

December 2017 / January 2018

**Deck the halls with boughs of holly, Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
'Tis the season to be jolly, Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la and all that stuff!!**

Christmas time, yea!! That time of the year when pressure starts to build, kids off school, presents to buy, work break up parties, hot summer days, hundreds of people where you want to be, people stealing your car park which just happened to be right outside the store you wanted to visit... Oh the joy of Christmas!

It's the end of an amazing year for us as a church. It truly is a time to be thankful, a time to think back on the blessings we have received as individuals and as a church. We have had a stunning year with the Presence of God amongst us, many, many miracles and healings and just the sense of God taking us on a journey to a destination only he knows. I am so grateful and so thankful and feel quite humble that he would pour himself out over us.

It's also the time of year to remember the birth of our Saviour. Born in a lowly stable because there was no accommodation available in Jerusalem. Born in very humble conditions and yet was visited by kings bearing gifts. A child conceived supernaturally, born naturally and who had a divine mission to fulfil. Through Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection, we have the opportunity to be at one with the Father. Without Jesus, we would face an eternity away from the presence of God. We have so much to be thankful for.

Christmas can be a very difficult time of year for many, those who have lost loved ones, those who have no family in the area. Maybe this year, as we have our Christmas celebrations, we can remember those who are grieving or celebrating Christmas on their own and maybe we could reach out to them and invite them to be part of our Christmas.

Have a wonderful break, drive safely and let's be ready for and outstanding 2018.

Heaps of blessings,

Stewart and Marilyn

HOPE

HEALING

COMMUNITY

WHAT'S HAPPENING ...



TUESDAY PRAYER MEETING & VOICE TRAINING

Our Tuesday prayer meeting and voice training will be taking a break from 5th December. We will start back 13th February 2018.

ENCOUNTER NIGHT

There will be NO Encounter Night on: December 24th, December 31st, January 7th, or January 14th.

BUT you don't need to feel that you're missing out check out below!!



SUNDAY MORNING 9am ENCOUNTER

Woohooooo!!!!!!!

Prior to our 10am service, our usual 9am prayer meeting is turning into an Encounter meeting for December 24th, December 31st, January 7th, and January 14th. Come and soak in the Presence of God



SMALL GROUPS

We encourage you to please contact the small group leaders directly to find out the end / start dates of the group. Each group will decide their own holiday schedule.

LADIES AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday 2nd December 2017

You are invited to join us for our women's Christmas afternoon tea at 2:00pm, here at Christchurch North Elim. Please bring a plate of food to share. See Melinda or Jean for details.



CHRISTMAS FOOD BOX PROJECT 2017

We are extremely pleased to have 20 food boxes to give away this year!!

The boxes will be here ready for delivery on Sunday 3rd December.

What a fantastic way to be able to bless members of our community who are in need this Christmas!! Please see Tracey before taking a box.

TEAM LEADER CONTACT DEATILS

<u>Prayer Team</u>	Email: jetay@xtra.co.nz		Jean Taylor
<u>Pastoral Care</u>	Team Leaders		Stewart & Marilyn
<u>Mainly Music</u>	Monday	10:00am	Marilyn
<u>Connect Groups</u>	Tuesday	7:00pm	Hammond & Eleanor
	Wednesday	7:30pm	Ron & Janet
	Wednesday	10:00am	Bernie & June
	Wednesday	10:00am	Diane - Women's
<u>Bethesda Ministry</u>	Same Sex Attraction		Liz
<u>Creative Ministry</u>	Thursday	7:00pm	Hammond
<u>Catapulting Cubs</u>	Thursday	10:00am	Marilyn
<u>Powerzone Kids</u>	Sunday 10am Service		Eleanor
<u>Youthzone</u>	Sunday 10am Service		Ron & Janet
<u>Pulse Youth Group</u>	Friday	7:00pm	Marley

Please contact the connect group leaders directly as to end / start up dates as each group will decide their own holiday schedule.

VISION

OUR VISION:

We see Christchurch North Elim Church as a centre of hope and healing in our community by ministering to all through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.



