

Dates to Remember	
Tuesdays	6.30pm Interchurch Volleyball
Thursdays	Te Hahi Combined Churches Prayer - 7am AOG Church
9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	9.30am Autumn at the Arboretum



**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 at Janet Burgess's house. For more info contact Janet Burgess or Gretchen Norman.

**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 fortnightly at 1pm on Thursdays, in the Church House. If you are interested in joining please contact Nicola Hawkins.

**Covid Vaccines** – We know that there are many of you that have concerns and questions about the Covid vaccines. The Interchurch Bioethics Council have produced a paper to assist our understanding by answering some frequently asked questions. You can read this on the Church Noticeboard.

**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 11 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Greeters</b>	A Clement, J Phin	M Raitaukala, I McCoy
<b>Explorers Crèche</b>	A Lawton	N Welch, E Holwill
<b>Matrix</b>	N Hawkins	B Wheeler
<b>Ministry Team</b>	J McHardy	E Oates
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	P & A Walker, L Hindle	E & B Bowis, V Robinson
<b>Flowers</b>	D Dobbie	A Lewis
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	R Nelson / S Patrick	D Russell / P Walker
<b>Counters</b>	B Wheeler	N Coffey



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



Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021

10am: "Christ Is Risen! Hallelujah!"

With shared Communion

Leading: Neil Smoker

Preaching: Frank Darcy

Duty Elder: Al Clement

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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 before worship.  
'Matrix789's' go out at message time.

## Paula writes...

You will receive this as we begin our Easter weekend. This year on Good Friday, we will carry 3 crosses through our streets and erect them on the corner of Atkinson Street. We will then take time to reflect on the amazing sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf.

And then we wait. .. until the joy of Easter Sunday - the highlight of our Christian Calendar, the day that changed the world. The day when Christians all round the world celebrate that all the powers of death and destruction in the cosmos were overcome by the self-sacrificing love of Jesus. May you know this truth and all it means for you and the world around you this Easter.

## Blessings, Paula

### From Fakaofu Kaio

(Presbyterian Moderator)

*He is risen! Jesus the Christ is risen, indeed.*

*The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid... Jesus, who was crucified... he is risen, just as he said. Go quickly and tell his disciples. He has risen from the dead." (Matthew 28:5-7).*

*Rejoice and be glad that our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ, who died on the cross, did rise from the tomb. Jesus fulfilled the Scriptures. Every page, every word foretold about the Messiah of God, prophesied by God's prophets since the beginning of time, came true.*

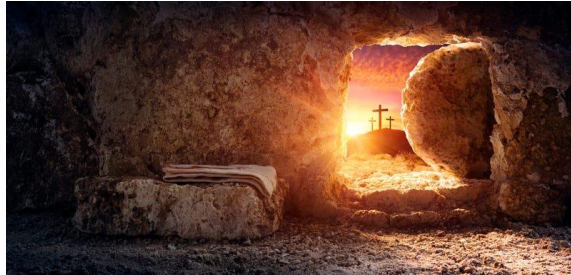
*Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ our Lord Saviour died and rose from the tomb. What does it mean for us?*

*It means salvation, eternity with God is ours, if we believe and accept that Jesus is Lord. That he came to redeem humanity back to God. He taught and exemplified the way of the Kingdom of God. His resurrection defeated death. His sacrifice, the perfect Lamb of God, paid for our transgressions. Jesus personifies the love of God, in life, in death, in resurrection.*

*May we sing everyday with the faithful gone before us, "He is Lord, He is Lord. He has risen from the dead and he is Lord. Every knee shall bend, every tongue confess. That Jesus Christ is Lord". Alleluia, Praise the Lord, Amen.*

*Beloved, do not be afraid. Jesus is risen.*

*Nothing on earth, in heaven and in the world below can separate us from the love of God, in Jesus Christ. This was Paul's words in encouraging the early church. Especially the persecuted faith community in Rome. Do not be afraid.. Be wise in life, be strong in the faith. Be kind to everyone. Be the light of Christ in our challenging times. Jesus said, "And surely I am with you always to the very end of age." (Matthew 28:26).*



**Frank Darcy** is sharing with us this morning. *"The gospels describe in detail, six appearances of Christ, alive from the dead, to different people, in different places, under different circumstances and at different times."*

*"The disciples had been a group of broken, despairing men. Yet, within 36 hours, the whole picture dramatically changed. There would have been no church today, if there had been no resurrection."*

*"For the early Christians the resurrection of Jesus filled them with hope because it was proof positive that it was possible to look beyond death to the redemption of the whole person and of creation itself. The resurrection of Jesus enables us to live with hope amidst whatever discouraging circumstances, because it assures us of God's final victory over the powers of darkness and the ultimate triumph of His kingdom." - Clark Pinnock in "Reasons Enough."*



**Church Camp** – Some of our folk enjoyed time at Camp Qodesh, Opoutama, last weekend.

**Te Hahi On-Call This Week** – Mangapapa Church is on call from 4<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> April for Te Hahi. Please keep Paula and team in your prayers this week.

**Autumn At The Arboretum (Eastwoodhill)** – Today is the **last day to RSVP** for Autumn At The Arboretum on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April. Please RSVP on the clipboard on the table or ring the office and leave a message. **Note: If rain is forecast the trip will be cancelled and you will be notified by 8:30am Friday morning by Nicola, or you can ring Nicola on 863 2580 or 022 131 9171.**

**Missing** – There are three long cream tablecloths with green edging, missing from the church kitchen. If you have been kind enough to do some washing for us, could you please check that you have returned them.

**End Of Year Giving Receipts** – We will be endeavouring to get your end of year giving receipts out to you by the end of April. These will be getting emailed to you, so if you would rather have a printed copy could you please let the office know.



This week all CAP clients were visited with a gift of hot cross buns and fridge magnet celebrating Jesus being alive. Please pray they ponder the relevance of Christ to their lives today and that God speaks to them.