

1 Aug	Open Shed Day (was Bless Mangapapa Day)
2 Aug	Te Hahi Combined Church Service
15 Aug	OAC Community Chaplains training day



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'- Has started up again and is meeting from 11am–12noon in Church Prayer Room. For more info contact Janet Burgess.

Wednesday 'Mens Breakfast'- Currently meeting at 6.45am in the Church House. For more info contact Paul Cosson.

Thursday 'Womens Breakfast'- Currently meeting 7am in the Church House, but not for breakfast. For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

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

Opportunity for House Swap – Dec /Jan

Lovely Christian family who live in a beautiful home in Riccarton, Christchurch are looking for a holiday house swap in Gisborne end Dec /early January. For more information contact Debora Dobbie.



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.



Youth Group – Frisbee Golf Today!

Youth group Term 3 Tee-off! Meet on TODAY at 1pm at the i-site for a round of FRISBEE GOLF!! Please bring any extra frisbees you have - friends and family welcome too!



	Today	Next Sunday 2 nd August
Greeters	J & L Hawksworth	B & A Hall
Explorers Crèche	A Lawton, E Holwill	R Theobald, <i>helper needed</i>
Matrix	L Hindle	N Hawkins
Ministry Team	J Newman	J McHardy
Cups of Tea	E & B Bowis, P Oram	L Hindle, N Aston, M Potter
Flowers	D Dobbie	G Sharp
AV & Sound	J Russell / P Cosson	R Nelson / P Cosson
Counters	A Radcliffe	A Radcliffe



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

Sunday 26th July 2020

10am: "Matters of Life and Death"

The coming Referendums

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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:

In less than two months the General Election will be taking place. With our current political climate, I am sure many of us have much to consider before making a decision on who to vote for. Perhaps even more importantly however, are the two referendum votes we will have. The End of Life Choice referendum and the Cannabis Legislation and Control referendum.

Today we look at the first of these because I believe it is an issue which affects core Christian beliefs around the sanctity of life, caring for the vulnerable and not taking on a tower of Babel like stance that we have a right to everything – even the right over life and death.

The End of Life Choice legislation relates to the introduction of Euthanasia in our country. This is not turning off life support or withholding treatment from someone who no longer wishes to receive it. Rather it is intentionally bringing about the death of a patient.

Here is a Christian response from Family First, a key organisation raising awareness and doing everything in their power to educate people of the dangers of this Bill and encourage people to strongly vote 'No'. They state:

*“We oppose any attempt to legalise assisted suicide (euthanasia) in New Zealand. Rather, the key priority must be to improve the **provision of high quality palliative care and practical support**. This should be available in all areas of New Zealand. The highest quality of pain control and palliative medicine should be given priority in medical training so that every New Zealander can benefit. To legalise assisted suicide (euthanasia) **would place large numbers of vulnerable people at risk** – in particular those who are depressed, elderly, sick, disabled, those experiencing chronic illness, limited access to good medical care, and those who feel themselves to be under emotional or financial pressure to request early death.*

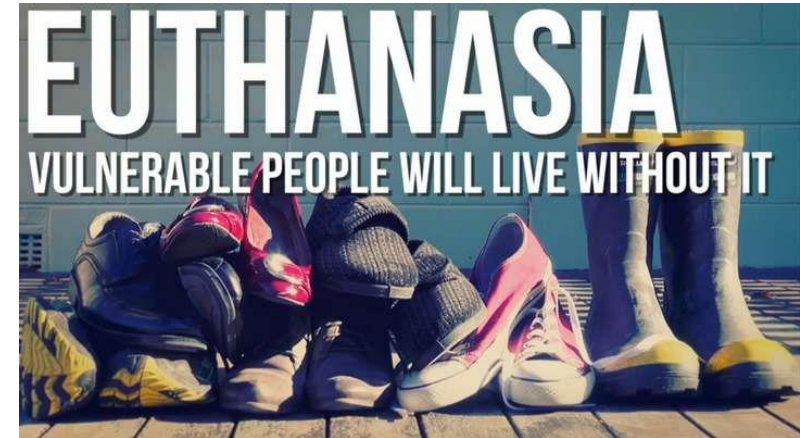
*Furthermore, any law change would undermine the well-established legal, medical and social principles that people should not be helped to kill themselves and that doctors should not intentionally end life. **Maintaining the current laws protects all New Zealanders equally.***