ROSTERS

Sunday 3rd December

Communion: Neville Hinman

Speaker: Stewart McLellan

Communion Prep: June

Café Time Supervisor: Wendy

Door Greeters: Jennifer, Jean

Baking: Melinda & Marilyn

Sunday 17th December

Communion: Simon Barrett

Speaker: Stewart McLellan

Communion Prep: June

Café Time Supervisor: Tony

Door Greeters: Simon & Wendy, Karen

Baking: Wendy & June

Sunday 31st December

Communion: No Communion

Speaker: Mary Ponder

Communion Prep: No Communion

Café Time Supervisor: Wendy

Door Greeters: Jean, Tony

Baking: Lyn & Nattallie

Sunday 14th January

Communion: No Communion

Speaker: Mary Ponder

Communion Prep: No Communion

Café Time Supervisor: Marilyn

Door Greeters: Jennifer, Simon & Wendy

Baking: Wendy & June

Sunday 28th January (at Groynes)

Communion: No Communion

Speaker: Stewart McLellan

Communion Prep: No Communion

Café Time Supervisor: Not Required

Door Greeters: Not Required

Baking: Not Required

Sunday 10th December

Communion: Ralph Chen-Green

Speaker: Stewart McLellan

Communion Prep: Jessica

Café Time Supervisor: BBQ Church Lunch

Door Greeters: Tony, David & Karen

Baking: BBQ Church Lunch

CHRISTMAS EVE!

Communion: Caleb Kilpatrick

Speaker: Mary Ponder

Communion Prep: Jessica

Café Time Supervisor: Marilyn

Door Greeters: Jennifer, Jan & Roly

Baking: Joy & Maree

Sunday 7th January

Communion: No Communion

Speaker: David McNeil

Communion Prep: No Communion

Café Time Supervisor: Tony

Door Greeters: Karen, David & Karen

Baking: Marilyn & Melinda

Sunday 21st January

Communion: TBC

Speaker: Stewart McLellan

Communion Prep: June

Café Time Supervisor: Wendy

Door Greeters: Roly & Jan, Jean

Baking: Joy & Maree



WHAT'S ON ...

BBQ LUNCH & VOLUNTEER THANK YOU!!!

Sunday 10th December 2017

A BBQ lunch will follow our morning service, a time to say **thank you so much** to all our WONDERFUL volunteers.

The Church will provide meat, dessert, and drinks.

Please bring a salad to share.

ALL WELCOME!!!

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!



60+ Group

OVER 60's GROUP

Sunday 10th December 2017

Afternoon tea at Flat White Café, Pegasus Town
2:30pm

Please see Karen or Graeme Fraser with any questions.

LEADERSHIP/DEPARTMENT HEADS/MINISTRY TEAM

END OF YEAR BREAK UP

Tuesday 12th December 2017

BBQ & Dessert wind up with a **super special** guest speaker!!

Please let Stewart or Tracey know by 10th December
if you are unable to attend.



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will close at lunchtime on Thursday 21st December.
We will be reopening on Monday 15th January 2018.

If you have an emergency during this time, please contact:
Stewart and Marilyn: or Tracey:



CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Monday 25th December 2017

We will be having a celebration service on
Christmas morning from 10:00am — 10:45am

Will be great to see you there!



EVEN MORE HAPPENING ...

MISSIONS CHICKENS

Missions Chickens? That sounds a bit weird!!

Over the December / January period we are asking our church family to take home a chicken money box, and pop any loose change in it over the holiday period to raise money for missions.

This time we are raising money for Danny Steel and his missions work in the Philippines. Danny will be preaching here early next year, and we would love to bless him with these special funds at this time.



2018
HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Encounter

FAMILY FRIENDLY ENCOUNTER NIGHT

Sunday 21st January 2018

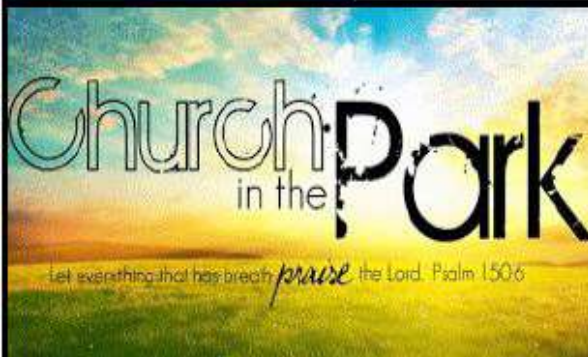
5:30pm Picnic tea at church

6:30pm Early, child friendly Encounter Night

7:15pm Encounter Night continues after a short break
(families welcome to take their children home at this time)

Have you ever been to an Encounter Night here at Christchurch North Elim? Tonight is a great opportunity to find out what it's all about.

Experiencing the Presence of God in a safe and friendly environment.



CHURCH SERVICE AT THE GROYNES

Sunday 28th January 2018

This is going to be **AWESOME!!**

Our Sunday morning service will be held at the Groynes park on Johns Road.

