

Dates to Remember ...	
22 nd Sep	Youth Group meeting
26 th Sep	TOSS Garage Sale
21 st Oct	Movie - "Unplanned"
28 th Oct	Pakihi Trail Bike ride



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 27th September – "Twisted Couch Race"

6.30pm start. At the church. Bring \$3 and running shoes!. See the YG Facebook page or contact Tirzah for more details.



	Today	Next Sunday 29 th September
Greeters	A Clement, L McAra	L McAra, J Phin
Explorers Crèche	R Theobald	M Patrick
Matrix	L Hindle	School Hols
Ministry Team	E Oates	J McHardy
Cups of Tea	M Patrick, D Benson, P Oram	B & A Hall, D Benson
Flowers	G Sharp	D Dobbie
AV & Sound	R Nelson / P Walker	J Russell / P Cosson
Counters	A Radcliffe	D Welch



Sunday 22nd September 2019

10am: "The Prodigal Son – with a twist!"

Leading: Sal Clement

Preaching: Llew Paul

Duty Elder: Rodney Judd

6.30pm Evening Fellowship tonight

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Elders Team

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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....

Thanks to all who attended the AGM on Wednesday night. It was good to reflect on all that has happened in the last year. I am very grateful to God for how we have grown and worked together. In particular, I have valued our growth through the Leadership Retreats, the Prayer Course, the Midwinter Christmas Dinner and the current Alpha Course. I want to thank all of you who serve in so many ways, from worship leading to cleaning, sound desk operating to teaching. A word was shared at the end of the meeting which I believe was significant:

"The Lord is pleased with your works on His behalf. He says don't let anxiety and fear and worry spoil the joy of working for Him. Small efforts are what's needed at this time. Be happy in your work, don't move out of the circle of joy, contentment, humility and peace. It's not by works, but by faith and trust. It's not by power, nor by might, but by my Spirit."

As a church here in this community, very simply we are about Knowing God and growing in our relationship with Him and in Christlikeness, and in making Him known – living it out, growing in compassion, loving those around us, serving the poor, sharing the good news. We have much praying and growing to do, many lives and situations we could respond to. Let's do this one step at a time, one person at a time, faithfully and with compassion.

Thanks also to Debbie and the team for leading our All Age Family service last Sunday. I hear there was much competition, wall building and shouting as the story of Joshua was relived. And the words of Joshua are good ones to take into our year ahead: to follow God, wherever He leads us, with courage, because He promises to go with us.

Next Sunday will be a Testimony Service. So if God has done something significant over the last term that you would like to share with the whole church family please let me know this week.

Blessings, Paula

Llew is sharing with this morning. We all know the story of the Prodigal Son, it has been told many times. Jesus told the same theme using different parables:

- The Lost Sheep – lost outside (wilderness)
- The Lost Coin – lost inside (house)
- The Prodigal Son – lost outside (far country)
- The Older Brother – lost inside (house)

We could look at the three stories as a book with three chapters.
Chapter 1 – Sheep; Chapter 2 – Coin; Chapter 3 – Two Sons

As Mangapapa Church, we are endeavouring to reach out to the lost, and those outside of the church, but are we in a position to receive them into the church? Do we have the right attitude, or is our attitude the same as the Older Brother who did not welcome his lost brother home? These are challenging questions to ask ourselves.



Donald Burgess – 24/9/1936 to 21/8/2019.

How does one say thanks adequately, for the love of God, personified by the brothers & sisters of Christ Jesus. It's the Church in Action at times like this. One of my Family texted me that 'they are a bunch of lovely and supportive people and you'll be pleased you have that community I'm sure'. How right they are. The words of God in Hebrews 13:5 come to mind – 'I will never leave you nor forsake you'. The atmosphere has been one of acceptance and warmth and I was greatly blessed on what could have been such a sad day. I am joyful for Donald. Thank you for your prayers and support through the many years past. May the conditional love of Jesus sustain us all in the future. With love & gratitude, Janet.



For the month of September our church is taking a turn to bless the Whangaia (Family Harm) part of the police, which Te Hāhi works closely with. Two key ways we can do this are by providing baking or food for the police team or by providing things to go into care bags to bless families in need, eg toiletries and nappies. Please see Elaine Oates if you would like to contribute.

Congratulations to Zebrina Cowley who won the Year 2-4 Visual Arts Category of the "Love Reaches Out "Make A Difference: I Can, You Can, We Can" Art and Writing Competition 2019. Well done Zebrina!!



Meeting re Youth Group – Today after the service

There will be a meeting regarding Youth Group after the service TODAY. All parents of Youth Group age children, Youth Group leaders and helpers, and anyone interested in Youth Group and where it is heading ... please grab your cuppa after the service and head over to the Church house lounge.



TOSS Garage Sale – Thursday 26th September

Our next TOSS garage THIS Thursday. Please drop anything you would like to donate to the office. No books or clothes please.

Needed – Someone to help Marilyn set up tables at 8am please.

If you can help, please let Marilyn know.

"Unplanned" Movie – 21st October - Grace Church is hosting the movie "Unplanned" at The Dome Cinema on Monday 21 October at 7:30pm.

The movie is an eye-opening look inside the abortion industry from a woman who was once its most passionate advocate. **Need to sell 60 tickets by 9th October** for the screening of this movie to go ahead. Tickets cost \$23. See Sound Desk Noticeboard for more details. **(Please note this film is for mature audiences.)**

Foodbank – Thank you for your faithful giving. We are still in need of: rubbish stickers, tuna/salmon, corned beef, 2 Min noodles, weetbix, flour, sugar, rice, muesli bars, pkts mashed potato, cans of soup, coffee, milo, jams/spreads, crackers, biscuits, spaghetti, fruit, peas, corn, vegetables.

