

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 "The Hub"
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.



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.

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 13 th June
Greeters	E & B Bowis	A Clement, L McAra
Explorers Crèche	R Theobald	A Lawton
Matrix	No Matrix	P & D Viljoen
Ministry Team	E Oates	J Newman
Cups of Tea	B & A Hall, M Smith	W Carstens, A Alder, M McHardy
Flowers	A Lewis	D Dobbie
AV & Sound	R Nelson / P Cosson	D Russell / R Levy
Counters	A Radcliffe	N Coffey

Sunday 6th June 2021

10am: 'Holy Spirit'

Ephesians 4:23 - Let the Spirit change your way of thinking and make you into a new person.

With Shared Communion

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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 begin a teaching series on the Holy Spirit. Frank is starting us off with looking at the Holy Spirit in Paul's letter to the Ephesians. I think a helpful description of the Holy Spirit is **God's Empowering Presence**.

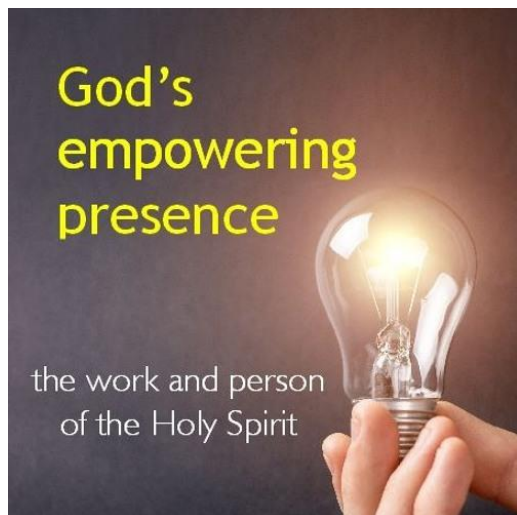
In my reading this week, I discovered this description of the different ways we think of or experience this power and presence in our lives, and how it relates to how we most think of Jesus.

Lynne Baab writes: *"Some Christians see Jesus, first and foremost, as a wise and insightful teacher, and those Christians seem to view the Holy Spirit, first and foremost, as a supernatural source of wisdom, insight and guidance, giving them the power to live wisely. Other Christians see Jesus most clearly as a lover of all people, even the most marginalized and outcast, and those Christians seem to expect the Holy Spirit to give them power from God to love and care across boundaries and in difficult and challenging situations. Yet others, when they look at the way Jesus is described in the Gospels, first see a powerful healer, and they expect the Holy Spirit to come into human life with abundant and dramatic power to heal. In my experience, those three views of the Holy Spirit are the most common, but there are others. If one views Jesus primarily as a holy and pure man with exacting standards, then the Holy Spirit might be experienced mostly as one who rebukes and convicts of sin. The power to see our sin is important, but must be balanced by Jesus' grace and mercy. As the wider culture becomes more secular, an increasingly significant view of the Holy Spirit relates to Jesus as the one sent by God into the world to do God's mission. In this view, the Holy Spirit is God's presence with us to send us into the world with the power to engage in God's priorities.*

Surely all five of these views of Jesus and the Holy Spirit can be supported by the Bible: wise guide, lover, healer, one who convicts of sin, and sender into mission. I would argue that all five are relevant and helpful when thinking about Jesus and the Holy Spirit."

I know I long for the Holy Spirit to be active in all these ways in me and through me. As I start each new day, I am given courage by the fact God's Spirit is alive in me, leading, guiding, comforting, challenging, empowering so I can be the Jesus person I am called to be, and that the Spirit can work through me in ways beyond anything I could do.

Blessings, Paula



Frank Darcy is sharing with us this morning on the Holy Spirit. He writes,

Eph. 4:15 – "We should always speak the truth in love. Then we will grow in every way and be more like Christ."

Bob Gass comments on this verse: *"Don't use words such as 'love' and 'transparency' to disguise a judgmental attitude. People get screamed at, chewed out and verbally abused in the name of love. Don't vent your anger at someone in the name of honesty. You should always confront with reluctance, never with eagerness. You should confront directly, yet gently, and always with a desire to bring about God's best in the other person's life. At all points, the listener should never be in doubt as to your love and acceptance."*

Today, I will be speaking from Ephesians about the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of believers, and in the life of the church. One commentator has described Ephesians as "a liturgy for Pentecost."



Bev Corlett's Funeral – Saturday 12th June at 1.30pm

As church family, you are invited to attend a celebration of Bev Corlett's life at 1.30pm on Saturday 12th June, here at Mangapapa Church. The family have asked it to be a celebration so no need to wear black. You are also invited to stay for afternoon tea after the service.

Celebration Service: Sunday 20th June – with shared lunch to follow. In two weeks time we are having a special service of Celebration. At this service Al Clements will be ordained as an Elder and welcomed to the Eldership Team. Sadly we will also be thanking and farewelling Llew Paul, who will be moving to Tokoroa to be with his family and their ministry there. We would love everyone to be there for this special day. Mark in your diary now.

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.

Support For Families In India - Thank you so much to those who have contributed to the support of families in India through blessings of food and assistance for those in most need. These are already being distributed by believers there. There is a letter on the noticeboard with some photos of gifts being given. Any further gifts can be given through a church donation tagged India. See Alan Radcliffe for more info.



Upcoming Women's Events

- 1) 10am Friday 11th June – Morning Tea at EIT's "The Hub Café", Palmerston Rd.
- 2) 7pm-9pm Monday 21st June – Dessert Evening at Mangapapa Church (Bring a dessert if you can). Friends welcome.

