

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 – Meeting at 1.30pm in the Church House for duration of The Prayer Course. For more info contact Val Hawkins.

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

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

Still looking for Volunteers: We would still love to have some more help in most areas: Explorers, Kidzspace, Matrix, Youth Group, Greeters, Musicians, Morning Tea, Worship leading, AV, Sound desk ... We are starting to do up the next rosters, so if you feel God prompting you to volunteer in an area, please let Paula or Dione know.



Easter Camp 2019

We have approx. 19 youth and 5 adults going to Easter Camp at Mystery Creek this year. This is a wonderful outreach opportunity for our youth. If you would like to help them to go by contributing towards their camp fees, you can do so by putting a donation in an envelope marked Easter Camp, and placing in

the offering. If you prefer to donate through internet banking you can, but please email the office to let us know so we can make sure it goes to the right place.



Friday 5th April – "Watersports!"

Meet at Mangapapa Church from 1.30pm onwards. Bring \$3 More info to come.

See YG Facebook Page or Tirzah for more info.



	Today	Next Sunday 7 th April
Greeters	A Clement, L Frampton	M Wilson, D Whibley
Explorers Crèche	N Hawkins	R Theobald
Matrix	Family Service	N Hawkins
Ministry Team	J Newman	E Oates
Cups of Tea	P & D Viljoen, M Smith	P & A Walker, L Hindle
Flowers	E Oates	E Oates
AV & Sound	D Russell, P Walker	R Nelson, G O'Neil
Counters	D Welch	D Welch



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

Sunday 31st March 2019

10am: "Family Service - The Lord is My Shepherd"
John 10:14

Leading: Debora Dobbie
Duty Elder: Andrew Russell

6:30pm - Evening Fellowship Gathering

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Elders Team

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All children are staying in for the family service today.

Paula writes....

Welcome to our service this morning, a family service for all ages led by our Kidzspace team. Last week we were focussing on the image of God as the good Shepherd and us as the sheep who know His voice. I have been so encouraged in hearing the many stories of how God has been speaking to people in different ways. I wonder how you are going – slowing down: to make space to hear from God – and softening up: keeping your heart soft as to how He might be speaking to you? One thing that helps me if I feel I am trying too hard to hear, but nothing is coming, is to trust that God, the Creator of the Universe – is completely able to speak to me when He chooses. It's my job to remain open to hear.

Today Debbie and her team will be leading us to look further at God as our Shepherd and all that means to know our God is a good God, who will lead us and guide us no matter what life brings.

I have to say it has been a challenging two weeks with the events of our nation: the grief, the responses, the cause to reflect on our own attitudes, and bigger questions about what it means to live in a pluralistic society. I would like to address these issues further next term, as the questions are big and complex. For me one thing that helps, is to think of our Christian life through a mission framework.

We are a sent people, Christ followers, to go and make disciples wherever we are placed. When you go on "mission", you learn about the cultures, belief systems and contexts you go to, you build bridges, you develop understanding before saying too much, you go with a heart to love and serve, and you pray. Then through this you wisely look for opportunities to share the hope and truth of Jesus.



We are an increasingly pluralistic society, and we need to adapt to this rather than be afraid of it. We need to build relationship bridges with people of all cultures and faiths. Through relationship comes opportunity to respectfully share the deeper things of what we believe and the hope we have. May we look for and use these opportunities well, and may we be known for our love. More to come on this!

All women: we would love you to come on Wednesday night at 7pm. It will be a simple event of fun, food, building friendships and creating something together. No skills needed – please come and join us.

Blessings,
Paula

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.



Foodbank – Thank you for your faithful giving to this ministry, it is being well-used. Due to recent demand we would greatly appreciate help with re-stocking the following items: Weetbix, UHT Milk, Milk powder, Pasta Sauce, 2 Min Noodles, flour, sugar, rice, soup, tuna/salmon, toothpaste, crackers, biscuits, muesli bars, cans of corn, tea bags, coffee, pkts of mashed potato, cans of vegetables and peas.



Women *All*

“Connect & Create” - Wednesday, 3rd April, 7pm

For all women, a fun social night to connect with each other and build relationships. 7pm- 9pm at Mangapapa Church.

“A Quiet Day with Sharon Garlough”



A few of us women are going to A Quiet Day with Sharon Garlough Brown, author of 'Sensible Shoes' on Tuesday 21st May in Tauranga. Theme is "Walking with the Man of Sorrows" about coping with sorrow, disappointments and suffering. For more

info check out her Fb link <https://www.facebook.com/events/564072554111587/> If you might be interested in coming, please let Paula, Nicola or the office know.

Prayer Meeting - Thursday 4 April, 10am in the Church

House lounge

This is a great opportunity for you to join with others and intercede in prayer for the specific needs of clients and the CAP service, putting into practice what we have been learning about in the Prayer Course.



CAP Money Coaches needed:

Do you have a heart for the poor and a passion to help lift Kiwi families out of poverty? Would you like to train as a CAP Money Coach? If you think this might interest you, contact Sepoima Tulia for more info on what is involved.