

Dates to Remember	
TODAY	Congregational Vote after Service
Tuesdays	6.30pm Interchurch Volleyball
Thursdays	Te Hahi Combined Churches Prayer - 7am AOG Church



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 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' – This Thursday (6th May) at 1pm in the Church House. Meets fortnightly on Thursdays. If you are interested in joining please contact Nicola Hawkins.

Covid Vaccines – We know that there are many of you that have concerns and questions about the Covid vaccines. The Interchurch Bioethics Council have produced a paper to assist our understanding by answering some frequently asked questions. You can read this on the Church Noticeboard.

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 16 th May
Greeters	A Clement, L Frampton	M Raitaukala, L McAra
Explorers Crèche	R Theobald	A Lawton
Matrix	P & D Viljoen	B Wheeler
Ministry Team	E Oates	A Clement
Cups of Tea	N Aston, M Potter, D McLean	K & A Tyler, D Benson
Flowers	B Bowis	B Bowis
AV & Sound	D Russell / P Walker	S Patrick / R Levy
Counters	C Robinson	C Robinson



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



Sunday 9th May 2021

10am: 'Esther'

The Unseen Hand of God

Leading: Sal Clement

Preaching: Paula Levy

Duty Elder: Rodney Judd

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Elders Team

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'Explorers' creche is available for 1-4 years.
'Kidzspace' Primary age children and Matrix 789's go out at message time.

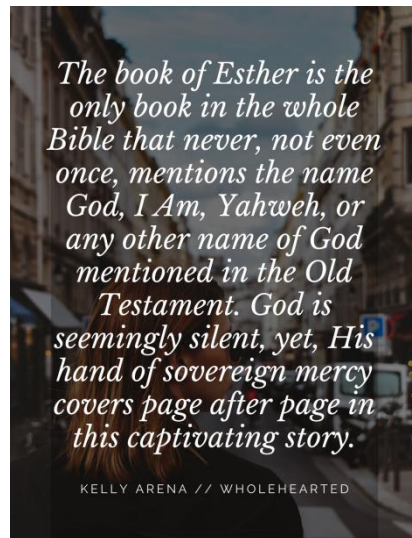
Paula writes...

Thanks for those who joined us for last Tuesday evening for our prayer evening. It was a really special time praying together for our church and community. Remember, you are welcome to pray every Sunday before the service, in the Prayer Room. Let's continue to keep prayer as the foundation of all we are and do.

There will be a short congregational meeting after the service today to vote on the Elders recommendation of Al Clements as an Elder.

Today we look at the last of our Old Testament characters. I will take two weeks to look at Esther. The book is 10 chapters long but a great read! See if you can read or listen right through it this week.

Although God is never mentioned in the whole 10 chapters, He is clearly at work behind the scenes. The incredible saga of highs and lows shows again God using unexpected people to change the course of history. In a patriarchal and power abusive setting, a Jewish woman accepts the challenge to stand in the gap for her people, at risk of her own life. I wonder what situations God has you in for a bigger purpose? I also pray that through the story you will be reminded of God being with you, even when He is not obvious. May we grow in trust of our God who does hold this world in His hands, is working through history, and who invites us to play a part.



Congratulations Grandpa Neil and Grandma Louise! The highly anticipated grandchild of Neil and Louise Smoker arrived at 5.53am on Wednesday morning. Congratulations to Rory and Liana on the birth of their son, Remy (7lbs, 7oz).

Update Of Church Directory - We are at present looking to update our Directory. If you have changes to your details could you please let the office know, or if you are not in the 2020 one and would like to be in the 2021 one, please hand in your details and see Marilyn Patrick for a photo. Thank you.



Calling All Our Year 789's!

12pm-3pm SUNDAY 23 MAY - after church

Come use your creativity and design skills. Let's revamp our room to make it fun and make it ours.

Bring \$5 to cover lunch.

See Deb or Phil Viljoen for more details.

Matrix Event!



CAP Money Course – Are you keen to learn budgeting and money management tools? Nicola Hawkins is planning to run a CAP Money course soon if a group can be formed. For more info, get a CAP Money brochure off the back table or go to <http://www.capnz.org>. Or you can contact Nicola

on 022 131 9171 / 863 2580 or email nicandbruce@yahoo.com.



Volunteers needed (especially men) on an occasional basis to help families that need to move at short notice. We are putting together a list of people - so if an urgent request arises we can quickly find one or two to work with those from other churches. See Paul Madsen for more details or let us know in the office.

Mission News: RUEL ORPHANAGE PHILIPPINES – Tragically, with a surge in Covid-19 infections occurring especially in Manila but also Calapan City where the orphanage is, they are expecting another lockdown. The caregivers tell Pauline (Director and CEO in Tauranga) they are scared because most have husbands who have all lost their jobs. So they're only getting by on one very low income. Pauline has assured them they will be paid if they contract Covid and also if they have to isolate after a test. It is such a worry for them as most have young families. Angela Paton is putting a box together of much needed items to send by ship. The main list is on the Missions noticeboard, but some things are: kids bath towels, tea towels, hand towels, face clothes, any size sleeveless tank tops and shorts (new or gently used), activity books, pens, sports equipment, biscuits, (not chocolate 😊). The children are so resilient. Many keep themselves busy by growing vegetables for the orphanage since the recent typhoons have caused prices to soar. Mushrooms in particular do really well! The box costs \$160 to send so baking for sale will recommence. Thanks for your help. Angela.