

Dates to Remember ...	
17 July	Mid-Winter Christmas Dinner
August	Promise Keepers Men's Events
Sep/Oct	Pakihi Trail Bike ride



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 – Currently meeting at 1.30pm in the Church House Lounge for a study of Revelation with Frank Darcy. For more info contact Maureen Wilson or Judy McLatchie.

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

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

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.



Friday 5th July – 'Movie Night!'

Note time change.

6.45pm – 9pm at the church. Bring \$3.

See the YG Facebook page or contact Tirzah for more details.



	Today	Next Sunday 7 th July
Greeters	B & A Hall	M Wilson, L McAra
Explorers Crèche	N Hawkins	N Hawkins
Matrix	D & P Viljoen	School Holidays
Ministry Team	E Oates	J McHardy
Cups of Tea	S & M Patrick, N Aston	N & C Coffey, L Hindle
Flowers	A Lewis	G Sharp
AV & Sound	J Russell / P Cosson	R Nelson / Volunteer
Counters	N Coffey	A McLean



Sunday 30th June 2019

10am: "Conversations with Jesus – John 3: Nicodemus"

Everyone needs a factory reset!

Leading: Sal Clement Preaching: Paula Levy
Duty Elder: Andrew Russell

6.30pm Evening Fellowship tonight

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Elders Team

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'Explorers' creche is operating and available for 1-4 years.

'Kidzspace' Primary age children head out when directed.

'Matrix' Intermediates head out at message time.

Paula writes....

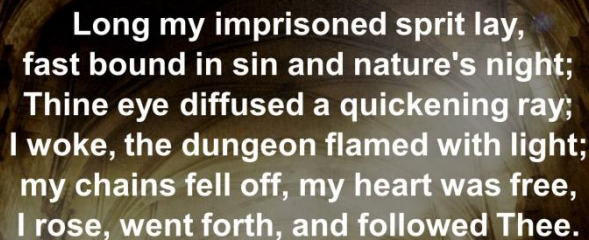
How did you go with the listening skills quiz from last week? I have been trying to be more aware as I talk with people: Am I giving my full attention and am I really listening to understand and ask that extra question before sharing my own ideas? Listening is such a gift we can give.

Today we move to Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus. This time we have a religious leader, a man of significance. He too, is attracted to Jesus and is trying to work it all out: Who is this man?? Jesus' response around being born-again introduces the ultimate level playing field. It doesn't matter who you are; poor or rich, broken or successful, Jew or non-Jew, all must be born again.

Unfortunately, over time "born-again" has in many ways lost its significance as a metaphor – and become a label (often a negative one). In America it has almost become a divisive political label.

How do we reclaim what Jesus was saying? Perhaps it's as simple as: Just as everyone is born human, everyone needs that second birth to be reborn spiritually, be forgiven and to continue life in relationship with God. To become fully alive, free, like the lights have suddenly come on. A change of heart and a change of mind ...

Charles Wesley in his famous hymn described it like this:



**Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.**

No matter who we are, this is not something we can do. A baby can't cause its birth. New birth is something God does, a miracle, a life-changing transformation.

As we think about Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus, may we become clearer about the incredible good news that new birth is.

Midwinter Christmas Dinner: 17 July

Less than 3 weeks to go now till our MCD!! To clarify: Our heart is that this evening is a "gift" to bless our community. As such, the focus is not on a meal for ourselves: but to invite our local community to come, and for you to invite your friends, particularly those who aren't a part of a Christian community. If you are inviting people and they would feel a lot more comfortable coming "with you" please bring them in that way and book a seat for yourself as well.

The plan is to begin at 5:30pm and have the main meal by 6pm. After the main meal there will be games for the children out in the blue room, musical entertainment and a very short Christmas reflection for the adults. We will also make an invitation to an Alpha course which will begin in term 3. Everyone will then join together for dessert.

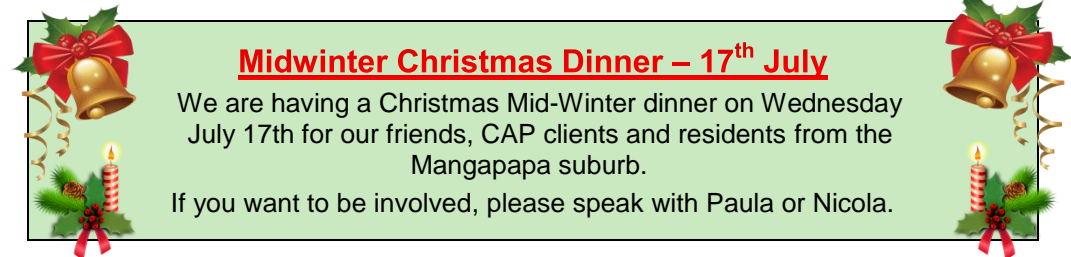
We have worked out we can sit 110 people so are aiming for that number. Because of this we want to encourage people to RSVP if at all possible. Invitations are available

today if there is someone on your heart to invite. We will also be delivering them the week before to the streets close to church ...

Please be praying for this event and sign up for ways you can be involved.

Blessings, Paula

We would like to run an Alpha Course next Term. If you are interested in helping to run this, please talk to Paula.



Midwinter Christmas Dinner – 17th July

We are having a Christmas Mid-Winter dinner on Wednesday July 17th for our friends, CAP clients and residents from the Mangapapa suburb.

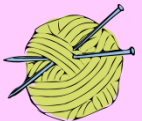
If you want to be involved, please speak with Paula or Nicola.

ATTENTION MEN! *Are you living the life Jesus has for you?*

Promise Keepers have their **"Courage is living the life Jesus has for you!"** men's events coming up in August. Three different venues and dates to choose from: **Christchurch 2-3 Aug, Wellington 16-17 Aug, Auckland 30-31 Aug** Poster and flyer on back noticeboard or go to www.promisekeepers.nz for more info. **Why don't you grab a bunch of guys and check it out?!**

Wanted: Double Knit Wool! Any colour, any amount.

To be used for cot blankets for the Children's Ward. If you have any spare please drop it in to the office. Also, more knitters of peggy squares needed. *If you are interested please let the office know.*



Last week during MUP's 'on call' duty, we received 4 food parcel requests from the Police Whangaia team. A couple of needs have been made know through this:

- 1) One young woman we visited is in need of **Queen sheets & a Queen duvet.**
- 2) Does anyone have a **'King Single duvet Inner'** for a flannelette duvet cover which we'd like to give to another food parcel recipient?

If you can supply any of these needs, please contact Sepoima.

Cycle the Pakihi Trail (Motu)

If you are interested in cycling the Pakihi Trail at Motu - start training now! Mark Van Wijk is keen to organise a group to do this around September/October. More details to follow.

