

Dates to Remember	
9 th Oct TBC	2pm Pat Hall Memorial Service AGM



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 Afternoon Bible Study – Meets at 1.30pm in the Church House. For more info contact Maureen Wilson.

Wednesday 'Mens Breakfast' – Meets for breakfast at 6.45am in the Church House. For more info contact Paul Cosson.

Thursday 'Womens Breakfast' – Meets for breakfast at 7am in the Church House. For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Meets at fortnightly 1pm on Thursdays, in the Church House. Contact is Nicola Hawkins.



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.

	Today	Next Sunday 26 th September
Greeters	J & L Hawksworth	I McCoy, L McAra
Explorers Crèche	R Theobald	Not open
Matrix	P & D Viljoen	School Hols
Ministry Team	None	TBC
Cups of Tea	N & C Coffey, <i>Volunteer</i>	None
Flowers	D Dobbie	D Dobbie
AV & Sound	R Nelson / A Russell	R Nelson / A Russell
Counters	A Radcliffe	A Radcliffe



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



Sunday 26th September 2021

10am: 'Luke 11: Let Us Pray'

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'Explorers' creche is operating and available for 1-4 years.
'Kidzspace' Primary age children go out before worship.
'Matrix789's' go out at message time.

Paula writes...

This will be my last one of these, which seems very strange. And this will be my final Sunday as your Church Leader. As I have already expressed, when I took on this role, I did not foresee many of the circumstances of the last few years. I have made this decision prayerfully and with the advice of trusted mentors and friends. We have come to love living in Tairāwhiti, love lots about the Gizzy life and developed many wonderful friendships and connections. I have done my best to love this church and serve to the best I have been able. I do not know what the next steps are for me but we have no plans to move anywhere else at this stage. Please don't be strangers.

MUP is a church of great heart with a deep love for Jesus. You are generous, committed, tenacious and with a commitment to run the race to the end. It has been a privilege to both lead and serve amongst you.

My prayer for you is that these things would remain, but also with an increasing compassion for the broken, acceptance of those who fall down more than they get up, and with a growing heart for the community in which you are placed. Do not be afraid, take risks, serve the poor and walk alongside them. Stand for truth, but with an equal demonstration of love. Grow in vulnerability with each other, admitting that we all are still in a process of healing and transformation. Isaiah 64:8 says:

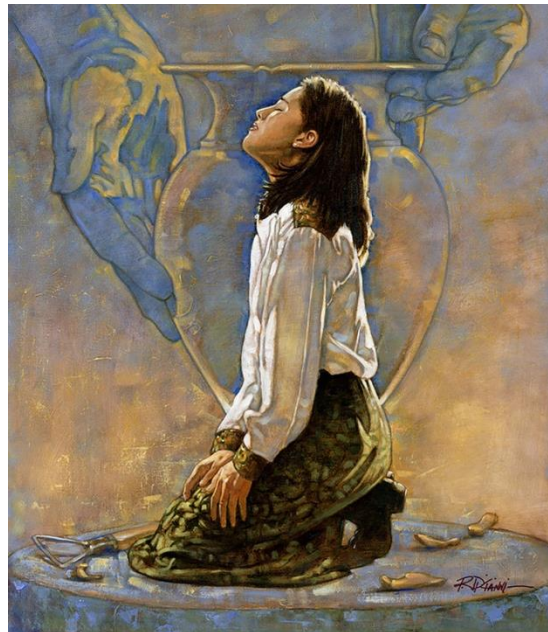
"Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, You are the potter; we are all the work of Your hand."

I want to leave you with a picture, from an artist called Ron DiCianni. Have a look at his work. This one is called 'The Clay'.

Here's what he writes about it:

With God as the Potter, Christians can be sure that He will sculpt them. Notice in 'The Clay' that outwardly, the woman needs no work. However, the Master has the ability to look deep inside and see the cracks forming that, if not taken care of, will eventually undo each of us. This extraordinary painting demonstrates man as the clay and God's loving hands at work. It offers the perfect encouragement that while sometimes the growth process comes through pain, other times God can gently mould the yielded soul.

With love and blessings, **Paula**



And Celebration Service

Even though this is Paula's last Sunday with us, we will be calling her back for a 'Thank You and Celebration service' to honour her and thank her for her time as our church leader. The date has not been set for this yet as we were hoping to be able to hold it under Level 1 conditions so that everyone could attend. We will let you know as soon as things are finalised.



AGM Postponed – We were going to hold our AGM on 22nd September, but due to the Level restrictions we have decided to postpone it until we can meet under Level 1. The exact date is yet to be confirmed, so please watch this space.

Attention All Creative/Crafty People – On a Saturday in November we would love to have pre-Christmas stalls on the lawn, where you can sell the things you have made, with 10% of all money made going to local missions. This gives you plenty of time to get those creative juices going and put aside. So now is the time to get growing, sewing, knotting, knitting, turning, mosaicking, preserving etc ... and baking nearer the time. Any questions, see Marilyn Patrick.

Memorial Service for Pat Hall – 2pm Saturday 9th October there will be a Memorial Service here at Mangapapa Church for Pat Hall who died at the start of lockdown last year. The family would like to give an opportunity for people to join them in remembering this lovely lady, so pop this on your calendar.

Tithing Envelopes – The next lot of tithing envelopes are ready for those who use them, and can be collected from the table in the church foyer. Thanks Jenny for preparing those!

Used Stamps – We collect and post these off to CBM (Christian Blind Mission). If you have any, please leave them in the marked container in the church foyer.

Foodbank – Our cupboards are beginning to look good again, thank you for your generosity. Areas we are still low in are: flour, sugar, toilet paper, toothpaste, cans of soup, vegetable oil, canned peas, mashed potatoes, pasta sauce and muesli bars.



Wanted: Offering Counters – The team that counts the tithes and offerings and prepares them for banking needs more helpers. At present two of our team are on duty once a month, and one is on fortnightly. If you are good with numeracy, are free on Mondays from 9:15am to 10am, and would like to help, please let Elaine Oates know. And a big "Thank You" to **Val Judd** who has faithfully served as an Offering Counter over many years, and has recently stepped down. We appreciate all you have done Val.

