

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 – Meeting at 1.30pm in the Church House for duration of The Prayer Course. For more info contact Val Hawkins.

Wednesday 'Mens Breakfast'- Meets at 6:45am - 7:50am in the Church house lounge. Currently doing The Prayer Course. For more info contact Paul Cosson.

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

Volunteers Needed: Thinking of the year ahead ... we would love some more help in most areas: Explorers, Kidzspace, Matrix, Youth Group, Greeters, Musicians, Morning Tea, Worship leading, AV, Sound desk ... If you feel God prompting you to volunteer in an area, please let Paula or Dione know.

Pick Your Own – Ballarat Apples – Anne & David Russell have a tree laden with Ballarat apples. Great cooking apples. If anyone would like some they are welcome to bring a bag and pick their own off the tree. 78b Atkinson St – in the back garden.



TOSS (Thursday Open Shed Sale) – we would love to have another of these but we need some more things to sell. If you have any unwanted, un-needed things you would love to get rid of, we would love them please. All proceeds go towards local mission – CAP, Hospital E-Bags, Foodbank, RAK. Anything not broken and in ok condition appreciated, except clothes and books.



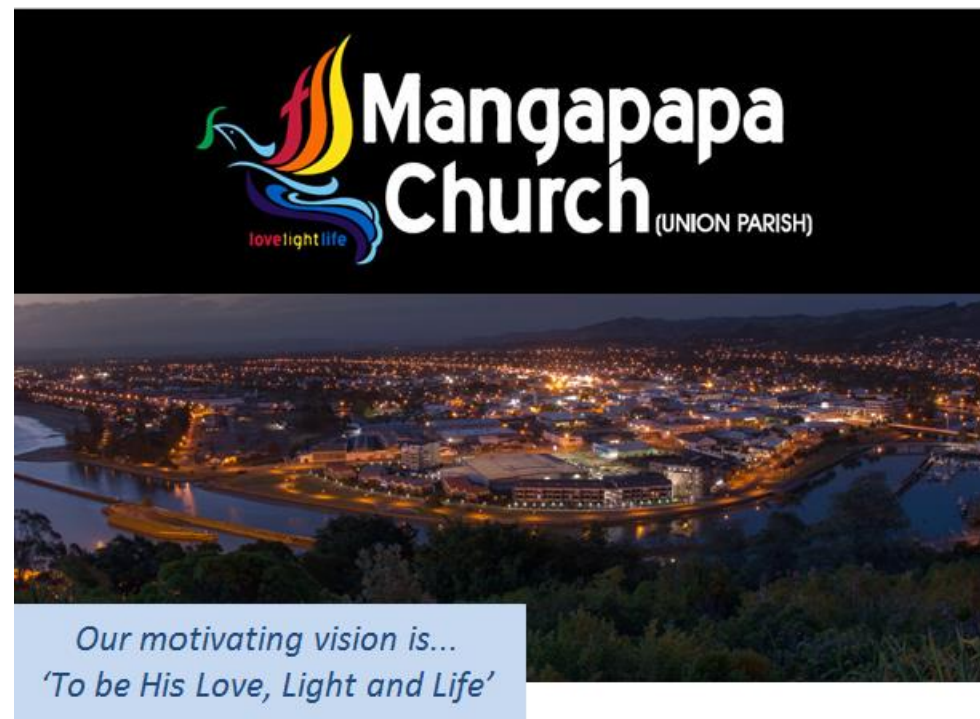
Friday 29th March – “Guys & Gals!”

7pm – 9pm Bring \$3 Details yet to be confirmed.

See YG Facebook Page or Tirzah for more info.



	Today	Next Sunday 31 st March
Greeters	J Phin, D Whibley	A Clement, L Frampton
Explorers Crèche	J Langford	N Hawkins
Matrix	L Hindle	Family Service
Ministry Team	A Clement	J Newman
Cups of Tea	S & M Patrick, D Benson	P & D Viljoen, M Smith
Flowers	D Dobbie	E Oates
AV & Sound	J Russell, P Walker	D Russell, P Walker
Counters	A McLean	D Welch



Sunday 24th March 2019

10am: “How to Hear God’s Voice”

John 10:1-16

Leading: Dione Russell Preaching: Paula Levy
Duty Elder: Llew Paul

6:30pm - Evening Fellowship Gathering

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‘Explorers’ creche is operating and available for 1-4 years.
‘Kidzspace’ Primary age children head out when directed.
‘Matrix’ Intermediates meet during the message time, over in the house

Paula writes....

