

Thursday	Te Hahi Combined Churches Prayer - Tam AOG Church
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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' – Will be starting back on 26th January at 11am in the Church Prayer Room/Library. For more info contact Janet Burgess or Gretchen Norman.

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study – Has finished for the year. For more info contact Maureen Wilson.

Wednesday 'Mens Breakfast' - Will be starting up again at 6.45am on 10th February. For more info contact Paul Cosson.

Thursday 'Womens Breakfast' – Has finished for the year. For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Has finished for the year. For more info contact Nicola Hawkins.

Friday 'Revival Prayer' – Starts 6.30pm and will be held 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.

Fundraising for Ruel – Orphanage and Cleft Lip Operations Philippines. Selections of cards kindly offered from originals by John Hawkesworth. Pack of 4 small \$10, pack of 3 large \$10. Framed originals from \$85. Contact Angela Paton 021 216 8446.

	Today	Next Sunday 31 st January
Greeters	L McAra, M Wilson	J & L Hawksworth
Explorers Crèche	School Hols / Parents	School Hols / Parents
Matrix	School Holidays	School Holidays
Ministry Team	A Clement	J Newman
Cups of Tea	E & B Bowis, V Robinson	A Alder, D Benson, L Hindle
Flowers	G Sharp	D Dobbie
AV & Sound	D Russell / P Walker	J Russell / P Walker
Counters	A Radcliffe	A Radcliffe



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

Sunday 24th January 2021

10am: "What Does The Word Of God Say?"

Psalm 8

Leading: Paula Levy

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'Explorers' creche for 1-4 years is open but unmanned this morning. Guardians will need to stay and supervise their children if used.

'Kidzspace' Primary age children and 'Matrix 789's' go out together today.

Paula writes...

It's great to have John Hill share a message with us this morning. John is a walking testimony of God's faithfulness and a wonderful example of prayerful service. Thanks John, for all you are to us!

In last week's newsletter I encouraged us all to be making a plan for reading our Bible this year and suggested some helpful resources. Another key to plan into our lives is prayer. Prayer on our own, prayer with others, prayer as a church, prayer with other churches.

A PHD student asked Albert Einstein:

*What is there left in the world for original research?
Einstein replied... Find out about prayer.
Somebody must find out about prayer.*

Prayer is one of the most incredible gifts we have: to live, connected to God, in relationship with Him, loved by Him, forgiven by Him, hearing from Him. And as we do, to see the love of God and power of God flow through us to others.

I want to know how to cry out on *behalf* of others, on behalf of situations, and be heard. I want to see change in my own life, that of my family, my church, my community, my nation and even the world. And I want to live in relationship with the God of the universe and know God is hearing.

I also want to learn how to quietly hear His voice more clearly, just enjoy being with Him without having to ask for anything, and to be able to trust He is with me in any situation I face.

Over the next weeks we will have times to gather together in prayer, to start our year with this as our foundation. But I also encourage you to think about how you will grow in prayer this year. Remember we are all different and find it helpful to pray in different ways. Some people pray best out loud, some quietly, some pray through writing, some pray while walking.

Whatever way you choose, God gives us these incredible invitations in prayer. To give all our anxiety to Him because He cares, that He will listen and respond, that He will give wisdom when we ask, and that He will supply our needs as we ask.

May we all grow in prayer this year.

Blessings, Paula



Judd's Home Group – Rod and Val's home group is starting up again this **Tuesday night, 26th January at 7pm.** Held at 91 Haisman Road.

Foodbank – Thank you for your faithful giving to the Foodbank. We currently need: long life milk, pasta sauce, tins of fruit, tins of peas or corn, tins of baked beans and spaghetti, soap, toothpaste, 500ml canola oil, rice. Also we acknowledge Holy Trinity Church who bring in supplies, so that we are able to bless families in need, in our community.



Wanted For 2021: People to be involved with our Matrix Youth during Sunday morning teaching time. If you are interested in knowing more about what this involves please speak with Nicola Hawkins.

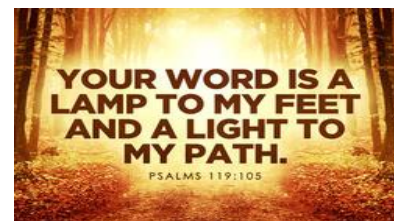


Te Hahi Prayer Meetings

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



Volunteers Needed: Just a reminder that if you are able to help out with kitchen duties for Morning Tea, or able to help with our pre-school group Explorers, or would like to be part of our team of Greeters (welcoming people at the door as they arrive), or have computer skills and could help out with our Ezy Worship (overhead projector), your help would be much appreciated. Please let Dione know in the office.



As the New Year begins, regardless of what you think about 'New Year's Resolutions', it would be good to follow the advice of the Psalmist and "hide God's word in your heart." What is your plan for reading the Bible this year?

There are many Bible reading plans you can follow. Here's some ideas:

- <https://bibleinoneyear.org/> Put together by Nicky Gumbel of Alpha.
- <https://www.youversion.com/the-bible-app/> Youversion is an App with a range of resources and Bible reading plans.
- <https://www.rhema.co.nz/the-word-for-today> The Word for today
- <http://www.jesusstorybookbible.com/> A great one for kids.



Why was 2019 afraid of 2020?
They had a fight and 2021.