

Dates to Remember	
22 Mar	1.30pm Noeleen Skillen funeral
Tuesdays	6.30pm Interchurch Volleyball
Thursdays	Te Hahi Combined Churches Prayer - 7am AOG Church
26-27 Mar	Family Camp at Camp Qodesh, Mahia
28 Mar	Te Hahi Combined Service with Alfred Ngaro
9 th Apr	9.30am Women's Event - Autumn at the Arboretum



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 in the Church Prayer Room/Library. For more info contact Janet Burgess or Gretchen Norman.

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



Te Hahi Prayer Meetings
You are invited to be part of this very important ministry. 7am every Thursday morning at the Assembly of God Church, 82 Grey Street.



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 28 th March
Greeters	L McAra, H Hockey	J & L Hawksworth
Explorers Crèche	Family Service	Parents
Matrix	Family Service	P & D Viljoen
Ministry Team	A Clement	J Newman
Cups of Tea	N Aston, M Potter, M Freeman	D McLean, D Benson, R Keelan
Flowers	A Lewis	D Dobbie
AV & Sound	S Patrick / B Hawkins	D Russell / A Russell
Counters	C Robinson	C Robinson



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

Sunday 21st March 2021

10am: All Ages



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Elders Team

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All children stay in this morning.

Paula writes...

Testimony Sunday is always such an encouragement. Thanks to those who shared last week. If you have a specific answer to prayer or story of God at work at any time, that you think would be an encouragement to others – please let me know.

Thanks too to those who attended the workshops last weekend. One of the encouragements Mike Burrows gave us was to be all the time praying and asking God to give us words from God for people. He reminded us the primary way

God speaks is through the Bible, but through the Holy Spirit we can also hear His voice directly. He defined prophecy as hearing from God for someone else. His framework was that these words are to strengthen, encourage and comfort. Gifting words like this to people can make a big difference in someone's journey. Sometimes we may feel God is giving us a more challenging word for a person or situation. In this case it is wise to take more care, perhaps ask God for confirmation, and if it is a word for the church take it to the Elders. May we continue to grow together in this area.

It is now only two weeks till Easter. See details of our Easter services on the next page. Let's be prayerfully considering how we can both celebrate and share the incredible message of Christian hope this season.

I am away in Palmerston North this weekend and the regional Presbytery Gathering. Thanks to Debbie and the Kidzspace team for leading our service today.

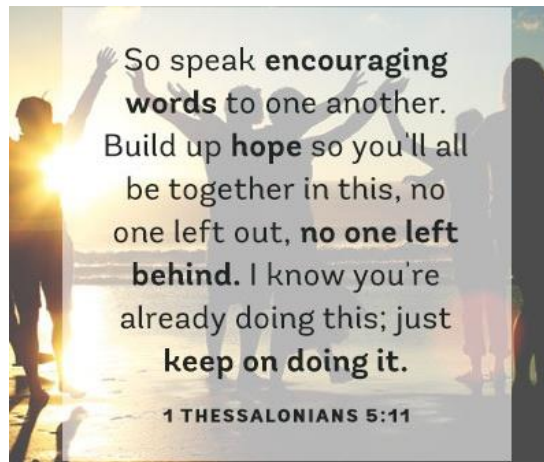
Blessings, Paula



CREATIVITY God wants us to put our creativity to work so we can glorify him and bless others. As part of our **Easter services** we would like to use some creations you have made that depict Easter and what Christ has done for us.

Has God given you that creative gift and love using it? This could come in the form of a flower arrangement, a painting, a photo, something with wood, mosaic anything at all. Open to all ages.

Please contact Marilyn if you would like to create something for Easter....
021 158 1018 or marilynpatrick54@gmail.com



Our Easter Services coming up...

1. Good Friday

Meet 9:15am at the Botanical Gardens, Roebuck Road corner, where we will assemble as a group to carry our 3 Crosses to the Church, **or 9:45am at the Church** where we will erect our 3 Crosses on the corner of Ormond Rd, and our



Scripture sign boards upon all three. We will have a short time of remembrance there and then move to the church for a short creative service - followed by hot cross buns.

2. Easter Sunday

10am Celebration led by Neil Smoker, with Frank Darcy sharing the message.



Hope Project 2021 –

We are looking for a person to co-ordinate our Mangapapa Church volunteers in the distribution

of the Hope booklets over Easter. They will liaise with HOB who are heading the Gisborne distribution, to pass on information and instructions to our volunteers.

Noeleen Skillen Funeral – It is with sadness we acknowledge the death of Noeleen Skillen this last week. Noeleen and her husband Arthur were long time members of this church family several years ago. She has been in a home in Napier for many years but her funeral will be held here at Mangapapa tomorrow, **Monday 22nd March at 1:30pm**. Those that knew her are welcome to attend.

Church Camp – Starting Friday 26th March and continuing on Saturday 27th March, at Camp Qodesh. Lodge accommodation and campsites available. Contact Paul Cosson for more details.

Pool Cues - Matrix are looking for 1-2 pool cues so they can use the pool table in their new room. If you have unused ones or come across one at a garage sale/2nd hand shop could you please purchase? (Reimbursement for up to \$10 each will be available)

Covid Vaccines – We know that there are many of you that have concerns and questions about the Covid vaccines. The Interchurch Bioethics Council have produced a paper to assist our understanding by answering some frequently asked questions. You can read this on the Church Noticeboard.

Cheques Are Being Phased Out – From July 2021 most banks will have stopped receiving and issuing cheques. Some banks are doing this sooner. If you are using cheques for your giving, please change to another method. Our details for electronic giving or envelope giving are on the back page of this newsletter.