

Dates to Remember	
Tuesdays	6.30pm Interchurch Volleyball
Thursdays	Te Hahi Combined Churches Prayer - 7am AOG Church
20-22 July	Wonderzone Kids Holiday Programme



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.

*Within each mortal being, deep down in the caverns of their soul,
A fertile garden of talents hidden, divine seedlings wait to grow!
Planted by loving hands, into to the rich soil of one's heart,
A Heavenly Father's desire, the greatest of blessings to impart!
Inspiring gifts of the Spirit, patiently positioned to one day emerge.
Nurtured by faith, cultivated with truth, and rooted in His sacred word.
The Light of Life, he warms the plant, illuminating the way.
Obedience leads to undiscovered abilities, that spring forth to manifest!
A flowering witness of God goodness, His miracles reverently expressed!
For each of God's children are sacred, endowed with specific gifts!
Fruits to inspire those around us. To lead, to love, and to lift!
"Know that thou art My special child, a masterpiece one of a kind!
I sent thee here with powers, to guide and heal the blind!"
"So use wisely thy endowment given, adore Me through service today!
And show your gratitude more fully, by sharing thy gifts in My way!"*

*"Spiritual Gifts"
by R Lyle Johnson*



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 th July
Greeters	L Frampton, M Wilson	J & L Hawsworth
Explorers Crèche	M Patrick	A Lawton
Matrix	All Teachers	School Hols
Ministry Team	E Oates	A Clement
Cups of Tea	D McLean, P Oram, <i>Volunteer</i>	P & A Walker, N Aston
Flowers	B Bowis	B Bowis
AV & Sound	D Russell / S Patrick	R Nelson / P Walker
Counters	C Robinson	B Wheeler



Sunday 4th July 2021

10am: 'Spiritual Gifts'
1 Corinthians 12

With shared Communion

Leading: Janice Langford

Preaching: Frank Darcy

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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...

Today we continue our series on the Holy Spirit and Frank will begin to look at spiritual gifts. As believers, God's Spirit is in us, transforming us, working through us and gifting us to serve and see the Kingdom of God in action in the world. Understanding who we are is a key part of serving and contributing well. Gifts – along with our personality, passions, natural abilities, and experiences all shape the way we can best make a difference for the Kingdom of God. Over the next few weeks I encourage you to be thinking through whether you are clear what your gifts are, maybe asking others if you are unsure. We will do more on this after the holidays.



Tim Keller says this about gifts:

According to 1 Corinthians 12:4–7: *“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all people. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.”*

Every Christian (“to each one”) receives spiritual gifts. A spiritual gift is an ability (“working” or power) that comes to you freely (“gift”) for the purpose of ministering to needs (“service”) so as to build up the Christian community in size and depth (“the common good”). This doesn't mean gifts only meet needs of Christians. They meet needs “in Jesus' name,” as a witness and sign of the coming kingdom. Ephesians 4:7–12 says that Jesus' kingly power—which will eventually heal the world physically, socially, and spiritually—is now distributed into us. The bottom line is that every Christian is in ministry through the church. No one is merely a consumer of services; everyone is a distributor.

What, then, is service? Serving is putting the needs of others ahead of our own, or putting the needs of the community ahead of our individual needs. And the Bible says there are several reasons to do this.

The first benefit is self-knowledge. Don't think you know your real gifts and capacities until you do a lot of humble serving in many different capacities around the church. Only as you do that will you come to understand your own aptitudes.

The second benefit is community. When you approach the church as a consumer (that is, only to get your needs met), you are in a solitary mode of being, but when you reject the consumer mindset, serving will draw you out of yourself and into relationships.

The third benefit is the fulfilment and joy of seeing others touched through you, or seeing something great happen through the part you play in the body of Christ. Paradoxically, if you serve primarily for the benefits to yourself, then it isn't really serving, and you won't receive the benefits. The only workable dynamic for every-

member ministry is Mark 10:45. Because Jesus served you in such a radical way, you have a joyful need to serve. It's a form of praise that doesn't fully enjoy what it admires until it expresses itself in service.

Blessings as you serve this week, **Paula.**



FUN FAMILY EVENT

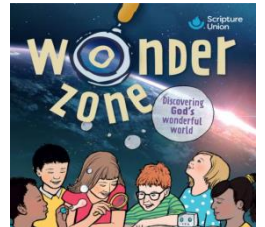
Something Fishy?
On: Sunday 4th July
Where: Fishing Wharf (opposite Bayleys Real Estate)
At: 2pm (High tide is 1.45pm)
With: Hand lines, fishing rod, bait etc, if you have them.
(otherwise there will be extra there)
Finish with a FISH and CHIP supper at 4.30pm
Weather dependent. Wear warm/windproof clothes.
Open to all ages



Leadership Team – We are still looking for another person to be 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.

Kids Programme – July School Holidays

We are hosting a kids programme for ages 5-11 years, run in conjunction with Wainui Church here at Mangapapa during the July school holidays. 9.30am-11.30am on 20-22 July. Save the date, and sign up on the Volunteer sheet to help. We are particularly needing a couple more small group leaders.



We would like to thank all the kind people who have donated knitted items for our hospital “Baby Parcels” and peggy squares for the knitted blankets for the Children's Ward. These have been a wonderful help, as winter is now here and warm items are much appreciated. We would also like to thank those who have made generous donations of wool (various plys). There is plenty for knitters, so please help yourself to it. They are in boxes in the cupboards in the room coming off the church foyer. Many thanks and God bless, Anne Russell & Jan Holmberg.



Just a reminder that there is a trolley with Lost Property on it in the room coming off the church foyer. If you have left something behind in church – it may have been put here under the Lost Property sign.