

Coming up ...	
16 th Sep	AGM
17 th Sep	TOSS Garage Sale



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'- Still meeting from 11am–12noon in Church Prayer Room. For more info contact Janet Burgess.

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study – Still meeting at 1.30pm in the Church House. For more info contact Maureen Wilson.

Wednesday 'Mens Breakfast'- Not meeting until further notice. For more info contact Paul Cosson.

Thursday 'Womens Breakfast'- Still meeting at 7am in the Church House. For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Meets fortnightly on a Thursday, 1pm–2.30pm, in the Church House. For more info contact Nicola Hawkins.

Friday 'Revival Prayer'– Starts 6.30pm and will be held at Elaine's place until further notice. For more info contact Elaine Oates.



MUP AGM

Wednesday 16th September



TOKO WORK PARTY!! – Saturday & Sunday 19th-20th September.

Volleyball, surfing, pizza, and of course - some work! An awesome time to be outside and put in some labour for our super-generous 40 HR Famine sponsors. They always spoil us rotten and we laugh lots and play lots and eat lots too. Let Kate know if you're interested in coming - you do not need to have done the Famine. 😊

	Today	Next Sunday 13 th September
Greeters	B & A Hall	J & L Hawksworth
Explorers Crèche	A Lawton	N Welch, E Holwill
Matrix	P & D Viljoen	L Hindle
Ministry Team	E Oates	A Clement
Cups of Tea	E & B Bowis, A Alder	N & C Coffey, D Benson
Flowers	D Dobbie	B Bowis
AV & Sound	J Russell / P Walker	R Nelson / P Cosson
Counters	A Radcliffe	A Radcliffe



Sunday 6th September 2020

Two Services Today – 9am and 10.30am

The Father's Heart – Genesis 15:1

With Communion

Preaching: Andrew Russell

Leading: Neil Smoker

Duty Elder: Llew Paul

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Elders Team

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All Kids Programmes are operating during the 10.30am Service only.

'Explorers' creche is operating and available for 1-4 years.

'Kidzspace' Primary age children go out at message time.

'Matrix 789's' are to go out at message time.

Paula writes:

Welcome to Spring. Much hope comes with the new growth, daffodils, blossoms and warmer sunshine. Josh even managed a swim at the start of this week. Our hope is not in spring itself, but the seasons remind us of our God working behind them bringing new beginnings. As spring comes, we are reminded of God's faithful promises; of new growth, of prayers finally being answered, of hard seasons finishing and new ones beginning. Many of our women enjoyed a spring evening together on Tuesday night, laughing, connecting, creating and sharing stories. It gave me much hope.



As you see the signs of spring may you see God's hand at work and discover hope and new life. May you also be listening to what God is saying in this new season, and may you be even listening as to how you respond to others. I read this devotional this week and it challenged me to be listening well in order to love well. It is by Sharon Garlough Brown. She says:

Over the years I've discovered that one of the best discernment questions I can ask is, "Lord, what does love look like right now? What is the most loving thing to do or to say in this moment?"

Sometimes the most loving thing to do is to remain silent and listen — with humility and attentiveness.

Sometimes the most loving thing to do is to speak — with grace and truth.

Sometimes the most loving thing to do is to act — with courage and compassion.

Sometimes the most loving thing to do is to wait — with patience and hope.

Asking the question about what love requires helps us stay dependent on God for

His guidance and wisdom, moment by moment, not in fretful striving, but with confidence that the Lord knows how to speak in ways that catch our attention. We don't have to be anxious about hearing.

We need to trust the Lord's ability to speak.

Lately, these words from Paul have caught my attention and pressed on me as I pray about how love "constrains" our freedom and calls us to generous sacrifice and care for others: "For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

May the Lord grant each of us wisdom as we seek to love well.

Blessings, Paula



Still Needed:

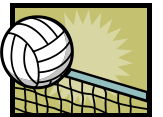
Chairs for a dining table and 2 x Chest of drawers – for a single mum moving into a house on 8th September. If you have any of these items that you are willing to donate, please contact the office.

Bible In Schools (Launchpad) Court Case – Currently in NZ, Religious Instruction can be taught in schools. The Secular Education Network were taking the Crown to court to remove this legal right. A call for urgent prayer regarding this went out a few weeks ago (see letter on church noticeboard). **Good news!!** The court case between Tanya Jacob (SEN) and the Crown has been dropped by the Plaintiff. **Prayer works!!**



Te Hahi On-Call This Week – Mangapapa Church is **on call from 6th – 12th September** for Te Hahi. Please keep Sepoima and team in your prayers this week.

Inter Church Volley Ball Competition – Tuesday nights. Good exercise, great fun, and a great chance to meet people. See or ring Phil Viljoen if you are keen to join.



Positive Journalism – Young people are often portrayed badly in the media. We'd like to give our young people a chance to hear how they have positively affected others in our church community. If you have something positive to share about a particular youth or youths that attend our youth group - it might be something they have said or done, an experience that they have shared - I'd like to hear from you. Please contact me via email at pkbney@gmail.com or phone/text on 027 283 2015. Thanks so much! Kate Ney.

TOSS Garage Sale.... We are planning to next open the shed on **Thursday 17th September**. If you have any goods you no longer need we would welcome them to sell. The shed will be open to receive goods from 10.30am to 12noon on Mondays 7th & 14th and Wednesdays 9th & 16th September.



We are looking for more people to work voluntarily as CAP Support Friends. This role is really important as support makes it easier for people to become debt free. If you are interested in hearing more about what is involved, please contact Nicola on nicola.hawkins@capnz.org or 0204 072 5386.