 1pm. **Contact Phil or Debbie Viljoen for more information** (027) 512 0793 or 863 3959 or just come along on the day. We would love to see you there!

A note from Neil Smoker, Worship Team Leader - Your feedback is precious – the worship team is a collection of individuals with a desire to see God lifted up at MUP – in addition to magnifying God, we are also here to help you in your individual and corporate worship, and to be sensitive to the wide-ranging styles of praise and worship available to communicate our love for our heavenly Father. We won't hit the button all the time for everyone, but we would like to hit it most of the time for most of our church family. Please let me know how we can serve you better in this way – I can't promise to accommodate all feedback all of the time, but will always try to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading as we

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.

corporately seek to put Jesus at the centre of everything we do as a worship team. You can e-mail me at spyders@gisborne.net.nz, text me on 027-2951033, or even speak to me in person – Neil. ☺

For Prayer & Praise this week...

- **Congratulations to Senior Students receiving awards** – Some outstanding results have been published in the Gisborne Herald this past week. Special mention to Alicia Hoskin, Sonja van Wijk & Hannah Overbye – finishing High School with tremendous acknowledgment for 'citizenship/role model' awards.
- **'TOSS' Open Shed Sale Day** on Thursday, raised \$500 for Angela's Philippines campaign for the Ruel Orphanage children under 1year old, to receive the pneumococcal vaccine.



- **'Angel Tree'** – wrapping, packing & deliveries all take place this weekend for 165 children in the Tairāwhiti/Gisborne/Wairoa region, who have a parent in prison. We pray for the 12 volunteers, going in twos to do the deliveries to the homes. *Pic left, 'Wrapping Night' Team Thurs.*

A grateful MUP Foodbank recipient recently wrote: "Our family are the ones who received the wonderful and thoughtful grocery hamper from the willing and giving hearts. I'm burdened to share with you how much we've all enjoyed the gift; from the nuts and snacks, to the bread and milk, even the potatoes! These gifts have been such a blessing to us all, especially me, due to the fact that I'm responsible for buying the groceries each week with a budget of approximately \$100 to feed two adults and three children. So from the depths of my being and from our family, Thank You So Much! for giving us some relief, and enjoyment and peace - From a grateful family."



Christmas Food Parcels – We would love to give out a few 'Christmas' parcels of food to 'Victim Support' for them to deliver to families in need. If you would like to give towards this, please hand items into the office or put donations in the offering marked 'Christmas Foodbank'.



Nicola's CAPtion – We are starting to deliver Christmas gifts this week. Along with a voucher for food and Christmas pudding there is a copy of "The Father's Love letter". Please pray that clients' hearts are open to receiving the presence of Christ in their lives as well as the presents.

CAP Money Course 'One on One' – Sepoima has recently completed training as a CAP Money Course coach, and would like to offer the Money Course on a 'one-on-one' basis in 2018. Please spread the word, and have interested individuals or couples contact the Church office for bookings or for more info.