

SUNDAY ROSTERS

If you are unable to do your rostered duty please arrange a swap or substitute. Thank you

Thanks to this week's volunteers

Duty	13 December Advent 3	20 December Advent 4
9.30am Service	Rev Tania Shackleton & Tawa Learners Band	Rev Tania Shackleton
Elder	David Bray	Murray Chiles
Music	Eric Russell	Robin Thomson
Reader	Kirisimasi Poasa	Robin Thomson
Technical Crew	Seti Poasa Toa Fifita	Toa Fifita Vave Fifita
Prayers of People	Helen Bichan	Keith Knox
Reception	Andre Milkop	Murray & Elspeth Chiles
Morning Tea	Chapple-Simpson Family	Peini Family
Cleaning	John Melville	Murray & Elspeth Chiles
Pantry	Eric Russell	Eric Russell
Tellers	John Melville Andre Milkop	Andre Milkop Eric Russell
Flowers	Rona Belcher	Susheela Rajan
All Age Story		Siuka Tupou
Lectionary	Psalm: 126 John 1: 6-8; 19-28	Psalm 89:1-4; 19-26 Luke 1: 26-38
Van Driver	Collin Miller	Bruce Collins

TAWA UNION CHURCH

(Christian Churches New Zealand,
Methodist, Presbyterian)



Christ Centred — Community Facing

Sunday 13 December 2020

Welcome to Worship, we are glad you are here

Fiefia ke talitali kimoutolu'i he
potu tapu ni

Haere Mai Ki Te Koropiko

He Koa Ana Matou Kua Haere Mai Koe

Ki Konei

Welcome to Tawa Union Church

If you are a visitor we are pleased to meet you and hope you enjoy your time with us today. For further information on Tawa Union Church please speak to the worship leader or an elder, identifiable by their gold name tag.

For office details see below.

Please note your nearest fire exit.

The meeting place is the far end of the car park.

In an earthquake: Drop, Cover and Hold.

Warden: Vave Fifita

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Third Sunday of Advent

*Our Order of Service is displayed on the overhead.
Congregational responses are printed in yellow on the overhead
and if you are able please stand for the hymns and offering
prayers.*

Advent Candle Liturgy DELIGHT CAN'T WAIT (JOY CAN'T WAIT)

WELCOME

E te whanau a Te Karaiti, nga mihi aroha ki a tatou katoa. Kia ora tato
You are welcome here. No matter where you have been, no matter what you have done, you are welcomed in love and grace.
May you find rest and renewal; may you find hope and peace.
This is what God offers to us all!

Our Call to Worship

We Pray

Passing the Peace of Christ (Heb 7)

Christ meets us here, just as we are.
May we greet one another with the same love, compassion, and peace.
As we greet one another this morning also share one thing that you have been grateful for this week...

“Michael Mouse”

We sing: “Hark the Herald Angels”

“God rest ye merry gentlemen”

“The First Noel”

Mission Aviation Fellowship New Zealand



MAF is running their annual **Jerrycan Christmas Appeal** which, like other humanitarian agencies, involves the ‘purchase’ of Christmas gifts for others. Each jerry can of JET-A1 (aviation fuel) costs \$35.00 but any size donations will be gratefully received.

You can make your gift by going to the Donate page of the MAF website www.maf.org.nz and buying online or contacting your MAF Representative Roy Bridge through the Church Office.

Give your friends and family their Jerrycan Christmas Card and tell them about the life-changing aircraft fuel you have donated in their name! Your donation is tax deductible through the Flying for Life Charitable Trust.

Mission Aviation Fellowship New Zealand is also offering **2021 calendars** @ \$12.00 ea. This might be an option for those who are missing having the TUC Photocomp Calendars available this year. Contact Roy if you would like to order one.

Christmas Services

Advent four – 20 December at 9.30am — Love - Service of Music
Christmas Eve Service at 11.30pm
Christmas Day Service at 9am
Combined Service with Johnsonville Uniting at TUC - 27 December at 9.30am

Transport to Church

We have been given permission to use the Redwood Club van on Sunday's to get folk to Church who may need a ride.

