

Dates to Remember ...	
Today	Baptism Service
28 Mar	Working Bee
16 Apr	TOSS Garage Sale



**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 Group** - 1.30pm in the Church House lounge. For more info contact Maureen Wilson.

**Wednesday ‘Mens Breakfast’**- Meets 6.45am – 7.50am in the Church House. For more info contact Paul Cosson.

**Thursday ‘Womens Breakfast’**- Meets 7am in the Church House. For more info contact Gretchen Norman or Amanda Lewis.

**Friday ‘Revival Prayer’**– Has started up again. Meets 6.30pm at Joy McHardy’s place. For more info contact Elaine Oates.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> March – “Dominos!”

An activity involving bricks, golf balls and dominos. Curious? Join us from 7pm-9pm at the Church. Bring \$3.

See the YG Facebook page for more details.



	Today	Next Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Greeters</b>	L McAra, M Raitaukala	A Clement, M Wilson
<b>Explorers Crèche</b>	M Patrick	Family Service
<b>Matrix</b>	No Matrix today	Family Service
<b>Ministry Team</b>	A Clement	J Newman
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	P&D Viljoen, P Oram	B Corlett, J Dyas, M Smith
<b>Flowers</b>	E Oates	E Oates
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	D Russell / S Patrick	R Nelson / P Walker
<b>Counters</b>	N Coffey	N Coffey



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

### Sunday 22nd March 2020

#### 10.30am: ‘Baptism Service’

To be held in the ocean at ‘The Cut’. Please note change of time. Meet in front of the Waikanae Tennis Courts at Waikanae Beach.

#### 6.30pm Evening Fellowship Meeting is still meeting

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#### Elders Team

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No Children’s Programmes today.

## Paula writes...

It is Friday morning and I am re-writing this due to changes each day in how we respond to COVID 19.

We are still meeting today – but at the beach for 3 baptisms: Nona Aston, Nicole Welch and Dong Mei Sun. Janet Burgess will wait until our services have resumed in the church.



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 have died to our sins and are raised to new life and that we are given the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is also a symbol and means of us joining the body of Christ.

It is so exciting to be able to still celebrate this today.

In terms of church for the next few weeks, the Leadership Team are meeting to look at ways forward and will let you know. If you are not in the church phone book – please ring the office with your contact details so we can stay in touch. We hope to have extra small groups, sometimes to gather in small groups to pray and perhaps on Sunday mornings you can gather with a few friends for a simple service. In all of this we look to ways to care for each other, serve those who may need to remain isolated and prayerfully respond each day as we are led.

Please ring the office if you are unsure what is happening, know someone in need or have a need yourself. And remember,

*“God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in times of trouble.”*

**Blessings, Paula**

**Clearly at the forefront of our minds is the wide ranging effects of COVID 19. On the insert (attachment) are the guidelines currently put out by the Presbyterian Church for us to read and follow.**

**Free ‘Ballarat Apples’** – Anne & David Russell have a tree full of apples for anyone wanting some. Great for cooking. Please bring a bag and pick your own. Anytime – ladder available. Contact Anne or David for more details.



About 20 children and their friends, along with 10 adults from Alive Church, Wainui Beach Church (WBC) and Mangapapa Church, enjoyed fishing, skating, chatting and eating hot chip sandwiches at The Cut last Friday night. Thanks to WBC for organising this event.

**Update Of Church Directory** - We are at present looking to update our Directory. If you have changes to your details could you please let the office know, or if you are not in the 2019 one and would like to be in the 2020 one, please hand in your details and see Marilyn Patrick for a photo. Thank you.

**Tithing Envelopes** – It is time again for more tithing envelopes and I had a large number that had been stamped and then not wanted. So, in the spirit of recycling I have re-used them and hope everyone will be happy with us doing our bit for the planet. Jenny Phin. *(The envelopes are available to collect from the office)*

**Working Bee – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – At this stage we will still be having a Working Bee on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Please put in your diary. If you know of anything that would be good to add to our list of jobs, let the office know.



## **The Next Thursday Open Shed Sale – 16<sup>th</sup> April**

Any items you no longer need we would gladly welcome them. Drop off to the office during week day mornings or bring along Sunday morning. Just no clothes or books please.

**Key and Code Audit** – We are currently doing an audit on the keys to the church and house, and the codes being used. If you hold a key related to the church or house, please let Dione know what you have and what your code is. Thanks.



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We are keen to train an additional Debt Coach and would like expressions of interest from Christians. If yourself or someone you know is interested, speak with Nicola (during work hours) to obtain more information about this position.