

Dates to Remember	
25 th Oct	4pm Peter Shaw Concert at St Peter's Church



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

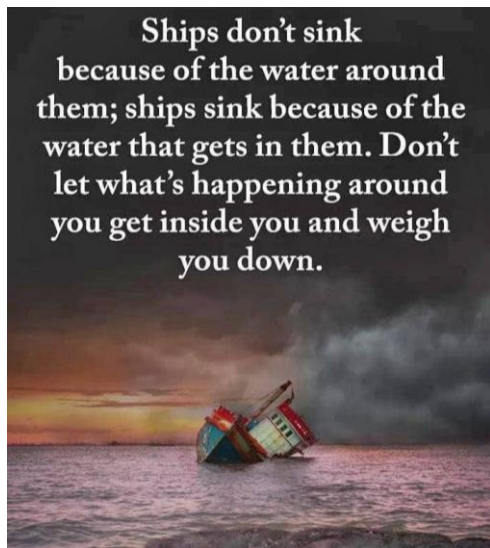
'Prayer Chain' – Urgent matters for confidential prayer support, can be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Joy McHardy or Val Judd.

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. Contact is 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 10 th October
Greeters	I McCoy, L McAra	A Clement, H Hockey
Explorers Crèche	Parents	Parents
Matrix	School Hols	School Hols
Ministry Team	TBC	A Clement
Cups of Tea	P & A Walker, M Smith	D Benson, R Keelan, D McLean
Flowers	D Dobbie	A Lewis
AV & Sound	D Russell / P Walker	S Patrick / P Cosson
Counters	A Radcliffe	C Robinson

Mangapapa Church (UNION PARISH)

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

Sunday 3rd October 2021

10am: 'Trials & Faith, Endurance & Maturity'
James 1:2-4

Leading: Debora Dobbie

Preaching: Stewart Patrick

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Children to stay in during the service.

Stewart writes...

First weekend of the School Holidays so it's an all-ages 'Family Service' this Sunday morning. We also commence a 5 week teaching series from the Book of James and our theme; '**Trials & Faith, Endurance & Maturity**', is taken from James 1:2-4,

"My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing."

Well, along the way we meet Dave the Donkey – (great, great, great, great Grandson of 'Dave Snr' who carried Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday) - and the story of young Dave's great trouble. He got through it and with our encouragement from James, we see that we can get through our trials and troubles too, with more provision of His grace, in the moment needed.



Celebration – Last week was Paula's last Sunday with us, and Friday just gone was her last day in the office. We will be calling her back for a 'Thank You Celebration' to honour her and thank her for her time as our church leader. The date has not been set for this yet as we were hoping to be able to hold it under Level 1 conditions so that everyone could attend. We will let you know as soon as things are finalised.



AGM Postponed – The exact date is still to be confirmed, so please watch this space.

Used Stamps – We collect and post these off to CBM (Christian Blind Mission). If you have any, please leave them in the marked container in the church foyer.

PLEASE
BOOK
IN ADVANCE



Booking for Services – While we continue to be limited in the amount of people who can attend Sunday services (currently 100) please continue to book a seat if you are wanting to come. This ensures that you have a seat and is also very helpful and speeds up things for the greeters at the door, who then just need to tick off your name when you arrive. Please do not be offended if you do not book a seat and are then are turned away at the door because our numbers have already reached the limit. You can book by emailing or ringing the office before 12pm on Fridays.

Attention All Creative/Crafty People – On a Saturday in November we would love to have pre-Christmas stalls on the lawn, where you can sell the things you have made, with 10% of all money made going to local missions. This gives you plenty of time to get those creative juices going and put aside. So now is the time to get growing, sewing, knotting, knitting, turning, mosaicking, preserving etc ... and baking nearer the time. Any questions, see Marilyn Patrick.

Memorial Service for Pat Hall – Due to Covid lockdown levels, this has been postponed indefinitely for now.

Tithing Envelopes – The next lot of tithing envelopes are ready for those who use them, and can be collected from the table in the church foyer. Thanks Jenny for preparing those!

Wanted: Offering Counters – The team that counts the tithes and offerings and prepares them for banking needs more helpers. At present two of our team are on duty once a month, and one is on fortnightly. If you are good with numeracy, are free on Mondays from 9:15am to 10am, and would like to help, please let Elaine Oates know. And a big "Thank You" to **Val Judd** who has faithfully served as an Offering Counter over many years, and has recently stepped down. We appreciate all you have done Val.



Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Romans 5:3-5