

Dates to Remember ...	
27 Oct	Mountain Biking in Wairoa
1 st Nov	Quiz Night
15-16 Nov	Men's Weekend
17 th Nov	She Shed



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 – Meets at 1.30pm in the Church Prayer Room. 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.

Thursday 'Womens Breakfast'- Meets at 7:00am – 8:30am in the Church House lounge. For more info contact Gretchen Norman or Amanda Lewis.

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

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 25th October – No official Youth Group but..

Starting 7pm at the church there will be a bike maintenance/fixing/repair session to get bikes ready for Sunday's mountain biking in Wairoa.

See YG Facebook page for more details.



	Today	Next Sunday 27 th October
Greeters	J & L Hawksworth	A Clement, L McAra
Explorers Crèche	A Lawton	M Patrick
Matrix	R Levy	L Hindle
Ministry Team	J McHardy	E Oates
Cups of Tea	N & C Coffey, M Smith	A & D McLean, D Benson
Flowers	A Lewis	E Oates
AV & Sound	J Russell / P Cosson	D Russell / S Patrick
Counters	N Coffey	A McLean



Sunday 20th October 2019

10am: "Baptism: A Stake in the Ground"

Matthew 28:18-20

Leading: Janice Langford

Preaching: Paula Levy

Duty Elder: Rodney Judd

No Evening Fellowship tonight

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'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....

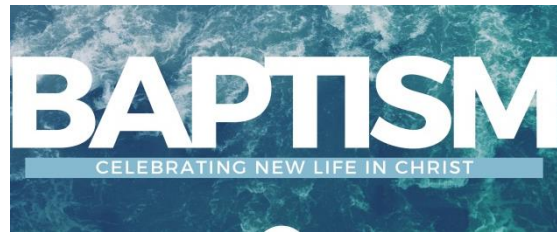
It was a real privilege to be in Tairāwhiti last week. I took the week off to have some school holiday time with my family, and it was wonderful to not go away. Up until now I have been unsure what Tuia 250 would look like. There has been debate, uncertainty and many different ideas shared.

Last week it was a privilege just to be here. To witness the moving arrival of voyaging canoes from different places sail in, and imagine what it would have been like those hundreds of years ago. Then to see the Tall ships, and again wonder what that was like. To reflect on the good and the hard; the courage and the mistakes. To reflect and learn more about not only the events of 250 years ago, but our journey as a nation since. To see how this fits with the arrival of missionaries, the sharing of the gospel and our journey as a nation.

I appreciated this comment: *Tuia 250's deputy chief executive Tamsin Evans wrote: "I hope people understand that Tuia 250 is about acknowledging our history – the good, the bad and everything that comes with it – in an open and respectful way. This commemoration is just one step towards growing more understanding of one another – whenever we arrived here, however we arrived here, we have a past and a shared future together."*

As Jesus' followers we have a ministry of reconciliation. To be a part of seeing people reconcile with God and with each other. We also have an understanding and means of forgiveness through the work of Jesus which is a gift beyond measure. So I pray that as we have witnessed these events, we would continue to be open to listen and learn, to forgive and heal, and be able to share the good news of reconciliation and forgiveness that allows this to happen. Tuia 250 is not an end in itself, but my prayer is it is a stake in the ground, a milestone in understanding and healing.

On another note, and an even bigger "stake in the ground", we want to give you the opportunity this term, if you haven't already, to be baptised. Some of the most well known words of Jesus say this:



"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Jesus was baptised and He instructed all who follow Him to do the same. It is a one-time public declaration that we have decided to follow Jesus and live our life for Him. It powerfully symbolizes that we are following the example of Jesus, that we are forgiven of our sins and washed clean through the work of Christ, that we are raised to new life and that we are given the gift of the Holy Spirit. It also is a symbol and means of us joining the body of Christ.

I look back to my own baptism, at age 18, as a powerful ownership that, "Yes I believe!", a willingness to declare this publicly, and a commitment to live my life for Him. It was a wonderful celebration that I will never forget. If you are considering baptism or would simply like to know more please let Paula or the office know. I will meet with all those interested and we are planning a Baptism service later this term.

Blessings, Paula



RAK (Random Acts of Kindness) – More drivers are needed for deliveries and a quick chat to local people in the community who are confined at home. Would appreciate some more helpers please.

Mountain Biking in Wairoa – Sunday 27th October

Those keen to cycle the Mountain Biking Tracks in Wairoa are to meet at noon on **Sunday 27th October** in the church carpark. See *Mark Van Wijk* or *Kate Ney* for more details.



MUP Youth invite you to ... **A Quiz Night!**

Friday 1st November, 7pm - 9pm

\$5 per person (as a youth fundraiser)

General knowledge / Sports / Bible / History

Supper provided

Come on your own, bring a friend, bring your whole family ...



Men's Weekend – 15th & 16th November

Come and join us at Whānaru Bay. Fishing, walking, mountain biking, relaxing. No cost, apart from shared transport there. Put it in your diaries now or see Paul Cosson, John Hawksworth or Roger Levy for more details.



The annual SHE SHED Wainui artists Studio Tour – is coming up on 17th November. Proceeds to EC Cancer Society. Tickets \$5 and available from Angela Paton.

Billets Needed – 31st December – Four members of the Bible Society in Scotland & NZ will be here on 31st Dec to film the first reading of the Bible as the sun rises in Gisborne, for their project Bible 2020. As accommodation is booked out due to R&V, they are hoping we might billet them. They don't need to stay together, and they have their own transport. If you can help, please let the office know.



It's good to be back at work reconnecting with "clients" and making plans for the term. We have 3 people currently in the setup phase. I'd love prayer for them to be able to achieve this task independently, or for me to be able to identify when they are struggling so that I can put in place support to help them get this task done. Nicola.