

Dates to Remember	
Tuesdays	6.30pm Interchurch Volleyball
Thursdays	Te Hahi Combined Churches Prayer - 7am AOG Church
11 th June	10am Women's Event - Morning Tea at Roll In Cafe
12 th June	1.30pm Bev Corlett's Funeral
21 st June	7pm Women's Event-Midwinter Catchup Dessert Evening



Church Office Hours: 9am - 12noon, Mon - Fri (excluding public holidays).

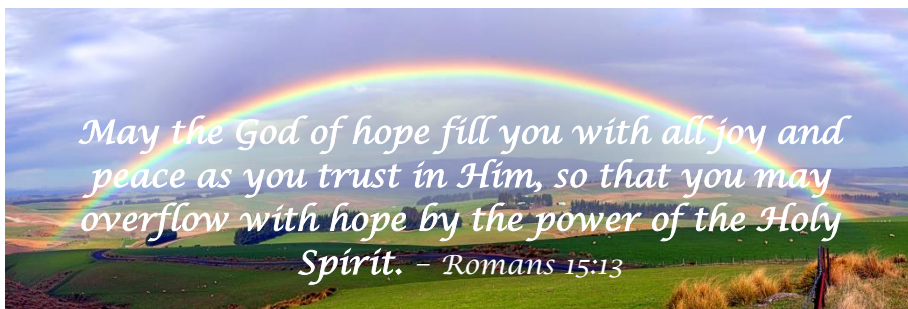
'Prayer Chain' – Urgent matters for confidential prayer support, can be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Joy McHardy or Val Judd.

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. If you are interested in joining please contact 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 6 th June
Greeters	M Wilson, J Schierning	E & B Bowis
Explorers Crèche	R Theobald	R Theobald
Matrix	M van Wijk	No Matrix
Ministry Team	J McHardy	E Oates
Cups of Tea	E & B Bowis, L Hindle	B & A Hall, M Smith
Flowers	D Dobbie	A Lewis
AV & Sound	D Russell / P Walker	R Nelson / P Cosson
Counters	N Coffey	A Radcliffe



Sunday 30th May 2021

10am: 'Growing In Intimacy With God'

A Promise Keepers message.

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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.*

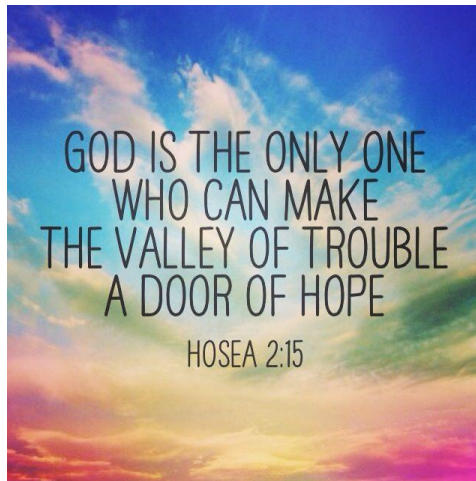
Paula writes...

It's been a hard week. A week of loss and farewell's. Monday morning Bev Corlett peacefully slipped away. We had hoped we had more time with her but it wasn't to be. Wednesday was the funeral of a friend and Elder of my last church: a man I have known for 35 years – and who served as an Elder for 43 years. Thursday we farewelled Raewyn's mum, Shirley, with a lovely celebration of her life. Death challenges us, but the death of a believer cements for us the importance of Christian hope.

The three virtues that Paul says are of greatest importance in the believer's life are faith, hope, and love (1 Corinthians 13:13). In C.S. Lewis' book, *Mere Christianity*, he highlights the importance of hope, saying:

"Hope is one of the Theological virtues. This means that a continual looking forward to the eternal world is not (as some modern people think) a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do. It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next. The Apostles themselves, who set on foot the conversion of the Roman Empire, the great men who built up the Middle Ages, the English Evangelicals who abolished the Slave Trade, all left their mark on Earth, precisely because their minds were occupied with Heaven. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth "thrown in": aim at Earth and you will get neither. It seems a strange rule, but something like it can be seen at work in other matters. Health is a great blessing, but the moment you make health one of your main, direct objects you start becoming a crank and imagining there is something wrong with you. You are only likely to get health provided you want other things more — food, games, work, fun, open air. In the same way, we shall never save civilization as long as civilization is our main object. We must learn to want something else even more.

Most of us find it very difficult to want "Heaven" at all — except in so far as "Heaven" means meeting again our friends who have died. One reason for this difficulty is that we have not been trained: our whole education tends to fix our minds on this world. Another reason is that when the real want for Heaven is present in us, we do not recognize it. Most people, if they had really learned to look into their own hearts, would know that they do want, and want acutely, something that cannot be had in this world. There are all sorts of things in this world that offer to give it to you, but they never quite keep their promise."



May we live, knowing the ache in our hearts is there for a reason. It will never be fully satisfied in this life but let it inspire us to live not for ourselves but in loving God and others and being transformed more into the likeness of Jesus, preparing us for our amazing future.

This is the sure hope we have.

Blessings, Paula

Leadership Team – Janice Langford had been on a leave of absence from the Leadership Team during 2020, and has now officially resigned. We are looking for another person to replace her on the Leadership Team, so if you would like to nominate someone to be considered for this position, please email the office or let Paula know.



RUEL ORPHANAGE PHILIPPINES

to all who have given items for the children, and to Marilyn and TOSS for paying the shipping cost. I still need outdoor play things, ie ping pong balls, shuttlecocks, and basketball. The boys in particular, spend hours every day shooting hoops, which is a great way for them to get very active in a relatively small space. The box will take around 3 months to finally arrive at the orphanage and what fun the caregivers will have sorting the things out! It is so uplifting for them to know other Christians are caring about them and the children. I will continue to collect items named on the Missions Board for another box in 3-4 months. Thanks again Angela.



Foodbank – Thank you to all who faithfully give to the foodbank. Our stocks are down again and we are currently running low on the following items: Weetbix, porridge oats, canned soup, crackers/biscuits, muesli bars, mashed potato, flour, sugar, toothpaste, soap, rice, peanut butter/marmite, canned peas, dishwash liquid, washing powder.

Support For Families In India - Alan and Joan Radcliffe, who have visited India many times, are in contact with Christian families who are severely affected by COVID and also ministering to those in great need in their community. They are planning to send through some funds to assist. If you would like to contribute please talk to Alan, or you can make a donation to the church tagged "India" and the funds will be forwarded.



Upcoming Women's Events

- 1) 10am Friday 11th June – Morning Tea at Roll In Café, 701 Gladstone Road.
- 2) 7pm-9pm Monday 21st June – Dessert Evening at Mangapapa Church (Bring a dessert if you can). Friends welcome.

