

Dates to Remember	
9 th Oct TBC	2pm Pat Hall Memorial Service AGM



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.



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 26 th September
Greeters	Al Clement	TBC
Explorers Crèche	Not open	Not open
Matrix	B Wheeler	M van Wijk
Ministry Team	None	TBC
Cups of Tea	None	None
Flowers	B Bowis	D Dobbie
AV & Sound	D Russell / P Levy	R Nelson / A Russell
Counters	N Coffey or Al Clement	TBC



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



Sunday 19th September 2021

10am: 'There's Another In The Fire'

Daniel 3

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'Matrix' Intermediates are to go out during message time.

Paula writes...

Two weeks ago I mentioned a song I had learned over lockdown. The song is based on Daniel 3, the passage we look at this week. Sometimes we think we know the Bible stories, especially the well-known ones. But I love it how when we re-read we see new things.



This story is incredible. Three Jewish men who, in a simple act of faithfulness to God, were dobbed in by jealous associates and faced the consequences of an arrogant and power obsessed King. It seems they were faithful servants in other ways but then were presented with a situation and a boundary they would not cross.

Their words are amazing:

“King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. ¹⁸ But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

What happens next is mind-blowing. Read through Daniel 3!

Their faithfulness to God stands out – but much greater is God's faithfulness to them. They were willing to obey, even if God didn't rescue them. And as amazing as the rescue was - is what everyone who was watching saw, including the KING.

They were not alone – there was another being in the fire with them!

So whether you are facing particular challenges because of circumstances, or because you are living in a way that is faithful to Jesus even when it goes against those around you – may you know you are not alone. Even if your situation is unresolved.

God of the incarnation, God who became human and lived with us, God of the Emmaus Rd who walks beside, God who is in the boat in the storm. We are not alone.

*There was another in the fire
Standing next to me
There was another in the waters
Holding back the seas
And should I ever need reminding
Of how I've been set free
There is a cross that bears the burden
Where another died for me.*



AGM Postponed – We were going to hold our AGM on 22nd September, but due to the Level restrictions we have decided to postpone it until we can meet under Level 1. The exact date is yet to be confirmed, so please watch this space.

Attention All Creative/Crafty People – On a Saturday in November 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 – 2pm Saturday 9th October there will be a Memorial Service here at Mangapapa Church for Pat Hall who died at the start of lockdown last year. The family would like to give an opportunity for people to join them in remembering this lovely lady, so pop this on your calendar.

Tithing Envelopes – The next lot of tithing envelopes are ready for those who use them, and can be collected from the table in the church foyer. Thanks Jenny for preparing those!

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.

Church Directory 2021 – If you haven't received a copy of the 2021 Church Directory, and you would like one, you can pick up a copy from the foyer table or office. Just one per family please. If you would like a colour copy, let the office know and Dione will print one off for you. Cost for a colour copy is \$5.

Foodbank – We continued to supply food parcels during lockdown and want to thank Gizzy Kai for giving us some cartons of food to help out during this time. Our stock has become quite low now and we really need: flour, sugar, toilet paper, toothpaste, soup, jams, vegetable oil, tins of spaghetti, canned peas, tuna/salmon, pasta sauce and muesli bars.



Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!
1 Chronicles 16:11