

Dates to Remember	
Tuesdays	6.30pm Interchurch Volleyball
Thursdays	Te Hahi Combined Churches Prayer - 7am AOG Church
7 th Aug	Kidzspace Families Pizza / Movie Night
21 st Aug	Tear Fund's 'The Big Quiz' 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.



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 8 th August
Greeters	L McAra, M Wilson	L Frampton, H Hockey
Explorers Crèche	R Theobald	A Lawton
Matrix	P & D Viljoen	B Wheeler
Ministry Team	E Oates	J Newman
Cups of Tea	P & A Walker, <i>Volunteer</i>	V Robinson, W Carstens, D Benson
Flowers	D Dobbie	D Dobbie
AV & Sound	R Nelson / P Walker	D Russell / P Cosson
Counters	N Coffey	A Radcliffe

Mangapapa Church (UNION PARISH)

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

Sunday 1st August 2021

10am: 'Testimony Sunday'

With shared Communion

Leading: Neil Smoker

Preaching: Testimonies

Duty Elder: Andrew Russell

Church Leader: Paula Levy **Office** 06 867-9604 **Cell** 021 140-4667
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Elders Team

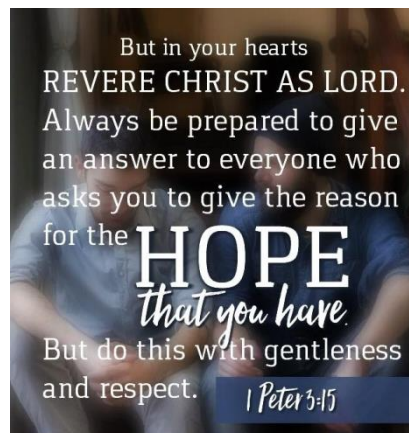
Andrew Russell: 027 815-1635 Rodney Judd 06 863-2400 Al Clement: 027 855 5949

*'Explorers' creche is operating and available for 1-4 years.
'Kidzspace' Primary age children go out at message time.
'Matrix' Intermediates are to go out during message time.*

Paula writes...

Some words that have been speaking to me this week come from 1 Peter 3:

¹⁵ Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. ¹⁶ But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ. ¹⁷ Remember, it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is what God wants, than to suffer for doing wrong!



Whether it is in personal relationships or in a more public sphere, our words matter. Are we able to explain what we believe and why, are we able to make comment on issues that concern us in our community and culture, and are we able to do this with wisdom, gentleness and respect? And do our lives match up to our words? Challenging questions.

While attending the Family First Conference a few weeks ago, I was reminded of the challenge and responsibility of keeping up to date with current issues so that we can think through Christian responses and participate in helpful and respectful debate in the public sphere. Not only can this make a difference to how we speak and vote into the governance and policy of our country but also in institutions like schools and workplaces. It also helps us as we engage with friends and colleagues on complex issues of our time.

One new resource that I would encourage you to look at is Active Intelligence. Here Aaron Ironside aims to speak to a wide range of issues in a balanced way. Recently he has covered topics as diverse as climate change, the Palestinian and Israel conflict, bitcoin, cannabis, transgenderism and sport, and the Covid vaccine.

Join Aaron Ironside as he tackles the issues of the day and brings you, the viewer, to a deeper understanding of both sides of significant social debates.

Active Intelligence is a place where you can find balance not bias. No one will tell you what to think or dismiss you if you have concerns about social trends. This show has been created to engage people from all points of view to make up their own mind.

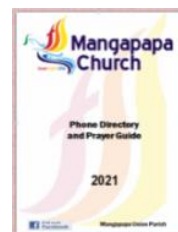
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Bless you as you live for Jesus in our complex world, **Paula**



Flower Roster – Elaine Oates is retiring from the Flower Roster and we want to say a big 'Thank You' to you Elaine, for the beautiful flower arrangements that you have done for us over the years. I know that they have blessed many people. We are now looking for another person to join the Flower Roster. If this is a skill you have and you would be keen to join the team, please see Elaine for more details.



Church Directory 2021 – Last week to check that your details in the **Draft Copies** of the 2021 Church Directory are correct. There are two copies 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.

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



Saturday 21st August

Come along for an epic evening of quizzing fun – all for a good cause! On Saturday 21st August we will take part in the biggest multi-venue, nationwide quiz. All proceeds go to Tear Fund. More details to follow.

