

Dates to Remember	
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10am Hymn-A-Long at Frank & Lorraine Darcy's



**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'** – 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. Next meeting is due 9<sup>th</sup> March.

**Temporary Accommodation** – We have had some temporary accommodation offers. If you know someone needing temporary accommodation, please contact Dione in the office.

**VERY IMPORTANT**

**Toilets** – Due to the restriction on water, we ask that you limit the use of the toilets, if possible. If you do need to use them, we have contingencies in place to flush them with other water when we close up.

**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 5 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Greeters</b>	L McAra, J Dyas	N Aston, M Potter
<b>Explorers Crèche</b>	Parents	Parents
<b>Ministry Team</b>	S Clement	A Clement
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	A Alder, L Hindle	M Smith, A Walker
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	R Nelson / R Levy	D Russell / A Russell
<b>Counters</b>	N Coffey	N Coffey



**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**10am: "Let's Be Honest"**

*Philippians 4:6-7a*

**Leading: Dione Russell                      Preaching: Frank Darcy**

**Duty Elder: Paul Madsen**

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**Elders Team**

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Paul Madsen: 027 511 4769

*'Explorers' creche is available for 1-4 years. Parents will need to stay and supervise. Primary & Intermediate age children go out with Raewyn & Marilyn.*

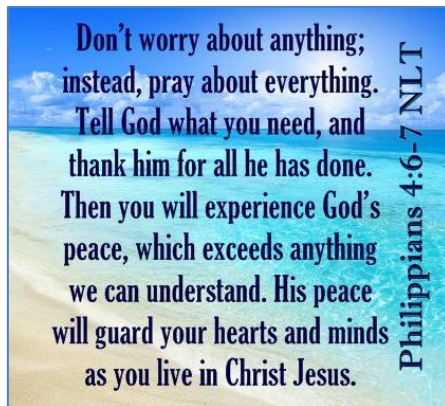
**If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home and get a R.A.T. Test.**

## Frank Darcy shares the message this morning. He writes ...

Philippians 4:6-7a – “Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace...”

There is a theory in some Christian circles referred to as ‘triumphalism’, which says that praising God through everything, both good and bad, will eventually achieve the victory. Thus, being discouraged or sometimes wondering why God doesn’t answer, isn’t how Christians should react to adversity. But this attitude will be questioned today as we look at various scriptures in both testaments that show that maybe God is more interested in our honest questionings and times of doubt, than he is in our always appearing before him with a happy face.

“Old Testament writers could sing the blues if the occasion required, and God does not appear to have been too offended at that.” The hymn “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” contains the words: ‘O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer’.



**Stewart writes...** As this 2<sup>nd</sup> week passes after Cyclone Gabrielle, we are seeing the effects of it not just physically, but emotionally and spiritually. Dione and Paul at the Church Office have done a great job taking all manner of enquiries, foodbank requests from social agencies, connecting with the HOB Evacuation Centre staff, hearing peoples stories and more. This week Dione and Paul are making the office lounge available for morning tea and a chat for anyone. When you come to church on Sunday you will see we have left set up the tables and chairs at the back which can be used during the Service, but especially for our morning tea time after the Service. We want you to feel free to sit and stay and chat as long as you need to. Church folk whose homes are severely damaged and ‘Yellow Stickered’, are John & Lyn Hawksworth and Karl Brandt, both in Vogel St. They acknowledge the amazing help they have had in salvaging what they can and stripping carpets, walls, clearing silt etc. Here are reports from other Churches we have close connection to...



**Wairoa St Andrews Church** an update from Glenys Single - Parish Clerk; *North Clyde side of the river extremely badly hit by cyclone. Our rest home was evacuated to the Church hall where we made them welcome. They used lounge, hall, back lounge and kitchen. No water was the hardest. Finally, Sunday the decision was made, and they were helicoptered out – dementia to Hastings rest to Rotorua. Talking about closing the home. We witnessed them going during the service and our cuppa – in the Sunday School room! So sad to hear the trauma of*

*those affected – and no contact with direct family as we had no communication or roads out/in. St Theresa’s thick in mud. Prayers would be appreciated especially for our members affected and having to move in with friends.*

**Te Karaka St Johns Church** – *The church was flooded but great help from T.K. youth saw the carpet and furniture removed quickly after the flood. It will be many months before it is usable again. Mandy Ruru had 1.5m of water/silt flow through her home. She is with her daughter in Tauranga. Pat Davidson’s home was above the flood height, but outbuildings flooded.*



**Next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March: ‘Children’s Day Family Service’** - It is International ‘Children’s Day’ next Sunday, so we will make this a ‘Kids & Family friendly Service’ based around Psalm 104 – God’s Creation.



**For Prayer this Week:** We pray for those hit hard by Cyclone Gabriel this week.

- **John & Lyn Hawksworth and Karl Brandt** - Homes severely flooded, now this gruelling salvaging time, and determining their future.
- **Others you know** - There is not one of us unaffected by this traumatic event. ‘Anxiety’ is being experienced by many. We hear many children who had to be rescued, need counsel for the trauma.

**Bore Water Is Available** – Mike Tombleson @ 119 Main Road, Makaraka, has really good water from his bore, though boiling would be recommended for drinking. Rodney & Val Judd, and Bill & Jody Wheeler have said that they have tank water available for anyone needing drinking water.



**Spreads for HOB** – House Of Breakthrough is still being used as an evac centre and they are in desperate need of spreads... jams, honey, peanut butter, marmite etc. If you want to donate some, you can put them in the Food basket (labelled ‘for HOB’) or drop them into our office.

**MUP Morning Teas** – We feel that there is a need to allow people to connect and talk, so we will be holding morning teas at the church house this week from 10am-12noon. If anyone wants to pop down for a cuppa and a chat, we would love to see you.



**Tairawhiti Civil Defence: Volunteers Needed** – Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with the clean up in any way, can go to the Volunteer Centre in Treble Court at 10am each weekday morning. They will be able to assign you areas and tasks suitable to your skills and ability.

**The Disaster Relief Trust** – Donations to help our region can be made to:

- Account Name: Gisborne District Council
- Account: 03-0638-0502288-00
- Reference: Disaster

The Disaster Relief Trust is a registered charity and donations are tax deductible.