

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
Sun 10 th Sep	6.30pm Equipping Evening at AOG Church
Wed 20 Sep	7pm AGM
Sun 24 Sep	5.30pm Te Hahi Combined Service & Pot Luck 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.

Monday Bible Study – Over winter they are meeting Mondays at 1.30pm in the Church House. For more info contact Elaine Oates.

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study – Meets Tuesdays at 1.30pm in the Church House. Everyone welcome. For more info contact Maureen Wilson.

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

‘Womens Lunch Group’ – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch. Next meeting, 21st September. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

Women’s ‘Growth Group’ – Meets fortnightly on alternate Thursdays to Women’s Group, at 1pm in the Church House. Contact Elaine Oates or Diane McLean for more info.



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 17 th Sept
Greeters	J Dyas, L McAra	J & L Hawksworth
Explorers Crèche	Parents	Parents
Ministry Team	M Freeman	E Oates
Cups of Tea	I McCoy, <i>Volunteer</i>	N Coffey, L Hindle
AV & Sound	P Madsen / A Russell	R Nelson / N Dunn
Counters	G Stevenson	N Coffey

Our motivating vision is...
‘To be His Love, Light and Life’



Sunday 10th September 2023

10am: “Putting Rocks In Your Shoes”

John 20:24-29

With Communion

Leading: Sal Clement

Preaching: Paul Madsen

Duty Elder: Paul Madsen

Church Office: Dione Russell **06 867-9604** **9am – 12noon**
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Elders Team

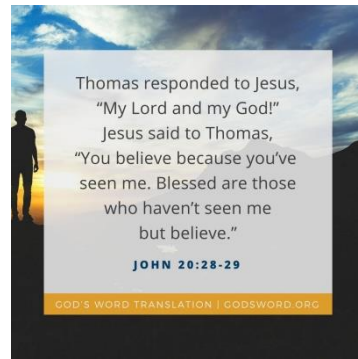
Stewart Patrick: 021 047 0795 Rodney Judd: 06 863-2400 Al Clement: 027 855 5949
 Paul Madsen: 027 511 4769

Children go out with Raewyn Theobald and Peren & Ashley Mountfort today.

If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home and don’t share them.

Paul Madsen shares with us this morning. He writes ...

Thomas refused to believe Jesus had been resurrected until he saw for himself. For centuries he has been maligned as “doubting Thomas”. But is he an example of what biblical doubt really is, and if it is, does that mean to have belief means we cannot have any doubts or questions whatsoever? We live in a world where lots of questions are asked about, and accusations made about, the Bible. Many of them put ‘rocks in our shoes’ as it were, so how do we respond to those, and to the questions that are raised by them.

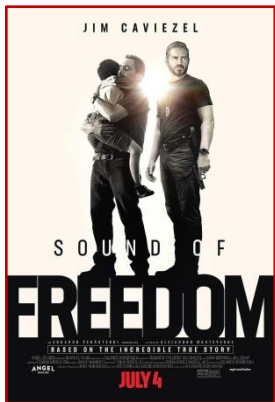


For Prayer This Week:

- **Pray for the New ‘Church Leader’ position advertised** – Please continue to pray for our new church leader.
- **Pray for Stewart & Marilyn** as they travel home this week.
- **Pray for the Upcoming Election** – that God will put into power the people He wants to govern our country.



Our AGM – 7pm Wednesday 20th September. Please mark this on your calendar. We should have the reports out in the next week or so for you to read before the meeting.



Sound Of Freedom Movie – Currently playing in the Odeon Gisborne, you may have heard about this movie that addresses the issue of child trafficking, and wondered if it might be too much to watch. Can I just say that this is from the studio that brought you The Chosen, and it has been done very well. (Claire Murton and Dione Russell have seen this movie if you want to ask about it.)

Based on the incredible true story, Sound Of Freedom shines a light on even the darkest of places. After rescuing a young boy from ruthless child traffickers, a federal agent learns the boy's sister is still captive and decides to embark on a dangerous mission to save her. With time running out, he quits his job and journeys deep

into the Colombian jungle, putting his life on the line to free her from a fate worse than death.

You can watch the trailer here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=El_jHhIbEfo

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Caregiver
One, two or more ladies

who could alternate or work casually perhaps, and who would help me partially shower and dress Saturday and Sunday mornings and partially help me undress late Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The urgent part only takes about five minutes but the safety part a little longer. I am hoping to find someone I can pay privately, and who is a reliable person. I am negotiable. Contact Janet Burgess. Details are in the Church Directory.



Family First Voter Guide - Family First have put out a **Voter Guide** to help you make informed choices in the upcoming General Election by voting for candidates and parties aligned with your values. The Guide allows voters to see where each party stands – and how each current or past MP seeking re-election has voted – on important social issues.

If you would like a copy of this guide, there are some available on the table at the back of the church.