What an opportunity!!

Sausage Sizzle Lunch

More information to follow

GET INVOLVED

VOLUNTEER **Opportunities**



There are many ministries in the Church where you can be involved.
Join a team, try something new, lend a hand in an area of interest.
If you would like some information, have any questions, or would like to
volunteer in a team, please see the people named below.

- Café Time Supervisor:** Marilyn McLellan
- Chairs To Be Put-Away:** Tracey Kilpatrick
- Communion Preparation:** Tracey Kilpatrick
- Community Outreach Team:** Stewart McLellan
- Crèche:** Eleanor Williamson
- Door Greeters:** Marilyn McLellan
- Flowers For Sunday:** Karen Fraser
- Kids Church:** Eleanor Williamson
- Mainly Music / Catapulting Cubs:** Marilyn McLellan
- Men's Ministry:** Rob McKenzie
- Missions:** Stewart McLellan
- Morning Tea / Baking:** Tracey Kilpatrick
- Pastoral Care Team:** Stewart McLellan
- Prayer Team:** Jean Taylor
- Senior Care / Enliven:** Marilyn McLellan
- Technical Team (Sound/AV/Data):** Peter Pieters
- Women's Ministry:** Melinda Joss
- Worship Team:** Hammond Williamson
- Youth:** Marley Kaipo / Ron Dixon
- Anything Else You Can Think Of:** Tracey Kilpatrick



A CHRISTMAS GIGGLE



TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

NEW TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Our new telephone directory will be coming out early in 2018. If you would like to be added into our directory, or if you have changes to be made to your current contact details, please email or call Tracey in the office



CELEBRATE!

FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A
Saviour, WHICH IS *Christ* THE *Lord*

BELIEVE & LOVE 2:11

MISSIONS

FOCUS ON THAILAND

พระเยซูรักคนไทย

"Jesus loves the Thai people"

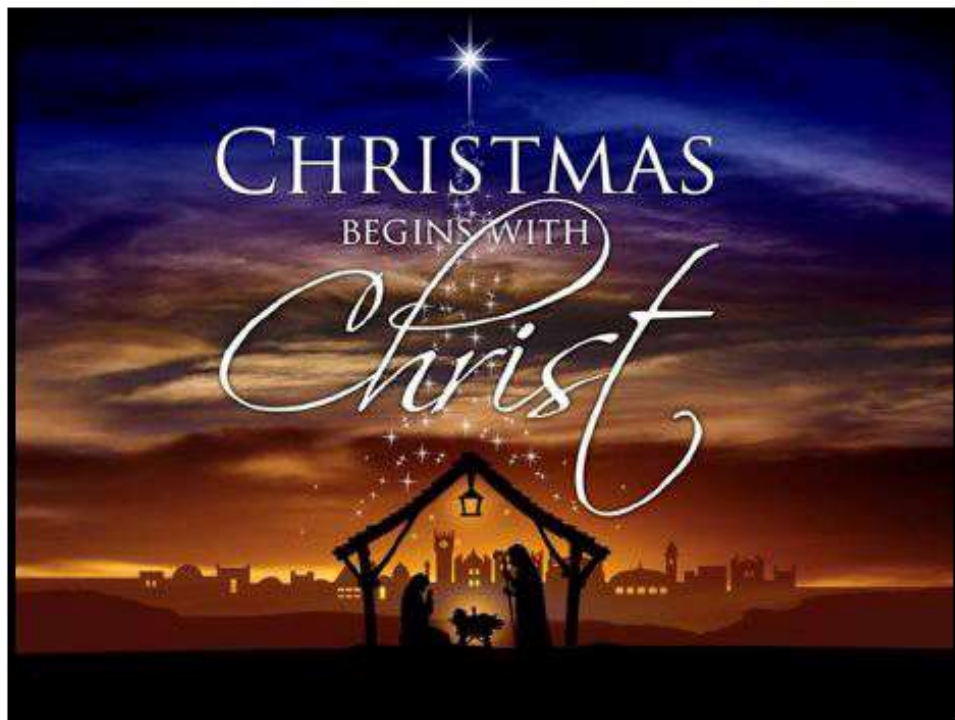
**Don't forget to pray for our Missions Partners this
Christmas and New Year period.**

Pastors Noi & Sud at Bua Chum
Lorraine Dierck
The Good News Team

Also Danny Steel and his team
with their work in the Philippines



IT'S CHRISTMAS !!



SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

CHURCH OFFICE



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CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Tracey Kilpatrick

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