

Dates to Remember	
Tuesdays	6.30pm Interchurch Volleyball
Thursdays	Te Hahi Combined Churches Prayer - 7am AOG Church
20-22 July	Wonderzone Kids Holiday Programme
7 th Aug	Kidzspace Families Pizza / Movie Night



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 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 Thursdays, in the Church House. If you are interested in joining please contact Nicola Hawkins.



Note: Dione is on leave this coming week and Marie Cosson will be in the office. Paula is also taking time off to be with family but will be back for Sunday 27th July. Please be praying for the kids Holiday Programme this week.

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 27 th July
Greeters	<i>Volunteer, I McCoy</i>	<i>B & A Hall</i>
Explorers Crèche	<i>Parents</i>	<i>Parents</i>
Matrix	<i>School Hols</i>	<i>School Hols</i>
Ministry Team	<i>J Newman</i>	<i>J McHardy</i>
Cups of Tea	<i>E & B Bowis, R Keelan</i>	<i>M Smith, A Alder, M Freeman</i>
Flowers	<i>E Oates</i>	<i>E Oates</i>
AV & Sound	<i>S Patrick / P Cosson</i>	<i>S Patrick / P Cosson</i>
Counters	<i>B Wheeler</i>	<i>N Coffey</i>



Sunday 18th July 2021

10am: 'How Big Is Your God?'

Proverbs 3:5-6

Leading: Rachal McIntyre

Preaching: Leigh McGurk

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Children go out for a movie today, during the Message.

Paula writes...

Where does our joy and hope come from? Where does our ability to get up each morning and face whatever challenges may lie ahead? If it was from circumstances, for some it may be easy, but for others the weight would be too much.

In many ways, this is why it is so good to finish each day in prayer. Bring to God the things of the day. Thanking Him for the good, asking him to be at work in the broken, putting right with Him the areas where we may have struggled to follow Him as we wanted, and then receiving the peace of His presence as we rest. And then ... to begin the next day again: with an awareness that His Spirit is at work in you – giving courage, comforting, empowering, transforming. You do not face the day alone. And to read God's Word and take into the day a word of truth, or love or encouragement.

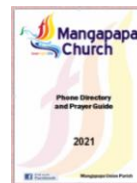
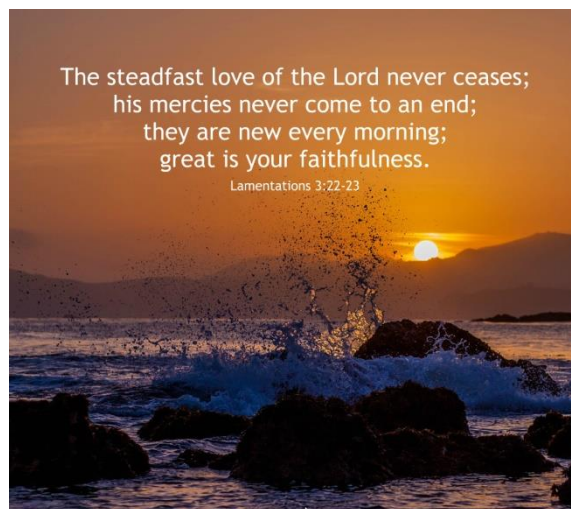
Just as breakfast, or that morning cuppa, gives us strength for the day, so being consciously aware of God's presence and connecting with Him gives us the sustenance to go into whatever the day holds. Maybe as we do, He will redirect our path - or maybe He will just give us strength for what is already planned.

Then during the day, our goal is to not forget Him. We don't leave Him behind when our prayer is finished. His Spirit is in us and therefore goes with us. We can consciously stay tuned to Him, those one word or one sentence prayers, those moments of stopping and asking for guidance, those times when we ask God to see a situation through His eyes.

I don't know about you, but understanding this gives me courage and hope. I can wake up knowing I am not alone. I can enter the day knowing that even if I feel weak He is strong. And I can trust Him that not only will He not leave me, He can work in me and through me.

Blessings as you are aware of His presence and serve this week,

Paula



Church Directory 2021 – There are a couple of **Draft Copies** of the 2021 Church Directory on the table at the back. Please check your details and write in any corrections or updates. If you are in the Directory and don't want to be, or vice versa, please let the office know and it will be amended. **Note: Please don't take these home. You will be given a copy of the Directory once it is finalised.**

Kids Programme – July School Holidays

Discovering God's wonderful world!

9.30am-11.30am on Tuesday 20 July – Thursday 22 July

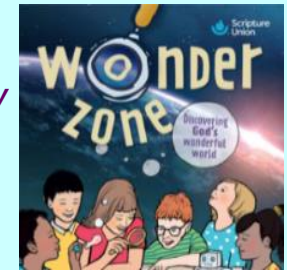
For kids aged 5-11 years

One Child: \$5 for one day / \$10 for 3 days

Family: \$20 for 3 days (if pre-registered)

Register at: <https://bit.ly/wonderzonegizzy>

Flyers are available on the back table.



Kidzspace Families Pizza / Movie Night



Date: Saturday 7th August

Venue: Mangapapa Church

Time: 5pm - 7pm

Cost: \$5 per person to maximum of \$20 per family



Proposed Hate Speech Law – At Pray As One NZ's meeting on Monday 5th July, Mark Maney, staff researcher and writer for [NZ Christian Network](#), presented some concerns people should have over the government's proposed hate speech legislation that is currently under discussion, and made three prayer requests regarding this discussion process:

1. That the New Zealand public will become aware of the significant dangers to freedom of belief and freedom of expression posed by what is being proposed, and express their concerns on their response to the discussion document.
2. That the Christian community become well-informed on this matter, and how it could seriously affect Christian people and churches, and then make clear, constructive, and persuasive feedback to the government expression.
3. That the Government listens to the concerns, and then shapes the legislation in a way that genuinely protects freedoms of religious belief and expression.

To view Mark's message visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zwNA6Zpats4>
More info about the proposed Hate Speech Law is posted on the noticeboard, along with links to the discussion document.