

Dates to Remember	
Thursday 12 th Mar	Te Hahi Combined Churches Prayer - 7am AOG Church 7pm Open Doors meeting with Mike Burrows
13 th Mar	Holy Spirit seminar
18 th Mar	7pm Women's Event - Dessert evening at Breakers
26-27 Mar	Family Camp at Camp Qodesh, Mahia
9 th Apr	9.30am Women's Event - Autumn at the Arboretum



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 in the Church Prayer Room/Library. For more info contact Janet Burgess or Gretchen Norman.

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 Thursday, in the Church House. If you are interested in joining please contact Nicola Hawkins.

	<p>Te Hahi Prayer Meetings You are invited to be part of this very important ministry. 7am every Thursday morning at the Assembly of God Church, 82 Grey Street.</p>	
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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 14 th March
Greeters	M Raitaukala, M Wilson	B & A Hall
Explorers Crèche	R Theobald	A Lawton
Matrix	N Hawkins	P & D Viljoen
Ministry Team	J McHardy	E Oates
Cups of Tea	N & C Coffey, A Alder	B Corlett, J Dyas, I McCoy
Flowers	B Bowis	A Lewis
AV & Sound	R Nelson / P Walker	D Russell / P Cosson
Counters	A Radcliffe	A Radcliffe

Mangapapa Church

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

Sunday 7th March 2021

10am: 'Atonement With God, The Purpose Of The Cross'

With shared Communion

Leading: Andrew Russell

Preaching: Jim Mestyaneck

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'Explorers' creche is operating and available for 1-4 years.
'Kidzspace' Primary age children go out before worship.
'Matrix789's' go out at message time.

Paula writes...

This week it has been Mangapapa's turn to represent Te Hahi. This has involved us following police referrals, visiting homes with food or other practical assistance. Thanks to those who have joined me in these visits this week. Te Hahi's vision is to bring hope to communities across Aotearoa, New Zealand, by working together as local churches in partnership with Police to support families impacted by family harm. Te Hahi aims to demonstrate to those impacted by family harm that they are not alone and there is always hope.

This morning we welcome a small team from YWAM Marine Reach in Tauranga. They will share briefly in our service and be hanging out with our Matrix youth today.

Next weekend we have our workshop with Mike Burrows relating to the Holy Spirit, as we seek to grow in all God has for us. Please let the office know if you can come. We would love you to commit next Saturday to being there. Please sign the clipboard today or let the office know.

On the Friday night Mike will be speaking about the persecuted church, and how we can be informed and support Christian brothers and sisters in difficult places. This will be an excellent event as well.

Today we farewell Jim and Katrina Mestyaneck. They have been with us the last two years but are moving to Whakatane soon. It has been wonderful to have them as part of our church family and we have really valued Jim's gift of teaching. The impact of his messages will remain. We wish them well and pray God's blessing on their move.

Finally thanks to all those who joined us for last Sunday's cricket match. A competitive, fun, and at times intense, event ☺ We look forward to the next challenge: football?



Blessings, Paula

It is now only 4 weeks till Easter. **Jim Mestyaneck** will be preaching today on the cross, beginning our preparation for remembering and celebrating.

TOPIC: Atonement with God, the purpose of the Cross.

As background reading you may like to look at these Bible passages:

Romans 3:9-18
John 1:29

Leviticus 16
Hebrews 9

Isaiah 53:5-8

Testimony Sunday – Next Sunday we take time to share stories of God at work in our lives. If you have a story to share of something God has done recently please let Paula or the office know during the week.



Items Wanted: The Te Hahi Whangaia Team have sent out a request for nappies (medium, large, toddlers and juniors) and personal toiletries excluding toothbrushes or toothpaste. Donations of these can be brought to the office during office hours (9am-12noon Mon-Fri), or put in the food basket on Sunday (but make sure they are clearly labelled for Te Hahi).



Tithing Envelopes – These are now ready for collection from the table at the back. Thanks Jenny Phin for the faithful work you do!

Open Doors – Serving Believer's Under Persecution – Mike Burrows from Open Doors will be sharing about the persecution Christians around the world are currently facing. Held here on **Friday 12th March at 7pm**. Flyers available on back table. Everyone welcome.

Holy Spirit Workshops – Saturday 13th March. Mike Burrows will be taking a couple of workshops on the baptism in the Holy Spirit and some of His gifts. See the flyers on the back table for more details.



Cheques Are Being Phased Out – From July 2021 most banks will have stopped receiving and issuing cheques. Some banks are doing this sooner. If you are using cheques for your giving, please change to another method. Our details for electronic giving or envelope giving are on the back page of this newsletter.



CREATIVITY God wants us to put our creativity to work so we can glorify him and bless others. As part of our **Easter services** we would like to use some creations you have made that depict Easter and what Christ has done for us.

Has God given you that creative gift and love using it? This could come in the form of a flower arrangement, a painting, a photo, something with wood, mosaic anything at all. Open to all ages.

Please contact Marilyn if you would like to create something for Easter....
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