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- **Children's Programmes:** All our children's programmes are on holiday now, so children stay in the service. There will be activity sheets available for children at the front of church during the service. Regular Children programmes will resume on the 27th January 2019.



Dear friends,

God, in Jesus, becoming a baby is an incredible miracle. The extent that he went to in order to reveal his Father God to us; and to rescue us from the mess in our lives; and to give us hope and power to change, is truly amazing. What a wonderful God we worship. This is a time of the year to truly celebrate and worship!

My prayer is that each of you know the joy and hope of Jesus this Christmas. God has been good to us as a church over this last year. He has been at work among us. We have much to be thankful for.

But the Lord is calling us to not hold back. And to go deeper in our discipleship. We pray that this will be true among us in 2019. And out of this that God will birth a new mission heart among us.

For those of you who have been part of our community over this last year, can I keep encouraging you to be considering and praying over forming the nucleus of a Life Group that we have been talking about over the last few weeks: 2 to 3 folk; or 2 to 3 couples to which a few others can be added later. **Remember these are the places where we are seeking to go deeper with our support and accountability of each other - in keeping Jesus at the centre of our lives.** In the new year, we will talk more about them; and how you can join a group; and we will have some simple resources available to help us facilitate these groups. These groups, I see as having the potential to bring a new depth of God's life among us as a congregation.

May God richly bless you all this Christmas.

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You can find more information about the history of the school and village and what the team are seeking to do at the school and in the village on their website [www.manna4lifecambodia.org/](http://www.manna4lifecambodia.org/) or check out their page on Facebook for latest updates. It is very exciting.

If you would like to know more about how you could sponsor a child, then you can pick up a pamphlet from the information table down the back or contact Mel McNatty 454.6930 or [mels@actrix.co.nz](mailto:mels@actrix.co.nz) for further information, or alternatively go directly to the website [www.manna4lifecambodia.org/](http://www.manna4lifecambodia.org/) and follow the link. If you are not able to sponsor a child on a regular basis but would like to donate towards school uniforms then every NZD\$10.00 you donate will purchase a school uniform for a child.



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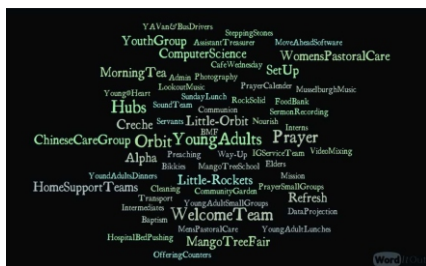
## Pastoral Care During the Holiday Period

- Now–11th Jan: Mike Bagge (487.9895 or 027.366.9506)
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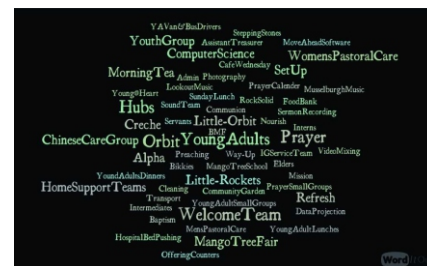
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## Staying Connected over the Summertime

If you are new to DCBC or are at a loose end over the holidays, how about checking some of these groups out.

- **Blake's Cuppa:** Want to catch up with other men over coffee, contact Phil 021.207.6599 & Graeme 022.090.1405
- **Family picnics/swimming/hanging at the beach** sound like your summer holidays activities, then contact Kate 027.265.1730 (after the 10th Jan).
- **Summer Exercise for Women:** "Zumba Style" starts back on the 15th Jan, Tues and Thurs 7pm, contact Kate 027.265.1730.
- Fancy a **good walk after tea** some lovely summer nights? This is just for women, though, but if you like that idea, contact Zoie (021.026.34787).
- **Gardening at Church:** Want to do something practical around church, share in some gardening fellowship and keep the weeds away from the 300 natives planted around church, contact Malcolm (027.229.2506).



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