

| Dates to Remember | |
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| 25 th Oct | 4pm Peter Shaw Concert at St Peter's Church |



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

'Prayer Chain' – Urgent matters for confidential prayer support, can be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Joy McHardy or Val Judd.

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

Wednesday 'Mens Breakfast' – Meets for breakfast at 6.45am. Contact Paul Cosson for more info and venue.

Thursday 'Womens Breakfast' – Meets for breakfast at 7am in the Church House. **No meeting this week, 14th October.** For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Meets at fortnightly 1pm on Thursdays, in the Church House. Contact is Nicola Hawkins.

Wanted: Offering Counters

The team that counts the tithes and offerings and prepares them for banking needs more helpers. At present two of our team are on duty once a month, and one is on fortnightly. If you are good with numeracy, are free on Mondays from 9:15am to 10am, and would like to help, please let Elaine Oates know.

You are a child of God. You are wonderfully made, dearly loved, and precious in his sight. Before God made you, he knew you. There is no one else like you.

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 October |
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| Greeters | A Clement, H Hockey | J Phin, M Wilson |
| Explorers Crèche | Parents | Parents |
| Matrix | School Hols | School Hols |
| Ministry Team | A Clement | J McHardy |
| Cups of Tea | M Patrick, R Keelan, D McLean | A Alder, I McCoy, M McHardy |
| Flowers | D Dobbie | A Lewis |
| AV & Sound | S Patrick / P Cosson | R Nelson / A Russell |
| Counters | C Robinson | C Robinson |



Sunday 10th October 2021

10am: 'Kids' Lives Matter'

Director of Ruel Foundation Give a Smile Orphanage helping abandoned kids and orphans in the Philippines have a new life.

Leading: Sal Clement

Preaching: Pauline Curtis-Smith

Duty Elder: Al Clement

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

Andrew Russell: 027 815-1635 Rodney Judd 06 863-2400 Al Clement: 027 855 5949

Children to stay in during the service. Activity sheets provided

Pauline writes...

I was born on November 24th, 1952 in Nelson New Zealand. I am one of 8 children. At around 7 years old I remember being very heartbroken when I heard the story "Hansel and Gretel". I could not understand why they didn't have a Mum or Dad and I remember crying at night about it. From around 9 years old I wanted to have an orphanage.

I went on to be a nurse, dental assistant, and a farmers' wife. We shifted from Nelson to the north island and purchased a dairy farm. From here we became youth pastors then church pastors but always in the back of my mind was to be a missionary.

In 1997 we stopped pastoring and went on a missionary training school. The practical side of this was in the Philippines, and here we went around the islands on a ship doing medical missions. After this we came back to New Zealand and ran a missionary school in Gore. We then got invited to head up a similar school in New York. We went there for 10 months, and I loved it.



Coming back, I yearned to go back to the Philippines. I loved these people! I was at a party one night when I started chatting to a lady sitting next to me. Out of the blue I told of my desire. She was shocked, as she was very involved in "Marine Reach" who were looking for someone to lead up their base in the Philippines for 6 months. 19 years later I am still there! Finally, I got my orphanage!

Having orphanages is the best and most rewarding job in the world. It fills my heart with joy every time I get to rescue one child so that she/he can become the child that God meant them to be. I am happy that we are growing and reaching out to more children. There are so many broken children in crisis situations. My life's mission is to rescue as many as possible until my last breath. There are so many children that are being physically, sexually and verbally abused in such terrible ways at such young ages – they deserve to be safe.

My main achievements include pioneering three orphanages, starting a home for severely malnourished children rescuing them from the brink of death, organising operations for over



1,000 kids who have physical deformities and providing food to the Mangyan tribal groups. Personally, my greatest joy and achievement is adopting a little tribal boy. He was almost dead when I got him, now he is a thriving 17-year-old living in New Zealand.

My favourite quotes:

Luke 9:48, "Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me, welcomes the One who sent me."

"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit."

"No man stands so tall as when he stoops to help a child." (Abraham Lincoln)

Right now I am feeling sad as I cannot get back to the Philippines. I miss the kids so much and worry about them – they need Mama cuddles!



Please note that Dione will be on leave this week (11-15 Oct). The **office will still be open**, with Marie Cosson relieving for Dione. Office hours are: 9am-12noon Monday to Friday.



Used Stamps – We collect and post these off to CBM (Christian Blind Mission). If you have any, please leave them in the marked container in the church foyer.



Booking for Services – While we continue to be limited in the amount of people who can attend Sunday services (currently 100) please continue to book a seat if you are wanting to come. This ensures that you have a seat and is also very helpful and speeds up things for the greeters at the door, who then just need to tick off your name when you arrive. Please do not be offended if you do not book a seat and are then are turned away at the door because our numbers have already reached the limit. You can book by emailing or ringing the office before 12pm on Fridays.

Attention All Creative/Crafty People – From 10am-1pm on Saturday 13th or 20th November, weather permitting, we would love to have pre-Christmas stalls on the lawn, where you can sell the things you have made, with 10% of all money made going to local missions. This gives you plenty of time to get those creative juices going and put aside. So now is the time to get growing, sewing, knotting, knitting, turning, mosaicking, preserving etc ... and baking nearer the time. Any questions, see Marilyn Patrick.

Memorial Service for Pat Hall – Due to Covid lockdown levels, this has been postponed indefinitely for now.

Tithing Envelopes – Don't forget, the next lot of tithing envelopes are ready for those who use them, and can be collected from the table in the church foyer.