

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 Library. For more info contact Maureen Wilson or Judy McLatchie.

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

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

2019 Senior's Directory – We have some copies of these directories from the Tairawhiti Positive Ageing Trust. If you would like one, you can pick them up from the table in the church foyer. Thanks to Nona Aston for organising these for our senior church folk.

Foodbank – Thank you for your giving to this vital ministry. We are currently in need of: rubbish stickers, tuna/salmon, weetbix, porridge, 2 Min noodles, pasta sauce, flour, sugar, rice, pasta, muesli bars, corn, peas, pkts mashed potato, cans of soup, coffee, jams/spreads, crackers, biscuits.



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.



Friday 24th May – "Youth Alpha Course"

Session Two. 7pm to 9pm

Bring \$3

... See Tirzah for more info.



| | <i>Today</i> | <i>Next Sunday 26th May</i> |
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| Greeters | <i>J Phin, M Wilson</i> | <i>J & L Hawksworth</i> |
| Explorers Crèche | <i>R Theobald</i> | <i>Family Service</i> |
| Matrix | <i>D or P Viljoen</i> | <i>Family Service</i> |
| Ministry Team | <i>A Clement</i> | <i>J Newman</i> |
| Cups of Tea | <i>S & M Patrick, M McHardy</i> | <i>B & A Hall, N Aston</i> |
| Flowers | <i>A Lewis</i> | <i>D Dobbie</i> |
| AV & Sound | <i>J Russell, P Cosson</i> | <i>R Nelson, P Walker</i> |
| Counters | <i>N Coffey</i> | <i>A Radcliffe</i> |



Sunday 19th May 2019

10am: The Conversations of Jesus Series

1. Do you want to be healed? (John 5:1-15)

Leading: Neil Smoker

Preaching: Paula Levy

Duty Elder: Paula Levy

6.30pm – Evening Fellowship

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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 head out at message time.

Paula writes....

Thank you to those who gathered to pray on Tuesday night. There was a strong sense of God's presence, of unity, of compassion, and passion to pray for the things God has placed on our hearts and in particular for our church. We also took time to listen, and four key words that came out were **unity, courage, going** and **meeekness**. I encourage you to keep listening, and praying for these amongst us.

Thank you too, to those who helped yesterday at our Working Bee, and to those who regularly serve in practical ways to keep our building and grounds looking good and working well.

This morning I want to begin a series of talks on the 'Conversations of Jesus', and the ways He encountered and impacted people. I have been struck recently by situations like; the Israel Folau debate, responses to the Christchurch events, a personal friend facing employment issues for praying in a workplace, and that we need both incredible courage and incredible wisdom as we share the hope of Christ. So I have been drawn to look at what we can learn from the interactions of Jesus.

I have been also been re-reading a book called 'God Space' (by Doug Pollock), which is an excellent book on how to naturally have spiritual conversations and encounters with people. In it, he reminds us our starting place is in seeing the world and people as Jesus does, with compassion. But then sometimes we are either too scared to say anything about our hope in Christ, or too bold and make a mess of it. He says this:

Many people we hope to reach with the Gospel anticipate, and are amply prepared for any direct attack on the holy places and sacred shrines of their hearts. Our message rarely gets through because they hear, "My worldview is better than your worldview, so let me tell you why I'm right and you're wrong." Instead of opening hearts to Jesus, many times we merely perpetuate the "us versus them" standoff.

Rather Doug encourages us to learn to create God spaces. This is where:

- *God is felt and encountered in tangible ways that address the longings and cries of the heart.*
- *Gentleness and respect are present, judgment is absent, and divine dialogue flows naturally because trust has been established.*
- *The invisible principles of God's kingdom are made visible in ways people can see, touch, and feel.*
- *Cynics, sceptics and spiritually curious people alike can raise their questions, share their doubts, voice their concerns, and even vent their anger toward God and the church.*
- *The "unworthy" feel safe enough to bring their real selves out into the light and journey towards the cross one step at a time*
- *Spiritual curiosity is aroused and the message of Christianity becomes plausible.*

My prayer is that as we look at the encounters of Jesus, we would grow in compassion and effectiveness to share the hope we have.

Next Saturday, we will celebrate Tyrone and Tirzah's wedding here at 1:30pm. Church family are invited to attend, and stay for afternoon tea afterwards. Remember to let Dione know if you can help with food for afternoon tea. Let's really bless these guys as they begin the adventure of marriage together.

Blessings, Paula



Save This Date!

Midwinter Christmas Dinner – 17th July

We are having a Christmas Mid Winter dinner on Wednesday July 17th for our church family, our friends, CAP clients and residents from the Mangapapa suburb. We hope it will be an evening where we enjoy each other's company and develop connections. There will be a promotion for the Alpha course and a light/short message with a Christian Christmas theme. We are planning entertainment for the children and some live music and drama for the adults.

Please start praying for this evening; whether you will come, who you could invite, and whether you would like to be part of helping. There will be more details to follow, but if you have any ideas or want to offer your services you can speak with Paula or Nicola.





Tithing Receipts – The end of year receipts for your tithing/giving are now available to collect from the table in the foyer. Thank you Rodney Judd for the awesome job you do with these.

Transport to Church: We would still like to get a list of people we can call on to help when people need a ride to church. If you are willing to be on this list, please let the office know, along with the area of Gisborne you can pick up from.



Tirzah & Tyrone Wedding – 25th May @ 1.30pm

Tirzah and Tyrone would love you to come and witness their marriage in a couple of weeks on Saturday 25th May, and stay for an afternoon tea after the ceremony. If anyone is willing to help out with the afternoon tea by making a plate or serving in the kitchen, please let Dione know. It would be much appreciated.



Save This Date

Movie and Dessert Evening for Women – Saturday, 8th June

Toss (Thursday Open Shed Sale) this Thursday 23 May. We can always do with more things to sell so please drop them in to the office weekday mornings. All monies go towards local mission. Thanks for your help.



Coming up ...
KIDZSPACE & EXPLORERS FUN FAMILY EVENT
on Saturday 15th June a "Midwinter Feast in the Forest"
More details to follow...