

Dates to Remember	
Tonight	Te Hahi Combined Service with Alfred Ngaro
Tuesdays	6.30pm Interchurch Volleyball
Thursdays	Te Hahi Combined Churches Prayer - 7am AOG Church
Good Friday	9.15am Carry The Crosses - Botanical Gardens
9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	9.30am Women's Event - Autumn at the Arboretum



**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 at Janet Burgess's house. For more info contact Janet Burgess or Gretchen Norman.

**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 at 1pm on Thursdays, in the Church House. If you are interested in joining please contact Nicola Hawkins.

**Covid Vaccines** – We know that there are many of you that have concerns and questions about the Covid vaccines. The Interchurch Bioethics Council have produced a paper to assist our understanding by answering some frequently asked questions. You can read this on the Church Noticeboard.

**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 4 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Greeters</b>	J & L Hawksworth	A Clement, J Phin
<b>Explorers Crèche</b>	Parents	A Lawton
<b>Matrix</b>	P & D Viljoen	N Hawkins
<b>Ministry Team</b>	J Newman	J McHardy
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	D McLean, R Keelan, Volunteer	P & A Walker, L Hindle
<b>Flowers</b>	D Dobbie	D Dobbie
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	D Russell / A Russell	R Nelson / S Patrick
<b>Counters</b>	C Robinson	B Wheeler



Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**10am: "The Humble King With No Red Carpet"**

*John 12:12-19*

**Leading: Rachal McIntyre Preaching: Paula Levy**

**Duty Elder: Llew Paul**

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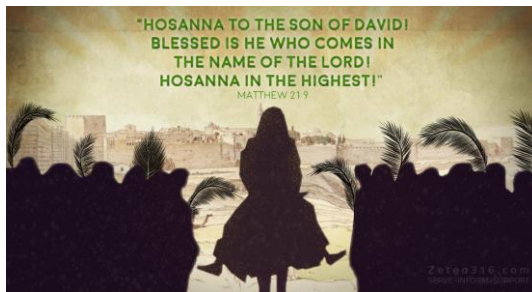
**Elders Team**

Andrew Russell: 027 815-1635 Rodney Judd 06 863-2400 Llew Paul: 022 052 8297

'Explorers' creche is available for 1-4 years but not manned today.  
Parents/guardians will need to stay and supervise their children.  
'Kidzspace' Primary age children go out at message time.  
'Matrix789's' are to stay in during message time.

## Paula writes...

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of a very special week. This is the week we remember Jesus' final journey to the cross. I encourage you each day to read the story and reflect on all that happened for Jesus, in this incredible journey of sacrifice and love.



Palm Sunday is so many mixed emotions. On the one hand a wonderful burst of joy, as what people were seeing in Jesus was something never seen before – something, mind-blowing and world changing. Up to now Jesus had tried to keep it cool, and not be the centre of attention – this day He let it happen. Although many probably only understood a little, many were drawn to spontaneous praise and caught up in this moment of celebration and worship. Others perhaps thought it was the political revolution they were hoping for that would bring freedom. However, as well as the excitement, for Jesus there were also tears, confusion, and even anger. Jesus' own emotions were torn as His heart broke for the city of Jerusalem, His compassion ached for the people and His anger burst out when he saw faith being exploited. Many were watching and asking "Who is this man?" By the end of the week, 3 days happened, which changed our history for ever.

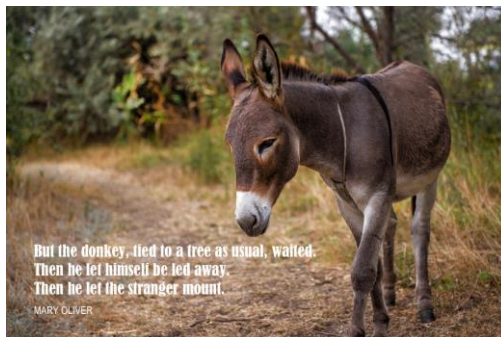
I encourage you to this year, take time to let the Easter story impact and change you. May you live courageously for Him in response and take your part in the big God story, bring hope and change to our world

### "The Poet Thinks About the Donkey"

*On the outskirts of Jerusalem the donkey waited. Not especially brave, or filled with understanding, he stood and waited. How horses, turned out into the meadow, leap with delight! How doves, released from their cages, clatter away, splashed with sunlight!*

*But the donkey, tied to a tree as usual, waited. Then he let himself be led away. Then he let the stranger mount. Never had he seen such crowds! And I wonder if he at all imagined what was to happen. Still, he was what he had always been: small, dark, obedient. I hope, finally, he felt brave. I hope, finally, he loved the man who rode so lightly upon him, as he lifted one dusty hoof and stepped, as he had to, forward.*

by Mary Oliver



**Blessings, Paula**

**Tonight!**

**Te Hāhi**  
Tairāwhiti

**Combined Churches Service** – 6pm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March at Alive Church. Entrance off Leith St. Guest Speaker is Alfred Ngaro. All welcome. Please bring a plate to share for dinner, and an offering will be taken up for the Te Hahi Foodbank.

## Our Easter Services coming up...

### 1. Good Friday

Meet 9:15am at the Botanical Gardens, Roebuck Road corner, where we will assemble as a group to carry our 3 Crosses to the Church, or 9:45am at the Church where we will erect our 3 Crosses on the corner of Ormond Rd, and our



Scripture sign boards upon all three. We will have a short time of remembrance there and then move to the church at 10am for a short reflective service – followed by hot cross buns at 10.30am.



### 2. Easter Sunday

10am Celebration led by Neil Smoker, with Frank Darcy sharing the message.

*If you are able to help in some way, eg a safety person for our cross walk, doing a reading, organising hot cross buns etc, please let Paula know.*

**Autumn At The Arboretum (Eastwoodhill) – 9.30am – 2.00pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April.** Meet in the church carpark at 9.30am to share transport. Cost is: \$15 Adults, \$12 seniors or \$10pp for a group of 8 or more. Bring your own lunch. More details are on the flyers on the back table. Please **RSVP by 4<sup>th</sup> April** to the office or on the clipboard on the back table so that we can ensure transport needs are met.

**Ruel Foundation News** – Ruel Philippines is the proud recipient of an Orphanage award, and a couple of their kids gaining 3<sup>rd</sup> place in a National adoption poster competition. Read about these and other interesting stories on the Missions noticeboard. Also, please pray for local staff of Partners and Circuit International living and working in this very dangerous time in Myanmar.

**Pool Cues** – Matrix are looking for 1-2 pool cues so they can use the pool table in their new room. If you have unused ones or come across one at a garage sale/2nd hand shop could you please purchase? (Reimbursement for up to \$10 each will be available)

**Missing** – There are three long cream tablecloths with green edging, missing from the church kitchen. If you have been kind enough to do some washing for us, could you please check that you have returned them.