*We need to apply the precautionary principle: the higher the risk – the higher the burden of proof on those proposing legislation. **The risk of abuse cannot be eliminated.** Legalising assisted suicide (euthanasia) is a recipe for abuse. So-called 'safeguards' are an illusion because they are unable to prevent the potential for coercion and abuse.*

*Older New Zealanders are not a problem to be rid of — they're a generation to be honoured and cared for. Elder Abuse has become a significant problem in New Zealand. We cannot ignore the possibility that dependent elderly people may be coerced into assisted suicide (euthanasia). **We cannot put older New Zealanders at risk by creating new paths to elder abuse, potentially resulting in a 'duty to die'.** Assisted suicide (euthanasia) poses a threat to the equality of persons.*

Patients, even those without a terminal illness, may come to feel euthanasia would be “the right thing to do”, they have “had a good innings”, and they do not want to be a “burden” to their nearest and dearest. It won't be about the 'right to die' but the 'duty to die'. A recent documentary in Belgium where euthanasia is allowed featured a doctor killing a healthy young woman who was struggling purely with a mental illness. Those concerned about the rights of people with disabilities are right to be concerned. A disability rights group in NZ said “There are endless ways of telling disabled people time and time again that their life has no value.”

Any change in the law to allow assisted suicide (euthanasia) would be unnecessary, dangerous and contrary to the common good. Patients facing death have a fundamental human right – a right to receive the very best palliative care, love and support that we can give to alleviate the 'intolerable suffering' that they fear. This is real death with dignity – surrounded and supported by loved ones, rather than a right to try and pre-empt the 'uncertainty' and timing of the end. Assisting suicide is not the answer.



In prayer and in action, Paula

Bless Mangapapa Day – Now called 'Open Shed Day' - In partnership with House of Breakthrough we are planning a free community day on Saturday 1st August, 10am-12noon at HOB Youth Room. There will be free 2nd hand clothes, household items, tea, coffee and morning tea. We would love you to go and take the opportunity to 'connect' with our community. Volunteer helpers still needed.

OAC Community Chaplains Training Day – Outreach & Church Ministries, the NZ division of Open Air Campaigners, are holding a training day on **Saturday 15th August**, here at Mangapapa Church, for anyone wanting to be trained as a 'Community Chaplain'. "Community Chaplains is an exciting scheme created to unleash an army of people into their local communities prepared to share the good news about Jesus Christ." For more information see the church noticeboard. **Registrations close on 10th August.**



Combined Church Service is at **5.30pm on Sunday 2nd August** at **Alive Church in Leith Street**.

Great selection of speakers, including Inspector Sam Aberahama and the Whangaia Group, who will be sharing awesome reports of the work of the Lord in our region over the Lockdown period. Also an opportunity to meet the new Te Hahi Aotearoa NZ Chairman, Martyn Norrie QSM. **Please bring a plate to share for supper afterwards.** Also ...



Mangapapa Church is on-call for Te Hahi this week. Please pray for Sepoima who is manning the phone.

Let us Pray – 7pm–8.00pm this Tuesday!! Let's get together on **Tuesday 28th July** to pray for our Church, our community, and the Open Shed Day. Love to see you all there!



Attention Men!!

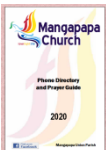
PK 2020 – One Day Event

Promise Keepers are holding two 'One Day Events' for men this year – one on **Saturday 1st August in Christchurch** and the other on **Saturday 15th August in Wellington**. Looking at what it means to be revived in your personal spiritual life, ministry, business, finances and marriage, these events are great opportunities to be equipped and empowered, have strength renewed and get fired up again for the Lord. Brochure and more info on the Church Noticeboard.



We are looking to run another Alpha Course this term, possibly on a Sunday night. If you would be keen to do this course, please let the office know of your interest and whether you would prefer a different night.

Lemon Trees – Amanda Lewis has some Lemon Trees available, to go to a good home. If you would like one, please contact Amanda.



2020 Church Directory – Will be printed and available for collection next week, so if you want to be in it, or want to update your details or photo – this week is your last chance to do it.