

'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' – In the Church House every Monday, 12:30pm to 1:30pm.

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. **For the month of November, 13 food parcels were issued to families in need, via 7 community agencies.** We 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: **flour, sugar, rice, pasta sauce, jams & spreads, 2 min noodles & pasta, UHT or powdered milk, canned tomatoes or veges, and laundry powder/liquid.**

Focus on Servanthood – We acknowledge and thank Helen & Michael Tombleson who sit with and support Lee Savage during Sunday morning services.

'TOSS' - Next TOSS Garage Sale is on **Thurs 8 December, 8am-12noon.** All proceeds from this garage sale will be going towards Angela's fundraising campaign to help sick children in the Philippines. Any decluttered or unwanted goods would be warmly welcomed this week, towards this very worthy cause.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES – Because Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, we are making Christmas Eve Services – 10am & the 8:15pm 'Community Carols by Candlelight Service', our main focus. There will not be a Christmas Day Service this year on the Monday 25th December.

2018 'New Wine Festivals' 'Family In The Presence of God' @ Kapiti from Thur 18 – Mon 22 January (Wgtn Anniversary Weekend) or @ Warkworth from Thu 25 – Sun 28 January (Akld Anniversary weekend). [More info & Register online.](#)



Youth Group - Friday 8th¹ December
'Wrap Up Party @ The Hoskins'
bring \$3 please

Check YG Facebook page for more details



Today 3 December 2017 **Next Sunday 10 December 2017**

Greeters	<i>L McAra, M Wilson</i>	<i>D Whibley, A Clement</i>
Explorers crèche	<i>R Fuchs</i>	<i>R Theobald, H Dobbie</i>
Ministry Team	<i>J Newman</i>	<i>E Oates</i>
Cups of Tea	<i>B & A Hall, A Alder</i>	<i>E & B Bowis, L Hindle</i>
Flowers	<i>D Dobbie</i>	<i>D Dobbie</i>
AV & Sound	<i>P Oram, G O'Neil</i>	<i>R Nelson, J Holland</i>
Counters	<i>A McLean</i>	<i>A McLean</i>



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

Sunday 3rd December 2017

10am: 'Keep Awake' Mark 13:37
Communion & 1st Sunday of Advent

Leader: Leigh McGurk Preaching: Stewart Patrick
Uganda Mission share

Duty Elder: Rodney Judd



6pm: 'Te Hahi/Police Combined Service
@ War Memorial Theatre

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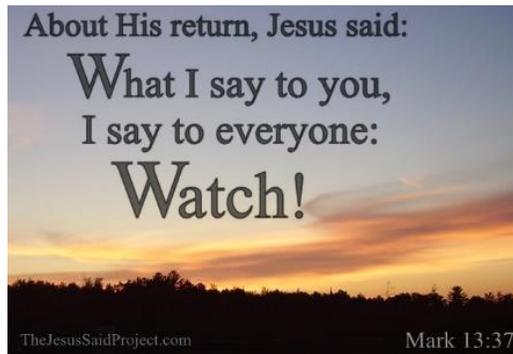
Elders Team

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

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

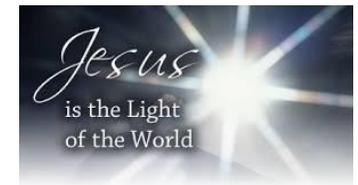
Stewart writes... Wow, it's the 1st Sunday of 'Advent', so that means its just 4 weeks today until Christmas Eve. Are you ready!? Advent marks the *beginning* of the church year with a period of extended reflection on the *end* of all things, or more correctly, the *fulfillment* of all things through Jesus Christ. That is why the set Lectionary readings I use today for my message, do contain 'warnings' from Jesus.

Mark 13:37 "And what I say to you I say to all: Be constantly watchful and alert"



Christmas Parade Float – 5pm next Sunday evening 10 December. "THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD HAS COME"

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!



Also sharing this morning is Kate Ney and youth, bringing us an update on the planned September 2018 short-term mission trip to Uganda. Kate & Patrick Ney have lived and worked in Uganda and have great contacts there. They have some encouraging news to share on the fundraising side, but really want to give the Church a good understanding of what this mission trip is about, who is working towards it etc.

6pm Sunday evening @ War Memorial Theatre; 'Te Hahi/Police Combined Churches Service'.

The Te Hahi (Church) partnership with Tairāwhiti Police, is almost 1 year on now, and Mangapapa Church is one of 8 Churches in this region that are able to participate in this with our vetted volunteers, 'on call' for one week in 7. We respond to calls in pairs, to go to homes where Police have assessed and asked folk if they would like a visit from 'Te Hahi'. This often involves a food parcel, always prayer, CAP info given, testimonies shared. Stewart will be sharing at the Service on 'Angel Tree' which is very much Te Hahi related, and how one of our folk (Leigh), was called by Police to share 'Abiding Life' counsel with a prisoner, in a remarkable way.



Angela's Update from Ruel Orphanage, in the Philippines - It's a wonderful thing! Our baby D here, is about to be discharged from ICU and we can hardly believe he has survived the infection...he's the only baby from Ruel that has lived after needing ICU care! Thank you so much for your prayers (and financial support). The wool as shown, has been a great success in the craft happy hours! The boys are very enthusiastic! Blessings from Angela, in Calapan City, Philippines.

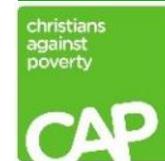


Angel Tree Gift Wrapping Day: Thursday 7 December 5.30pm – 9.30pm in the Church Lounge 'Blue Room'.

This is fun time! Let Raewyn, Sharon or Rebecca know please if you are coming, for catering purposes. *(Editor's note; Stewart says; "MUP leadership are really pleased and impressed with Raewyn, Sharon & Rebekah's handling of Angel Tree this year, and getting other churches, groups & individuals on board with this. Well done!")*



Nicola's CAPtion – This week I was feeling a little frustrated as I'd had a late cancellation. Instead of dwelling on this I decided to ring other people on the waiting list to see if they would like to see me earlier than scheduled. I eventually found someone and she sounded like she would really benefit from earlier input. Experiences like this are teaching me to trust God more and "go with the flow". He is using all situations for good and is in control! - Nicola.



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. Please spread the word, and have interested individuals or couples contact Sepoima at the Church office for bookings or for more information.

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.