

Dates to Remember	
Sat 8-9 Apr	9am to 9am - 24 Hour Burn for Jesus at Salvation Army
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> April	10am Easter 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	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. Next meeting is due 6<sup>th</sup> April March.



**Plants Sale for RUEL Philippines Orphanage – Tuesday 19<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!"*

**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 16 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Greeters</b>	N Aston, I McCoy	J & L Hawksworth
<b>Explorers Crèche</b>	School Hols	School Hols
<b>Ministry Team</b>	M Freeman	E Oates
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	A Alder, J Dyas	M Freeman, A Walker
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	D Russell / A Russell	R Nelson / <i>Volunteer</i>
<b>Counters</b>	A Radcliffe	N Coffey

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*'To be His Love, Light and Life'*

Easter Sunday  
HE IS RISEN

**Easter Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**10am: "The First Day Of A New Creation"**

**Leading & Preaching: Stewart Patrick and special contribution from the children**

**Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick - Easter Communion**

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**Elders Team**

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Paul Madsen: 027 511 4769

*Kids are to go out with Marilyn during the service for some fun Easter activities.*

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



“On the third day the friends of Christ coming at daybreak to the place, found the grave empty and the stone rolled away. In varying ways, they realised the new wonder; but even they hardly realised that the world had died in

the night. What they were looking at was the first day of a new creation, with a new heaven and a new earth; and in a semblance of the gardener God walked again in the garden in the cool not of the evening, but the dawn.”

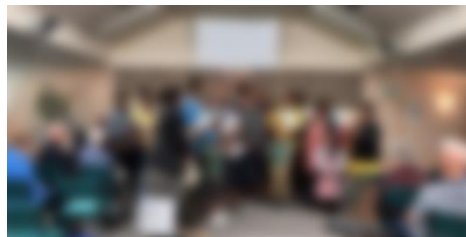
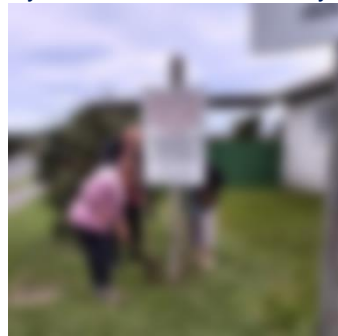
*From 'The Everlasting Man' by G K Chesterton (1925).*

On reading this piece recently by the remarkable G K Chesterton, I felt drawn to many thoughts of Christ's Resurrection being; **'The First Day of a New Creation'**. The longer I live, the more I delight in the never ending depth of treasures revealed to us of what God has done for us in Christ and His Gospel. I hope & pray that this Easter you are able to see more of His depth of love & treasures too. *Stewart.*

**'GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE':** Thank you Elaine for a creative and moving reflective Service on Good Friday morning. Unfortunately, due to the forecast rain for Friday we could not do the Crosses walk to the Church from the Botanical Gardens, but a small team erected the Crosses & prayed for them on Thursday evening.



Here are some pics...  
It was great to have the Fijian Fellowship join with us & sing 2 hymns in the Service.



**Enjoy a Hot Cross Bun @ our Morning Tea** – We choose to do this as a further reminder of what Christ did for us – the bun cross of course representing the Cross on which Jesus died. Then the spices in the bun representing the burial spices that the women purchased on the Saturday evening and brought to the tomb on that first Resurrection Sunday.



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

**For Prayer this Week:**

- **Pray for our Easter Crosses witness** on the Church corner,
- **We continue to pray for those living in motels for the next ... months & waiting** for many things to come back into order, due to Cyclone Gabrielle.
- **A young engaged couple** some of us know, are planning a wedding, but now are dealing with a difficult major surgery recovery for the next 2 months. Lord may they know your comfort & strength



**Te Hahi Combined Church Meeting – 5.30pm 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.

**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.



**A Resurrection Prayer – from 'Lost Sheep' (A Peter Prayer)**

Lord, today we're hanging out with the fishermen.  
Sitting in the boat, waiting, waiting, waiting, for the fish to bite.  
We think of how you died. We're perplexed, you keep appearing!  
We don't know what to do.  
So we do the one thing that we know. Fishing. And we can't even catch a fish.  
We looked up, it was you standing at the water's edge.  
Beckoning, showing us what to do.  
Fish!  
One hundred and fifty three fish.