

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 'Prayer For the Nation'-11am–12noon in Church prayer room. For more info contact Janet Burgess.

Tuesday Bible Study – Meeting at 1.30pm in the Church House for duration of The Prayer Course. For more info contact Val Hawkins.

Wednesday 'Mens Breakfast'- Meets at 6:45am - 7:50am in the Church house lounge. Currently doing The Prayer Course. For more info contact Paul Cosson.

Friday 'Revival Prayer'– every Friday evening 6:30pm-7:30pm at Joy McHardy's home.

Explorers Volunteers: We desperately need some more people on the Explorers roster. If you are willing, please let the office know. If you want to know more of what is involved, talk to Raewyn Theobald.

Bible In Schools Secretary/Treasurer

Gisborne/Wairoa/East Coast Bible in Schools Committee is seeking someone to fill the role of Secretary/Treasurer. *This is a paid, part time position, with flexible hours to suit.* The successful applicant will be expected to share the values and principles inherent to the providers of this district's Christian Bible in Schools program. Experience in secretarial work or financial book keeping preferred but not essential. Anyone interested in enquiring about this position is welcome to email: **Esther Henderson** at doonhill@farmside.co.nz

Easter Camp 2019

We have approx. 27 people going to Easter Camp at Mystery Creek on Thursday. If you want to help them by making a contribution towards their camp costs – there is still time. Don't forget to pray for them this weekend.



"Easter Camp 2019"

The youth will be at Easter Camp, at Mystery Creek in Hamilton, this weekend.

No more Youth Group until Term 2 starts.



	<i>Today</i>	<i>Next Sunday 21st April</i>
Greeters	<i>L McAra, N Hawkins</i>	<i>J & L Hawksworth</i>
Explorers Crèche	<i>M Patrick</i>	<i>R Theobald</i>
Matrix	<i>School Holidays</i>	<i>School Holidays</i>
Ministry Team	<i>J McHardy</i>	<i>A Clement</i>
Cups of Tea	<i>A & D McLean, M McHardy</i>	<i>J Dyas, B Corlett, A Alder</i>
Flowers	<i>E Oates</i>	<i>G Sharp</i>
AV & Sound	<i>P Oram, P Cosson</i>	<i>D Russell, P Walker</i>
Counters	<i>D Welch</i>	<i>D Welch</i>



Sunday 14th April 2019

10am: "Testimonies from the Prayer Course"
Palm Sunday

Leading: Neil Smoker Preaching: Paula Levy
Duty Elder: Rodney Judd

6:30pm - Evening Fellowship Gathering

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Elders Team

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'Explorers' creche is operating and available for 1-4 years.
'Kidzspace' Primary age children head out when directed.
'Matrix' Intermediates meet during the message time, over in the house

Paula writes....

Today we will be hearing stories about what we have learnt and what God has done in the Prayer Course. I have loved connecting with others around our experience of prayer, and growing in faith and confidence as we have shared stories – of both answered and unanswered prayer – encouraged each other in persevering and listening, and committed together to praying the promises of God into our lives and the situations on our hearts.

Today we also begin our journey into the Easter week. I encourage you this week to begin to reflect, re-read the story and prepare ourselves to remember both the huge sacrifice of the death of Christ, and the world-transforming miracle of resurrection that followed.

Today we start with Jesus' journey back to Jerusalem. What a mixture of emotions for Jesus and His disciples. Palm Sunday is such a wonderful burst of joy and understanding that what people were seeing in Jesus was something never seen before, something mind-blowing and world changing. Although many probably only understood a little, they were drawn to spontaneous praise and caught up in this moment of celebration and worship. I often wonder what my response would have been if I was there.

One man who was there, was the donkey owner. Maybe a small part to play in the light of history, but here's Max Lucado's take on him.

"I don't know his name or what he looks like. I only know what he gave. He gave a donkey for Jesus to use on the Sunday he entered Jerusalem. An interesting bit of history is found in Matthew 21:3. The scripture says, "If anyone asks you why you are taking the donkeys, say that the Master needs them, and he will send them at once." Did the man have any idea his generosity would be used for such a noble purpose? Did it occur to him God was going to ride that donkey? All of us have a donkey. Something that, if given to God, could move Jesus and His story further down the road. Maybe you sing or program a computer, or speak Swahili, or write a cheque. Whichever it may be ... that's your donkey. Do you give it? The guy who gave Jesus the donkey is just one in a long line of folks who gave little things to a big God."

I wonder what God might be asking you to give this Easter season?

We would love you to join us for our Good Friday walk carrying the crosses, and service of reflection – or our Sunday morning celebration of the Risen Jesus. Please also be praying for our 21 young people and their leaders off to Easter camp this Thursday. For God's provision of all they need, safety in travel and an awesome, fun, life-transforming time away.

Blessings, Paula

Our Easter Services coming up...

1. Good Friday

Meet 9:15am at the Botanical Gardens, Roebuck Road corner, where we will assemble as a group to carry our 3 Crosses to the Church, **or 9:45am at the Church** where we will erect our 3 Crosses on the corner of Ormond Rd, and our Scripture sign



boards upon all three. We will pray a blessing and then move to the church for a 30 minute contemplative service - followed by hot cross buns.

2. Easter Sunday

10am Celebration led by Andrew Russell



Drivers for RAK: Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) need more drivers to deliver the baking and have a bit of chat to the recipients. If you have a spare hour on Friday mornings to help with this, it would be greatly appreciated. Please see Joy McHardy if interested.

Soup & Korero

This Monday afternoon a group of us will be serving soup and buns at the Atkinson Street shops - with a goal of connecting with the community, discussing needs and hopes and finding people that may be keen to be part of a Mangapapa Community group. See Paula if you are keen to help or come by on Monday.



Family In Need:

We are in contact with a family with significant financial and health needs. A key to this will be gaining residency and security. If you feel able to make a one off donation to help them through a particular situation or to contribute towards living costs, please leave a donation in an envelope marked "Family in need" or tag an online payment.

CAP Money Coaches needed:

Do you have a heart for the poor and a passion to help lift Kiwi families out of poverty? Would you like to train as a CAP Money Coach? If you think this might interest you, contact Sepoima Tulia for more info on what is involved.



Soup for CAP Clients:

As the cooler months approach, I'd love to be able to take soup to clients, instead of baking. If you feel like making soup and separating it into 1-2L portions, then please do so and put it into the freezer in the church house. Nicola.