

Dates to Remember	
Wed 21 Sep	7pm AGM
Sun 25 Sep	5.30pm Te Hahi Combined Churches meeting & dinner



**Church Office Hours:** 9am - 12noon, Mon - Fri (excluding public holidays).

**'Prayer Chain'** – Any matters requiring confidential prayer support, can be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Val Judd or Elaine Oates.

**Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study** – Meets at 1.30pm on Tuesdays in the Church House. Contact Maureen Wilson for more info.

**'Men's Breakfast Group'** – Meets at 7am on Tuesdays. Contact John Hawksworth for more info.

**Thursday 'Womens Breakfast'** – Meets at 7am on Thursdays in the Church House for Breakfast. For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

**Women's 'Growth Group'** – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm in the Church House.



**Our Next AGM - 7pm Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September**  
Please note this in your diaries now. Hope you will all come.

**Plants sold for Ruel Orphanage schools, Philippines** – Thank you to those who contributed to this fundraiser.... we made \$100 in two hours. We will be having another in a couple of months.

**Giving/Tithing** - If you wish to tithe or make a donation to Mangapapa Church, our account number is: Mangapapa Church, 03-0638-0381084-00. Please make sure you say 'tithe' or 'donation' in the reference. If you would prefer to give using our 'Envelope' system, then see Jenny Phin who will set you up with envelopes allocated to you.

	Today	Next Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Greeters</b>	L McAra, J Dyas	J & L Hawksworth
<b>Explorers Crèche</b>	R Theobald	Parents
<b>Ministry Team</b>	E Oates	A Clement
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	N Aston, M Freeman	W Carstens, P Oram
<b>Flowers</b>	B Bowis	A Lewis
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	J Russell / R Levy	R Nelson / N Dunn
<b>Counters</b>	G Stevenson	G Stevenson

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**10am: "Jesus Christ – The Fullness Of God"**

*Hebrews 1:1-3*

**Leading: Angela Paton      Preaching: Stewart Patrick**

**Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick**

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**Elders Team**

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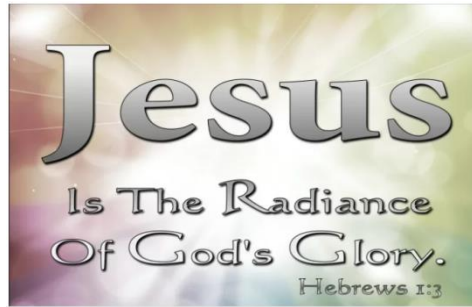
*'Explorers' creche is available for 1-4 years.  
'Kidzspace' Primary & Intermediate age children go out during service.*

**If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home and get a R.A.T. Test.**

## Stewart writes ...

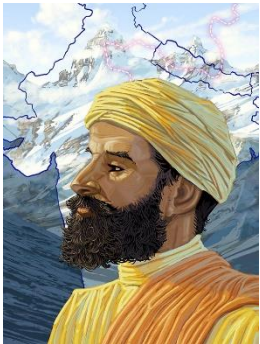
Today we commence a 4 week teaching series on the theme '**Jesus Christ – The Fullness of GOD**'. Each week we will be meditating on these key Scriptures that reveal this vital truth to us:

- Sunday 4 Sept - Hebrews 1:1-3;
- Sunday 11 Sept - Philippians 2:4-11;
- Sunday 18 Sept - John 5:19-24;
- Sunday 25 Sept - Colossians 1:15-20



Today we start with the beautiful expressions that commence the Letter to the Hebrews. Andrew Murray says, '*In every possible way Hebrews sets before us the truth that it is only the full and perfect knowledge/revelation of what Christ is and does for us, that can bring us to a full and perfect Christian life*'.

Now published this week in 'Plough', is this beautiful testimony of His radiance...



**[A modern Saint Francis, Sundar Singh left his family and ancestral faith to follow Jesus without Western trappings.](#)** (By Susannah Black Roberts).

Punjab, India, 1903. The fourteen-year-old boy wakes up at three in the morning, bathes, and chants the Sikh morning prayer. "*One universal creator God. His name is Truth. Creative being personified ... Image of the Undying, beyond birth, self-existent ... How can you become truthful? And how can the veil of illusion be torn away?*" His mother had taught him the prayers. She had been, he said, "a living example of the love of God." And now she was dead. Three days before, at school, he had horrified

his father by burning a Bible. He was full of frustration and rage. The gurus his mother had taken him to meet had themselves been hunters after God, seekers of the peace he himself craved. And this Christianity was the religion of the colonizers. "*I prayed,*" he wrote later of that moment, "*that if there was a God at all, He would reveal himself to me. Should I receive no answer by morning, I would place my head on the railroad tracks and seek the answer to my questions beyond the edge of this life.*" An hour and a half later, he saw something like a glow in the room. And then he saw someone in the light. That someone spoke, in Urdu, "*Sundar, how long will you mock me? I have come to save you because you have prayed to find the way of truth. Why then don't you accept it?*" It was then I saw the marks of blood on his hands and feet and knew that it was Yesu, the one proclaimed by the Christians. In amazement I fell at His feet. I was filled with deep sorrow and remorse for my insults and my irreverence, but also with a wonderful peace. This was the joy I had been seeking...

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The 10am service is live streamed. To access – at 10am 'Ctrl click' on the following Facebook link: [Mangapapa Union Parish](#)

**For Prayer this week:** **Update on John Hill** – Last Friday John was sent up to Waikato Coronary Care Unit for assessment and that resulted in 2 stents being placed. John is back home now and we pray for a great recovery for him.

**Pat Hall Memorial Service Gathering, 2pm Saturday 17 Sept @ MUP** – Pat died some time back during the first Covid 19 lockdown and no funeral with family from overseas was possible. Now they are able to come, and invite us also to share in a simple Memorial Service and afternoon tea in memory of Pat.

**Maidenhair Ferns for Sale** - \$10 each. All funds raised go to the **McFarlane's work in Myanmar**. Please see Marilyn if you would like to purchase one. Lovingly and patiently grown.



We welcome  
**Charlie Mountfort**  
Born Wednesday  
31<sup>st</sup> August  
Weighing 9lb  
Congratulations  
Ashley and Peren.

## Hey Kids & Young People!

There is a great creative activity happening this Fathers Day morning. Creating something yummy for Dad or Grandpa.

**Meals For The Mountforts** - If you would like to make a meal to help this young family out over the next couple of weeks, after Ashley's mother and stepfather return to the USA this weekend, please let Marilyn know. Suggestions: cottage pie, lasagne, stir fry/noodles or rice, casserole etc. For two adults and two children, 3 & 5. Thank you.