

Church Office Hours: 9am -12noon, Mon - Fri (excluding public holidays).

It is now okay for Small Groups to start meeting. If you are planning to start up, please let the Office know.

‘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’ – No meetings until further notice.

Tuesday Bible Study Group – Has started up. Meeting at 1.30pm in the Church House lounge. For more info contact Maureen Wilson.

Wednesday ‘Mens Breakfast’- Has started up. Meeting from 6.45am – 7.50am in the Church House. Currently ‘bring your own breakfast’. For more info contact Paul Cosson.

Thursday ‘Womens Breakfast’- Has started up. Meeting 7am in the Church House. Currently ‘bring your own breakfast’. For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

Friday ‘Revival Prayer’– No prayer meetings until further notice.

“Thanks Alan Radcliffe, who pointed out a correction to last week’s newsletter. Knee High Mia was not the shortest person in the Bible. That prize actually goes to Job’s friend, Bildad the Shoe Height (Shuhite).” 😂

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.

Youth Group – Friday nights

Youth Group started up again on Friday with a 40 Hour Famine themed evening. Details of coming activities will be emailed out to YG members and posted on the YG Facebook page. Cost: \$3.



| | Today | Next Sunday 14 th June |
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| Greeters | | |
| Explorers Crèche | Raewyn Theobald | To |
| Matrix | Nicola Hawkins | Be |
| Ministry Team | - | Confirmed |
| Cups of Tea | No cups of tea | |
| Flowers | - | |
| AV & Sound | D Russell / P Cosson | |
| Counters | | |



Sunday 7th June 2020

Two Services Today – 9am and 10.30am

“Lessons from Lockdown” – Phil 1:6

Kids Programmes will be during the 10.30am Service

Leading: Neil Smoker Preaching: Paula Levy

Duty Elder: Paula Levy

No 6.30pm Evening Fellowship

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Elders Team

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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...

As you read this, you may be sitting in church!!!! Or if you are reading the email version, deciding which service you may attend. Our last gathering in our building was the 15th of March and that seems a world ago.

Our worlds are not the same. We have been through something we probably never expected – for some maybe it felt like a holiday, for others a prison, for some doors opened, for others they closed.

I love how the Bible speaks into so many different situations and out of so many contexts. Paul's letters are great snapshots like this. The church at Philippi (in Greece) was started in pretty miraculous and surprising ways. Paul had gone there in response to a dream, and had amazing connections with surprising people that formed the foundation of a church. Yet he also suffered great opposition. What was born was a strong and vibrant church which he came to deeply love.

Now, years later, he's stuck in prison. He can't go to them (a bit like in lockdown), but he can send a message. And his message is one of grace and peace. One of encouragement and hope. He wants to see them keep growing, keep serving, to never give up.

He of all people knew the 'following Jesus journey' is hard, has unexpected setbacks, will cost everything, and yet is worth it. He knows it is a race hard to finish but calls them to keep running. And He is confident that even though He cannot go to them God will keep working in their lives.

These are feelings I have felt in many ways over these last months. There have been situations where I couldn't "do" anything, but I could pray. I could send words of encouragement and I had to trust that God would be working.

One of my life verses comes from this first chapter of Philippians:

"6 And I am certain that God, who began



the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns."

This has given me strength in my own life and I pray will also do so for us as a church community, as we continue in this next chapter of our journey. May we let our learnings of the past two months not be lost, but stay with us as we move ahead.

And may we be committed to praying for our world at the moment. The countries in the midst of the battle with COVID, ongoing situations of warfare and extreme poverty and the heart breaking examples of racial injustice. May these things call us to prayer, and as we do be asking God what actions we can take to be those agents of justice, mercy and compassion we are called to be.

In prayer, **Paula**

Afternoon Tea for Women at Peppers Restaurant

2pm - 4pm on Sunday 28th June

Save this date!



Bookcase Needed – Does anyone have a bookcase that they don't need anymore and are willing to donate? Paula is in desperate need of one in her office. If you have one, please let Paula or the office know. Thanks.



Client related work remains minimal. Please pray that God shows those needing help our advertising and gives them the courage to ring and ask for it.

