

Dates to Remember ...	
15 Feb	Hearing God Through Your Dreams workshop
16 Feb	Cricket Match



**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.

**Wednesday 'Mens Breakfast'**- Starts back this week, 5<sup>th</sup> February. For more info contact Paul Cosson.

**Thursday 'Womens Breakfast'**- Has started up for 2020. Meet 7am in the Church House for breakfast. For more info contact Gretchen Norman or Amanda Lewis.

**Friday 'Revival Prayer'**– No prayer meetings until further notice.

### 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.



### 'Beach Party!' – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February

1pm-3pm at north Makarori beach. Bring togs and anything you want to play on the beach or in the water. Parents and family are welcome – come and enjoy meeting each other and hanging out together with our youth!

See YG Facebook page for more details.



	Today	Next Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Greeters</b>	J & L Hawksworth	H Hockey, M Wilson
<b>Explorers Crèche</b>	M Schnuriger	R Theobald
<b>Matrix</b>	L Hindle	N Hawkins
<b>Ministry Team</b>	J Newman	E Oates
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	N & C Coffey, N Aston	P & A Walker, D Benson
<b>Flowers</b>	A Lewis	A Lewis
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	J Russell / P Walker	D Russell / J & A Russell
<b>Counters</b>	N Coffey	N Coffey



### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020

**10am: 'Who Is God?'**

*Lessons from the Psalms*

With shared Communion

**Leading: Janice Langford      Preaching: Paula Levy**

**Duty Elder: Paula Levy**

**6.30pm Evening Fellowship**

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#### Elders Team

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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...

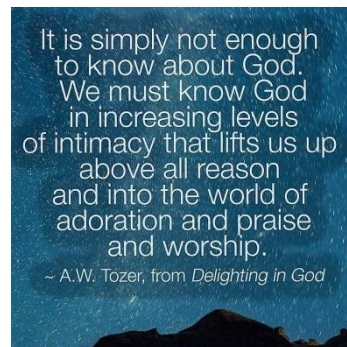
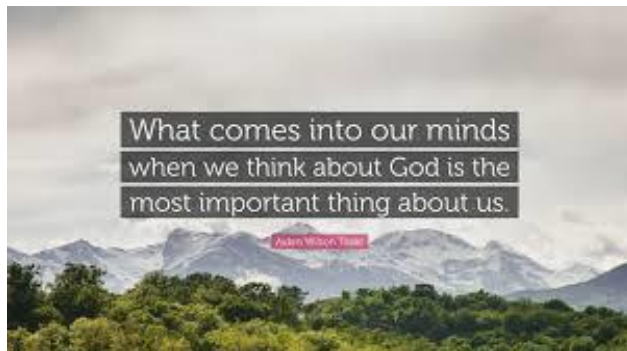
How have you gone getting into some kind of Bible plan this week? I have been struck again, how what at first may seem a specific word to Israel 3000 years ago, can speak to my specific situation today and encourage or challenge or direct.

Sometimes we struggle with parts of the Old Testament. It may be easier to go straight for the words of Jesus. Maybe we think the God we experience in Jesus is a bit easier to "like". But in doing so we are in danger of worshipping an idol we have made, not the awesome, amazing and true God.

There is so much "gold" in the full picture of scripture: Genesis to Revelation. The God of the Old and the New is the same. And this God is so much more amazing than we can imagine. It is a huge danger to in any way try and make God into something He is not, to make Him in our image or what we think we would like Him to be!

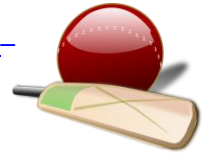
Sometimes our world has tried to humanize God, and reduce Him to be more "palatable". But our God is infinitely greater, more powerful, more majestic than we can comprehend. And yet He is also loving and merciful and just.

For the next 5 weeks we are going to focus our teaching on some of the attributes of God, particularly as are found in the Old Testament and especially the Psalms, the Old Testament songs and poems of worship. As we do, my prayer is our hearts would be filled with wonder and awe that such a God should stoop to save and love us. And that we would be more and more blown away and drawn to worship and trust Him as our knowledge of who He is, expands and grows.



**Blessings, Paula**

**The Inaugural Mangapapa Church Cricket Match** – has been **postponed** until **16<sup>th</sup> February** due to predictions of mid 30's temperatures for today.



Please check the lost property in the foyer: clothes on the hooks and other items underneath on the trolley, to see if anything belongs to you. If items are not claimed by **9<sup>th</sup> February** they will be passed on to the second hand clothing stores or garage sale. There are also a few pairs of glasses on the table in the room off the foyer.

**Items for Ruel Orphanage** – Angela Paton is leaving for Ruel Orphanage in Philippines **tomorrow** (3rd Feb) and she is collecting items for the new orphanage they're opening in Sorsogon on the main island of Luzon. She says, "God's timing is amazing as He always has a significant event planned for us to help with which we aren't aware of when we bought our ticket's!" Items she would like to take over include: single cotton sheets /pillow cases, regular face masks, (as the volcano ash is reaching Calapan orphanage), light M/F shorts and sleeveless T shirts up 2 to 12yrs old, bandages new or washed (plasters mostly don't stay on) and scissors (surgical/office/school). If you can supply any of these, please leave them at the church office (during office hours) or ring Angela.

**'Hearing God Through Your Dreams' Workshop** – 10am to 5pm on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February**. Gisborne Assembly of God Church invites anyone who is interested to this workshop with Charity Kayembe. Charity has a doctorate in Biblical Studies and writes about the unfolding adventure that is 'walking by the Spirit' on her blog @ [gloryWaves.org](http://gloryWaves.org). \$30 Koha. See the Sound Desk noticeboard for more info.



**NEWSLETTER** 

**From Ken & Alison McFarlane** – The latest newsletter from Ken and Alison is available on the Missions noticeboard.



Youth Group is kicking off this year on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February, with a **Beach Party** for youth, friends and family! A chance to get to know each other and enjoy hanging with our youth. More details on back page, or see the YG facebook page.