Please let me know if you would want us to fetch you for Sunday Service.

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Christian World Service

The CWS 2020 Christmas Appeal, a special opportunity to share our love and concern for God's world. Your support means we can reach many more people in the ways that recognise their needs and respects their dignity. Our appeal is shaped by the words in Matthew's Gospel, "When I was hungry..." for we know if we have food, there is life. In this extraordinary year, the challenge is to share all we can so others can get through the pandemic, the loss of income and the changing climate.

Food is one of the most basic human rights. Let us pray and work together for a world where no one is hungry, where love is central, and justice prevails.

There will be an offering at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services for CWS.



Gifts for Longview

For the next week we will be collecting gifts for Longview residents.

Inexpensive gifts such as toiletries, perfume sachets, small tissues, sweets etc are suitable.

Please mark gifts man, woman or unisex and "not suitable for diabetic" if sweets or chocolate.

NO CANDLES PLEASE.

Linen is supplied to all residents so face cloths, etc are not needed.

Gifts can be left in the marked box in the foyer or dropped into the church office.

This gesture from members of TUC is very much appreciated.



"Twinkle, twinkle, little star"

Our Offering for the work in this place and beyond shall now be received

Our Offering Prayer

Our Prayers for Others and Ourselves

We sing: "Christmas in New Zealand" (Jan Chamberlin)

Our Closing Blessing

We have been given this new week in which to honour the God who is easy to love by loving those who are sometimes difficult to love.

"Prepare the way!" The prophets cry.

Tear down the barriers that oppress.

Rise up the sources of wisdom that free.

Pay attention to the silenced and let the arrogant go unheard.

This season invites us to make space - within us, around us, and between us - for the joy of God to come and dwell.

May it be so.

Amen!

Resources used: "Michael Mouse" from Cloth for the Cradle, Iona Community, Wild Goose Worship Group.

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Thank you to those who
serve a refreshing cup for
Morning Tea
each week

Thoughts

Restoration. Repair. Reordering. These are the characteristics of divine justice, divine comfort, divine love drawing near. When the Holy takes on flesh, those who weep have cause to shout with joy. The hungry are fed. Thrones of power crumble. The coming of the Kingdom of God, of Justice made real among us, changes everything. Since our beginnings, the prophets have been inviting change through these truths.

They are a warning to those who are invested in the what-is at the expense of others. But for those who truly desire to welcome, to practice, to be embraced by the divine love that liberates in body, mind, and spirit - they are an encouraging word. "Do not despise the word of prophets," says 1 Thessalonians. Their words are a guide, an invitation, a site of reflection pointing our attention in the direction of all that frees.

Pennies for Water

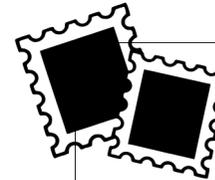
Please remember your spare pennies for our water jar. The pennies we put into our water jar sure will make a huge difference in the lives of those facing water scarcity. Once our water jar is full, we will send it to a water charity.



Today we welcome the
Tawa Learners Band
as they join us for our service.

Available this week:

- Central Roundup
 - ◇ Good Neighbours
 - ◇ 2021 is coming
 - ◇ The Nativity
- MCNZ Touchstone is available on: <http://www.methodist.org.nz/files/docs/mcnz%20admin%20office/touchstone/2020/touchstone%20december%202020%2024p%20web.pdf>



PLEASE SAVE YOUR STAMPS

Please save your stamps for NZ Riding for the Disabled, who can sell them and use the money to help their cause.

RDA is all about providing goal-based riding activities that increase the ability, independence and confidence of people with physical, intellectual, emotional and social challenges.

You can drop your Christmas and other stamps in the box in the foyer.

Happy Celebrating



to David Kaulamatoa,
Heidrun Lehmann, Joan Smith
and to anyone else who may be having
a birthday this week.

