

Dates to Remember ...	
9 th Oct	Last day for tickets to 'Unplanned'
13 th Oct	Combined Churches Service
15 th Oct	Church Prayer Night
21 st Oct	Movie - "Unplanned"
28 th Oct	Pakihi Trail Bike ride



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 – Meets at 1.30pm in the Church Prayer Room. For more info contact Maureen Wilson or Judy McLatchie.

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

Thursday 'Womens Breakfast'- Meets at 7:00am – 8:30am in the Church house lounge. For more info contact Gretchen Norman or Amanda Lewis.

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

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.



No Youth Group During School Holidays

Youth Group starts back again on Friday 18th October.



	Today	Next Sunday 13 th October
Greeters	M Raitukala, H Hockey	B & A Hall
Explorers Crèche	N Hawkins	M Schnuriger
Matrix	School Hols	School Hols
Ministry Team	A Clement	J Newman
Cups of Tea	J Dyas, B Corlett, N Aston	P & A Walker, A Alder
Flowers	D Dobbie	A Lewis
AV & Sound	D Russell / P Walker	R Nelson, J Russell
Counters	D Welch	N Coffey



Sunday 6th October 2019

10am: Standing Firm as a Child of God

Leading: Rachal McIntyre Preaching: Andrew Russell

Duty Elder: Andrew Russell

6.30pm Evening Fellowship tonight

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Elders Team

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*'Explorers' creche is operating and available for 1-4 years.
'Kidzspace' Primary age children – school holidays programme.
'Matrix' Intermediates stay in during message time.*

Paula writes.... Thank-you to those who shared testimonies last Sunday. It is so encouraging to share stories of what God is doing amongst us. I loved something Marie shared around hospitality, and thought it was a good reminder for us all. Words from Max Lucado:

“Not everyone can serve in a foreign land, lead a relief effort, or volunteer at the downtown soup kitchen. But who can’t be hospitable? Do you have a front door? A table? Chairs? Bread and meat for sandwiches? Congratulations! You just qualified to serve in the most ancient of ministries: hospitality. You can join the ranks of people such as...Abraham. He fed, not just angels, but the Lord of angels (Gen. 18). Martha and Mary. They opened their home for Jesus. He, in turn, opened the grave of Lazarus for them (John 11:1-45; Luke 10:38-42). Zacchaeus. He welcomed Jesus to his table. And Jesus left salvation as a thank-you gift (Luke 19:1-10). And what about the greatest example of all – the “certain man” of Matt. 26:18? On the day before his death, Jesus told his followers, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: The chosen time is near. I will have the Passover with my followers at your house’.

How would you have liked to be the one who opened his home for Jesus? You can be. “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matt. 25:40) As you welcome strangers to your table, you are welcoming God himself. Something holy happens around a dinner table that will never happen in a sanctuary. In a church auditorium you see the backs of heads. Around the table you see the expressions on faces. In the auditorium one person speaks; around the table everyone has a voice. Church services are on the clock. Around the table there is time to talk.

Hospitality opens the door to uncommon community. It’s no accident that hospitality and hospital come from the same Latin word, for they both lead to the same result: healing. When you open your door to someone, you are sending this message: “You matter to me and to God”. You may think you are saying, “Come over for a visit”. But what your guest hears is, “I’m worth the effort.” Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay. God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. (1 Peter 4:9-10)”

As part of our growing together and connecting as a church family remember to sign up on the clipboard to join a group of three. And ask God in what way you can be hospitable this week.

This coming week, I will be away with my family for the school holidays. Dione will be in the office and other things will be happening as usual.

Blessings, Paula

Foodbank – Thank you for your faithful giving. We are still in need of: rubbish stickers, tuna/salmon, corned beef, weetbix, flour, rice, muesli bars, pkts mashed potato, cans of soup, coffee, milo, jams/spreads, crackers, biscuits, spaghetti, fruit, peas, corn, vegetables, toothpaste.



Andrew writes... “I’m a child of the most High God. So what is different for me in this life compared to those who are yet to know the beauty of being one of God’s children? Firstly, I can live in the knowledge that I can be all I was created to be, that in Christ my identity is based on truth and of who He is and what He has done. I can recognize that in my journey with God I can grow in Him and as Christ is formed in me, I can receive blessing after blessing from a Father who loves me more than I will ever know. This morning make sure that you leave with a new understanding of how incredibly valuable you are to God and be empowered afresh by His Spirit to live for Him where He has placed you.

Update from Mary – We have received an Annual Progress report for Mary



Namboowa, the girl we sponsor through World Vision. She is now 5 years old and currently in good health. She is also doing grade 1 at primary school.

You can find her report and photo on the back wall near the servery. Mary would love to receive letters from us, so if you would like to write to her, talk to Paula.

TOSS Garage Sale – Last Thursday 3rd October – Big thankyou to Marilyn, Stewart, Anne Walker and Angela Patton for another successful TOSS sale, proceeds were \$558 to go towards missions!

Combined Churches Service – Sunday 13th October

Guest speakers Jamal & Suzan Hashweh (Middle East Director of Global Hope) are Jordanians who live in Amman and will be sharing the plight of our Christian family there. They work with suffering ancient Christian community of Iraqi Assyrian and Chaldean Christians who were decimated by the Islamic State (ISIS). Held at House of Breakthrough.

Let us Pray! – 7pm – 8.30 pm Tuesday 15th October

Let’s gather as a whole church to pray for our church and our community and see what God can do as we gather to worship and pray!! Love to see you all there!



RAK (Random Acts of Kindness) More drivers are needed for deliveries and quick chat to local people in the community who are confined at home. Would appreciate some more helpers in this area please.



The CAP Debt Help Centre will be closed from September 30th until October 14th. Please pray for positive interactions between the clients and CAP Support Friends over this time.