

**'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 **Prayer 4 U** team will be taking a break over the Christmas/ New Year holiday period, and **will resume on Monday 5 February 2018** in the Church House lounge, 12:30pm to 1:30pm. 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'**– Takes a break over Christmas/New Year.



**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, toothbrushes and rubbish bags. However, we would love help with the following items: **biscuits or kids treats, UHT milk, sugar, flour, rice, pasta, jams & spreads, pasta sauce, 2 min noodles, canned tomatoes or veges, dishwashing liquid and laundry powder/liquid.**

**Job Vacancy @ Cornerstone Preschool: Part-Time Office Administrator**



We are a community based Pre-school catering for 30 children aged 2 to 5 years old, in the heart of Kaiti. We are committed to our Special Character and Christian Philosophy. We have a strong team environment and believe that each member's contribution is crucial to the centre's success.

We are looking for a well-organized team player that supports our Christian philosophy. Excellent computer and inter personal skills are essential. Knowledge of APTS and ECE regulations an advantage, but not a requirement. Hours of work will be mornings, 15 - 20 hours a week. Please send your CV, a covering letter and any further queries to [kingdomkidstrust@outlook.com](mailto:kingdomkidstrust@outlook.com). **Applications close on Friday 19 January 2018.**

**2018 'Matrix' Intermediates** – We thank our church folk who responded to our teaching request for the Matrix Intermediate group next year. We now require just **2-3 more willing people** to go on the 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.

**Online Petition to keep Religious Education in schools - View here at:**  
<http://www.citizengo.org/en-us/node/102047>

	Today 24 December 2017	Next Sunday 31 December 2017
<b>Greeters</b>	L McAra, <i>Volunteer</i>	L McAra, L Frampton
<b>Explorers crèche</b>	<i>Volunteer</i>	V Judd
<b>Ministry Team</b>	J Newman	E Oates
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	<i>Volunteers</i>	J Dyas, B Corlett, M Smith
<b>Flowers</b>	A Lewis	G Sharp
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	P Oram, G O'Neil	R Nelson, J Holland
<b>Counters</b>	N Coffey	D Welch



**Sunday 24 December 2017**

**10am: Christmas Eve, 'His Glory'**

**Leading: Stewart Patrick & Team**

**Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick**



**8.15pm – 'Carols by Candlelight' on Church lawn**

**Monday 25 December 2017**

**9:30am: 'Christmas Day Family Service'**

**Leading & Preaching: Andrew Russell**

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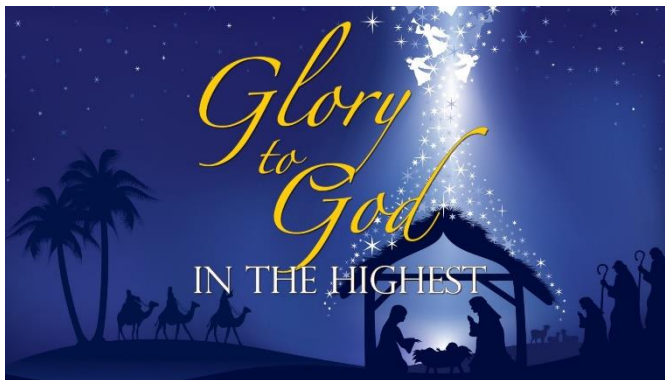
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**Elders Team**

Rodney Judd 863 2400 Andrew Russell: 868 6342 Llew Paul: 022 052 8297

*All Children & Intermediate Youth remain in for the Christmas Services*

**Stewart writes...** Here we are, its Christmas Eve on a Sunday, Christmas Day on a Monday, and the last time that happened was in 2006! We do have 3 significant Services in the next 24 hrs, involving many in serving, so a big 'thank you' for this. Our Christmas Eve theme is 'His Glory'.



Angels proclaimed it, Shepherds heard it and saw it, but religious people missed it.

Oh let us not miss acknowledging and seeing His glory by the Spirit as we move through Christmas, and on into 2018.

Last week the Kidzspace kids were delightful in their portrayal of the first Christmas events, and oh, that kiss by Emma on baby Jesus! *"..when you kissed your little baby, you kissed the face of God. Mary did you know..."* Well today it's the adults turn to present a little drama 'Bethlehem Town', and oh boy, I'm nervous! Be nice to us please.



**'CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT' – 8:15pm Christmas Eve on the Lawn.**



**Strawberries & Ice Cream to commence  
Kids Prizes - All Free  
Carol Candles provided, but bring one if you wish.**

It is amazing how many folk from the community come every year to this event, and one person who comes every year, whom I met for the first time recently, said, *"I love it and I consider MUP to be my church!"* A set up crew will be down here earlier on Sunday evening setting up, and we would really appreciate a few extra hands to help set up the chairs outside, at around 7pm.

**MUP Church Office** – Will be closed just for the Statutory holidays over Christmas & New Year. Open 8:30am-12noon, Wednesday 27 to Friday 30 December. Then we re-open again after New Year, Wednesday 3 January. We are 'on-call' over that period too, with the 'Te Hahi' Police Phone, for pastoral call outs.

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.

**For Prayer & Praise this week...**

- **The Friday morning 'RAK' Team** (Random Acts of Kindness), finished up the year with putting together these Christmas goodies packs for the senior folk and shut in folk, that they bake and deliver to each Friday morning throughout the year.
- **The 'New Church Leader Search Team'** have concluded interviews with two applicants now, and have called a special meeting of MUP Leadership Team, next Wednesday 27 Dec, @ 7pm, to have a briefing and share their perspectives, and to pray, seek wisdom and thoughts of the wider group on a possible candidate.
- **'Kidzspace Christmas Family Service – pics from last Sunday...'**



**Spot the differences in the Church Kitchen!** – Electrician Mike Sharp & Perry Walker have been busy carrying out essential safety & building requirement work in the Church Kitchen. What began as a desire to install a donated 2<sup>nd</sup> hand Commercial Dishwasher, revealed we had non-compliant electrical and stove installation issues to be corrected! End result is great – a new standard dishwasher, relocation of the Water Boiler & water filter, dangerous plugs, & a tile stove splash back installed. Now a coat of paint would do wonders too, A&F?



**Stu & Ruth Corlett's 'Circuit International' Alternative Christmas Gifts**

this year is focused on their New Hope Seed Banks programme. Click on the photo at left, or visit [www.circuitinternational.org](http://www.circuitinternational.org)