

**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** – Meeting at 1.30pm in the Church House for duration of The Prayer Course. For more info contact Val Hawkins.

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

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

**Explorers Volunteers:** We really need some more people on the Explorers roster. If you feel God prompting you, talk to Raewyn Theobald to find out what is involved.



**Easter Camp 2019**

We have approx. 19 youth and 5 adults going to Easter Camp at Mystery Creek this year. This is a wonderful outreach opportunity for our youth. If you would like to help them to go by contributing towards their camp fees, you can do so by putting a donation in an envelope marked Easter Camp, and placing in

the offering. If you prefer to donate through internet banking you can, but please email the office to let us know so we can make sure it goes to the right place.



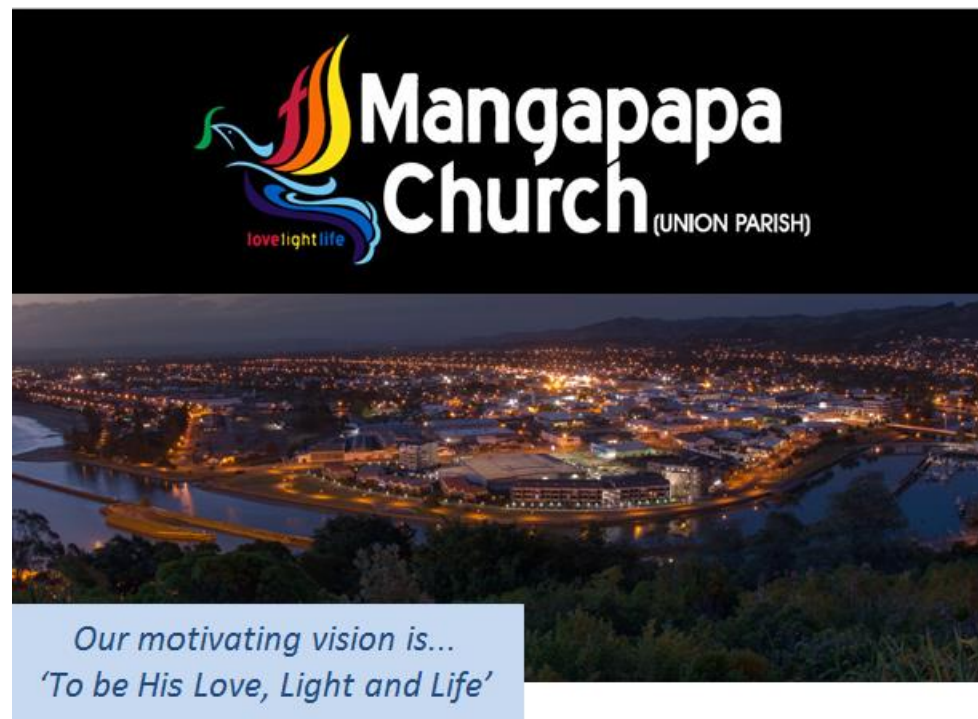
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April – “Youth Room Makeover”**

7pm @ Mangapapa Church. Bring \$3  
More info to come.

See YG Facebook Page or Tirzah for more info.



	Today	Next Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Greeters</b>	M Wilson, D Whibley	L McAra, N Hawkins
<b>Explorers Crèche</b>	R Theobald	R Theobald
<b>Matrix</b>	N Hawkins	School Holidays
<b>Ministry Team</b>	E Oates	J McHardy
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	P & A Walker, L Hindle	A & D McLean, M McHardy
<b>Flowers</b>	E Oates	G Sharp
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	R Nelson, G O'Neil	P Oram, P Cosson
<b>Counters</b>	D Welch	D Welch



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

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**10am: “The Final Journey”  
With shared Communion**



**Leading: Paula Levy      Preaching: Frank Darcy  
Duty Elder: Paula Levy**

**6:30pm - Evening Fellowship Gathering**

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**Elders Team**

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*‘Explorers’ creche is operating and available for 1-4 years.  
‘Kidzspace’ Primary age children head out when directed.  
‘Matrix’ Intermediates meet during the message time, over in the house*

## Paula writes....

This week it feels like our nation is moving on a little from the Christchurch tragedy, not that the grief is in any way past, but we continue our lives, hopefully changed for good through the pain, and as we look out for others and demonstrate love and empathy in many and varied ways. As one example, I wonder how many of you wore gumboots on Friday - for the 'I am Hope Gumboot Day'? ☺

The final session of the Prayer Course is on Spiritual Warfare and is a real reminder of the reality explained to us in Ephesians 6 where it says:

*<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

When we pray, we can make a stand for good, and against evil. We can pray the promises of God into any situation. We can pray for justice and mercy and healing: in personal situations but also much wider than that, in praying for communities and cities and nations. Pete Grieg gives 3 key points on this topic:

1. No one can be a pacifist in prayer. We are all caught up in a spiritual battle against 'the world, the flesh and the devil.'
2. We live in the gap between Christ's victory on the cross and His return, when suffering and sin will finally be eliminated.
3. In this gap we pray for God's kingdom to come in salvation, healing, justice, reconciliation and beauty.

One of the ways we can fight for good in prayer is to pray God's promises into a specific situation. Derek Prince says this,

*You will never pray a higher or more effective prayer than when, guided by the Holy Spirit, you go to the Word, find the promise that relates to you and your situation and say, "Lord, you've said it; you do it."*

I have had some challenging opportunities this week to offer non-judgemental love in ways that were challenging and surprising, and yet have also had the opportunity to pray specifically into these situations. My prayer is that God would be using every one of us to be "fighting" in prayer for good.

Next week as we conclude the Prayer Course we will have a service of Testimonies to give people opportunities to share prayers God has answered, or something significant you have learnt. Please let me know during the week if you are keen to share!

Blessings, Paula



## Quote from Mother Teresa

"People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centred. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway. If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway. What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway. Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway. In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway."

## "A Quiet Day with Sharon Garlough"



If you want to go to 'A Quiet Day with Sharon Garlough Brown', author of 'Sensible Shoes' on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May in Tauranga, please let Paula, Nicola or the office know. Spaces are limited, so we want to book as soon as possible. Theme is "Walking with the Man of

Sorrows" about coping with sorrow, disappointments and suffering. See <https://www.facebook.com/events/564072554111587/> for more info.

## 2019 Church Directory

There are two draft copies of the 2019 Church Directory on the table at the back of the church. Please take a moment to leaf through and check your details are correct. If they are, please use the pen provided and tick next to your photo - if not, please write in the correction. If you are not in the Directory and would like to be, there are spaces in the back pages to add your details. Thanks.

**TOSS Garage Sale**.... The next 'Thursday Open Shed Sale' day will be **this week – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April**, from 8.30am to 12noon. If you have any items you would like to donate to the sale please drop them at the office. Reminder: No books or clothes please. All proceeds go towards the community.



## Bible In Schools Secretary/Treasurer

Gisborne/Wairoa/East Coast Bible in Schools Committee is seeking someone to **fill the role of Secretary/Treasurer**. **This is a paid, part time position, with flexible hours to suit**. The successful applicant will be expected to share the values and principles inherent to the providers of this district's Christian Bible in Schools program. Experience in secretarial work or financial book keeping preferred but not essential. Anyone interested in enquiring about this position is welcome to email: **Esther Henderson** at [doonhill@farmside.co.nz](mailto:doonhill@farmside.co.nz)



**CAP Money Coaches needed:** Do you have a heart for the poor and a passion to help lift Kiwi families out of poverty? Would you like to train as a CAP Money Coach? If you think this might interest you, contact Sepoima Tulia for more info on what is involved.