It's been a big week, particularly as a country we have witnessed, reacted and responded to the Christchurch tragedy. Just today, I was deeply moved by reading the names, and seeing the pictures and a little of the story of each of those who died. It was hard reading and I wanted to stop – but another part of me consciously decided to read the full list and take a moment for each one. We are a small country, and not surprisingly I have two friends who personally knew two of the men. One was the captain of the NZ Futsal team, another a Dairy owner. Real people, real lives, real families. Yet seems unreal...

It does seem highly relevant we have been focussing on the Intercession part of prayer... and wow!, so many things to pray for. Of course the deep grief of the families affected, for comfort, for provision, for peace, for those in Christchurch personally affected, for those whose lives have been shaken yet again. It has raised many issues not just around safety, but about racism and evil and religion and how we treat each other.

It is appropriate we have been learning about the Psalms of lament and how to cry out to God when hard things happen. Honest and courageous prayers. Prayers that don't rush to solutions and yet do draw us forward, to remember again the acts of God in the past, cling on to the knowledge He does love us and will never leave us – and trust that one day – one day - all will be healed and restored. Here's something I read about the significance of the cross of Jesus in circumstances like this.

“Among many beautiful things, the cross shows us that God hates suffering. It hurts him because it hurts us—beloved creations made in his image and meant for great purposes. One day, His promise is that all the evil surrounding us should come to a final end. But until then, we labour knowing that we serve a God who plans to serve suffering its final death sentence. He hasn't abandoned us or our nation; the violence we face is not of His doing. We place our hope in the promise of His presence with us, recognizing that in our efforts to do justice and love mercy on this earth, we ultimately bring glory to Him.”

May God give us strength – to keep praying, keep doing good, keep loving, keep working for justice and showing mercy.

This week we turn our focus in the Prayer Course to hearing from God and listening in prayer. I am very grateful we have a God who continues to communicate to us in many and varied ways – and pray each of us would be hearing His voice – with that whisper of hope or inspiration or direction or love.

Blessings,
Paula

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.

Still Looking For – Two Co-ordinators

- 1) Working Bee Co-ordinator – Someone willing to organise the list of things to be done at a working bee and assign tasks on the day.
- 2) Stillborn Baskets Co-ordinator – We have been asked by Gisborne Hospital if we could do up some baskets/packs specifically for those who are grieving a stillborn birth. This would be a separate ministry to the Baby Packs that are currently being done and we are looking for someone who would be interested to take on this ministry.

If you are interested in either of these roles, or want more information – please see Paula or Dione.

Needed: Some new, soft toys to put in the Baby Packs. They need to be small ones, no bigger than 15cm high as they are for newborns.



Foodbank – Thank you for your faithful giving to this ministry, it is being well-used. Due to recent demand we would greatly appreciate help with re-stocking the following items: Weetbix, UHT Milk, Milk powder, Pasta Sauce, 2 Min Noodles, flour, sugar, rice, soup, tuna/salmon, toothpaste, crackers, biscuits, muesli bars, cans of corn, tea bags, coffee, pkts of mashed potato, cans of vegetables and dehydrated peas.

All women save this date: Wednesday, 3rd April

For a night of Connecting and Creating. 7pm- 9pm at Mangapapa Church.
Book it in your diary now...

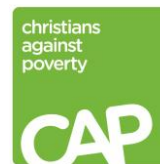
Congratulations! to Elsie Craw who turned 90 yesterday Saturday 23rd. She is being well looked after in Leighton house. She cannot walk so cannot get to church.



Kia Kaha Mangapapa – This community meeting was postponed last week and will now be held this coming Wednesday, 27th March at 5.30pm in the Church house. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.



A few of us women are going to A Quiet Day with Sharon Garlough Brown, author of 'Sensible Shoes' on Tuesday 21st May in Tauranga. Theme is "Walking with the Man of Sorrows" about coping with sorrow, disappointments and suffering. For more info check out her Fb link <https://www.facebook.com/events/564072554111587/>



Prayer Meeting - Thursday 4 April, 10am in the Church House lounge

This is a great opportunity for you to join with others and intercede in prayer for the specific needs of clients and the CAP service, putting into practice what we have been learning about in the Prayer Course.