

Dates to Remember	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Te Hahi Combined Churches Prayer - 7am AOG Church
18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Hope Project prayer night - 7pm at HOB Church
18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7pm Women's Event - Dessert evening at Breakers
26-27 Mar	Family Camp at Camp Qodesh, Mahia
28 Mar	Te Hahi Combined Service with Alfred Ngaro
9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	9.30am Women's Event - Autumn at the Arboretum



**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 in the Church Prayer Room/Library. For more info contact Janet Burgess or Gretchen Norman.

**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 in the Church House. For more info contact Paul Cosson.

**Thursday 'Womens Breakfast'** – Meets for breakfast at 7am in the Church House. For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

**Women's 'Growth Group'** – Meets at fortnightly 1pm on Thursday, in the Church House. If you are interested in joining please contact Nicola Hawkins.

	<p><b>Te Hahi Prayer Meetings</b> You are invited to be part of this very important ministry. 7am every Thursday morning at the Assembly of God Church, 82 Grey Street.</p>	
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**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 21 <sup>st</sup> March
<b>Greeters</b>	B & A Hall	L McAra, H Hockey
<b>Explorers Crèche</b>	A Lawton	N Welch, E Holwill
<b>Matrix</b>	P & D Viljoen	Family Service
<b>Ministry Team</b>	E Oates	A Clement
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	B Corlett, J Dyas, I McCoy	N Aston, M Potter, M Freeman
<b>Flowers</b>	A Lewis	A Lewis
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	D Russell / P Cosson	S Patrick / B Hawkins
<b>Counters</b>	A Radcliffe	C Robinson

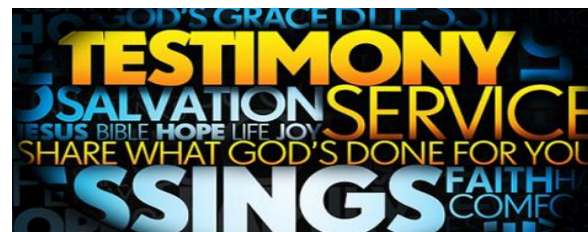


**Mangapapa Church** (UNION PARISH)

Our motivating vision is...  
'To be His Love, Light and Life'

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

10am:



**Leading and Duty Elder: Paula Levy**

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**Elders Team**

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'Explorers' creche is operating and available for 1-4 years.  
'Kidzspace' Primary age children go out before worship.  
'Matrix789's' go out at message time.

## Paula writes...

Testimony Sunday is always such an encouragement. As we share real stories from our own lives we see more and more God alive and active in the 'now'. Whether it's a celebration of breakthrough and answered prayer – or the courage and peace that God walks with us in the hard times. I love the story of Joseph. Max Lucado says this:



*Joseph was the second most powerful man of his generation. It is not hyperbole to state that he saved the world from starvation. How did he flourish in the midst of tragedy? We don't have to speculate. Some twenty years later Joseph's brothers came to him in dread. They feared he would settle the score and throw them into a pit of his own making. But Joseph didn't. And in his explanation we find his inspiration:*

*"As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive." (Genesis 50:20 NASB)*

*In God's hands intended evil becomes eventual good. Joseph tied himself to the pillar of this promise and held on for dear life. Nothing in his story glosses over the presence of evil. Quite the contrary. Bloodstains and tearstains are everywhere. Joseph's heart was rubbed raw against the rocks of disloyalty and miscarried justice. Yet time and time again God redeemed the pain. The torn robe became a royal one. The pit became a palace. The broken family grew old together. The very acts intended to destroy God's servant turned out to strengthen him. "You meant evil against me," Joseph told his brothers, using a Hebrew verb which traces its meaning to "weave" or "plait". "You wove evil," he was saying, "but God reweave it together for good."*

May we too discover and trust God not only in the good times but also in the hard ones.

"I will sing of the goodness of God."

**Blessings, Paula**



**Cheques Are Being Phased Out** – From July 2021 most banks will have stopped receiving and issuing cheques. Some banks are doing this sooner. If you are using cheques for your giving, please change to another method. Our details for electronic giving or envelope giving are on the back page of this newsletter.

Matrix youth had a fun time with the team from YWAM Marine Reach last Sunday afternoon. It was neat for them to see younger people serving God, hearing about their prayer lives and for us all to enjoy each other's company over food and games.



**CREATIVITY ...** God wants us to put our creativity to work so we can glorify him and bless others. As part of our **Easter services** we would like to use some creations you have made that depict Easter and what Christ has done for us.

Has God given you that creative gift and love using it? This could come in the form of a flower arrangement, a painting, a photo, something with wood, mosaic ... anything at all. Open to all ages.

**Please contact Marilyn if you would like to create something for Easter....**  
021 158 1018 or [marilynpatrick54@gmail.com](mailto:marilynpatrick54@gmail.com)

Ladies, don't forget...



## DESSERT EVENING

Thursday, 18 March

7.00pm

BREAKERS RESTAURANT

No RSVP - we'll see you there



**Hope Project 2021** is having a combined Churches prayer meeting at **7pm** on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March** at **House of Breakthrough**. We are also looking for a person to co-ordinate our Mangapapa Church volunteers in the distribution of the Hope booklets over Easter. They will liaise with HOB who are heading the Gisborne distribution.

**Items Wanted:** The Te Hahi Whangaia Team have sent out a request for nappies (medium, large, toddlers and juniors) and personal toiletries excluding toothbrushes or toothpaste. Donations of these can be brought to the office during office hours (9am-12noon Mon-Fri), or put in the food basket on Sunday (but make sure they are labelled for Te Hahi).