

| Dates to Remember          |   |
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| Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> April | 10am Sunday Service                               |
| Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> April | 5.30pm Te Hahi Combined Church meeting and meal   |
| Fri 21 April               | 10am Hymn Sing-A-Long at Frank & Lorraine Darcy's |
| 16-18 Jun                  | World Vision 40 Hour Famine                       |

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

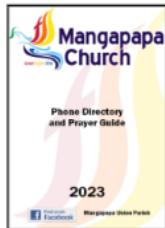
**'Prayer Chain'** – Any matters requiring confidential prayer support, can be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Val Judd or Elaine Oates.

**Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study** – Meets 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.

**Thursday 'Womens Breakfast'** – Currently on hold. For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

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



**2023 Church Directory** – We are just waiting on a few confirmations, and are expecting to have the 2023 Directory printed and ready to collect at the beginning of Term 2.

**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 23 <sup>rd</sup> April |
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| <b>Greeters</b>         | J & L Hawksworth            | M Raitaukala, <i>Volunteer</i>     |
| <b>Explorers Crèche</b> | School Hols                 | School Hols                        |
| <b>Ministry Team</b>    | E Oates                     | S Clement                          |
| <b>Cups of Tea</b>      | M Freeman, A Walker         | I McCoy, M Smith                   |
| <b>AV &amp; Sound</b>   | R Nelson / <i>Volunteer</i> | P Madsen / N Dunn                  |
| <b>Counters</b>         | N Coffey                    | N Coffey                           |



**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Easter**

**10am: "The Road To Emmaus"**

**Leading: Angela Paton**

**Preaching: John Hill**

**Duty Elder: Al Clement**

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

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*Kids stay in today with 'Peter & The Big Breakfast' Activity Sheets on the table*

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

**John Hill is speaking today, from  
Luke 24:13-35  
The Road to Emmaus**



The Cross is Love. The Cross is Personal. The Cross is Humility. Two men were on an outward journey, leaving Jerusalem after the death of Jesus and the seeming disappearance of his body. They are discussing all the events that had happened and the seeming end of Jesus and his ministry. Then they are joined by a stranger, who discusses these things with them and teaches them from the scripture, revealing himself as Jesus. The two men's eyes were opened and the men begin their homeward journey, back to Jerusalem.

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**Easter 2023 Reflections** – It was a wonderful Easter here at MUP this year with blessed Good Friday and Easter Sunday Services. We saw the largest Easter attendances in several years and one visiting person on Easter Sunday, saying, “*This has made me want to read the Bible and find out more and where Jesus fits in. I have never read it.*” They have been given one, along with instruction that Jesus Christ is central to it and all through it. Thank you Marilyn and Gill for the beautiful Cross and activity of ‘**fresh flowers**’ placed on it on Easter Sunday. It tied in so perfectly with the theme of the morning ‘**The First Day of a New Creation**’. What’s new...



- History BC/AD
- Death died, defeated
- World a fresh start
- Creation fertility to Hope
- Far off – Brought near
- You, a new creation
- Riches & Poverty redefined
- The H.S. in you.



Bob Mumford, posted these similar excellent ‘**New Creation**’ thoughts too on his ‘**Lifechangers**’ Facebook page this Easter... *With Christ’s arrival in the throne room of His Father, His personal ascension complete, the New Testament records something like 44 “new things”.* These were the direct result of the resurrection. Some are repeated, of course, but giving their testimony none-the-less. Scripture summarizes the fruit of the resurrection like this: *I am making all things new!* In my own experience of resurrection around Easter in 1954, I have engaged many of these “new things”. For our Easter strength and encouragement, I decided to list a few of them. The spiritual impact on my person just now in reviewing them was measurable and intense:

*New teaching; New Wine; New tongues; New covenant; New humanity; New creation; New man; New self; New heaven; New earth; New Jerusalem; New song.* “*Since by man (Adam) came death, by Man (Christ) came the resurrection of the dead*” (1 Cor. 15: 21). *The fruit of resurrection, which must be understood and owned: Easter and Christ’s resurrection causes our faith in Christ and our earthly human journey to become Cosmic. We are able to finish without shame, chaos, or defeat!*

**The next Hymn-Sing-a-Long** will be held this Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 10am at Frank & Lorraine Darcy’s home. All welcome.



**For Prayer this Week:** We continue to receive generous donations to our ‘**Cyclone Flood Relief Fund**’ and our Fund



**Distribution Group, chaired by Paul Madsen seek wisdom to distribute this. We give thanks for this provision & pray for wisdom in distribution of it.**



**Plants Sale for RUEL Philippines Orphanage – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 9:30am-11:30am in the Church Carpark by the roadside** - to raise

money for the RUEL Orphanage that Angela & John Paton have been to and worked at on many occasions. If you have any plants that could be added to the sale, please see Marilyn. **Angela Paton says:** “*I have just had a message from Director Pauline at Ruel asking her staff to be very mindful of their spending for the orphanage this month, as funds are very low currently. How wonderful that Marilyn was inspired to choose Ruel to donate to at this time!*”

**Te Hahi Combined Church Meeting tonight – 5.30pm today, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April at Alive Church.** There will be kai first,



so please bring a Salad or Vege dish, and dessert, ready to serve. They can heat up a dish but do not want to do any cooking etc. Te Hahi will provide the meat. Dessert and hot drinks will be after the service which will promptly start at 6.30pm. The Guest Speaker for the night will be Sandra Sellmer-Kersten from Elijah House.