

**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** – Meets at 1.30pm in the Church Prayer Room. For more info contact Val Hawkins.

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

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

**Tithing Envelopes** – The tithing envelopes are due to be issued for the next six months. If you have made any changes to your method of giving and no longer require the envelopes – or you would like to start receiving them – please get in touch Jenny Phin during the week. She would like to have them done for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>. Contact details: phone 867 3443 or email [jenny@gisborne.co.nz](mailto:jenny@gisborne.co.nz)

**Church Directory** – We would love to print this updated directory some time soon, so if you would like to be in it could you please see Marilyn Patrick for a photo and details.

**Matrix Social Event**

Wanted to borrow - Kayak(s) and life jackets for next Sunday 24th February to use with Matrix youth. Please let Nicola know.



**Youth Group meets on Friday nights, 7pm-9pm. Bring \$3.**

See Tirzah for more info.

Subway - Kayaking - Swimming

**Life's Short**

Sunday 24th February, 12pm at Mangapapa Church  
Ending 3pm Anzac park

Bring – Swimming togs and towel, sunhat and sunblock  
Clothes for kayaking (shorts, top)  
Water bottle  
Bring a friend!

RSVP to Nicola by 17<sup>th</sup> February

	Today	Next Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Greeters</b>	A Clement, J Phin	M Wilson, <i>volunteer</i>
<b>Explorers Crèche</b>	R Theobald	N Hawkins
<b>Matrix</b>	L Smoker	L Hindle
<b>Ministry Team</b>	J McHardy	A Clement
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	S & M Patrick, L Hindle	M McHardy, <i>2 volunteers</i>
<b>Flowers</b>	E Oates	E Oates
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	R Nelson, S Patrick	D Russell, G O'Neil
<b>Counters</b>	D Welch	D Welch



**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**10am: "Let's Start at the Beginning–The Purpose of Prayer"**  
Genesis 1:26

**Leading: Sally Ann Clement    Preaching: Alan Clement**  
**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....

Thanks you to our leaders who shared last week a little of what came out of our retreat together and what God might be saying to us. Something that really spoke to me, particularly from the image of the well and the Samaritan woman, was the bubbling living water and how life-giving and life-changing her encounter with Jesus was. Jesus was direct and honest with her, yet not condemning. He saw her, he understood her, he challenged her, he loved her. My heart is that each of us would experience this in Jesus and that we would be a source of this living water to others. Here's a challenging quote we reflected on:

*"What today will bring people out to find 'living water'?"*

*For most people today, it no longer occurs to them to go to church to satisfy their thirst."*

As we seek to be Love, Light and Life in this community, as we seek to grow in God, grow in Community and grow in Mission together, let's keep this in mind.

To start this term Growing in God, we will be focussing on prayer and providing opportunities for each of us to grow and learn in this area. Starting in March we are going to spend 5 weeks – on Sundays and in small groups – using the Alpha Prayer course.

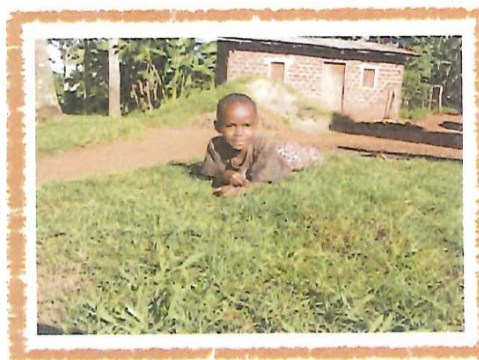
Many of the small groups will be doing this. And we will start up a couple of extra groups - or you could start your own! More info to come next week. I know some of you are amazing pray-ers – and I honour you for that. But in reality many of us struggle and wish we could pray "better" – whatever that means! My hope is that as we take this time we will all be encouraged, we will all learn more about prayer, and more importantly, we would all be praying – and maybe we will together and individually see some amazing answers to prayer.

This morning AI will start to get us thinking on this topic with some of his reflections on prayer. We will also pray for our Explorers team. These are our volunteers who help with our under-fives programme each Sunday morning. We will also acknowledge three of our young people: Noah McIntyre, Gareth Langford and Grace Levy who have started High school this year and "welcome" them to Youth Group.

Blessings for the week... Paula

*During March we will be doing this course together and focussing on prayer. If you are not part of a small group and would like to join one for this course please sign up on the clipboard today. Two proposed times: Wednesday 10am and Tuesday 7pm*

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**PRAYER** COURSE



## Update from Mary

We have received a letter from Mary, the girl we sponsor in Uganda through World Vision. Her birthday was on 10<sup>th</sup> January and she turned 5 years old. She is hoping to start school this year. Mary doesn't have any brothers or sisters and lives with her Grandad. Please keep her in your prayers and remember that you can leave any donations towards her support in her

box on the kitchen bench. If you would like to write to Mary, you can leave your letter in the box too. She would love to get letters from us. If you want to read Mary's letter it is on the noticeboard at the back of the church.



## Church Family Camp 2019

Held at **Tolaga Bay Holiday Park** on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.**

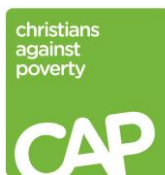
Come and enjoy being together, with God and His creation. Fishing – swimming – body boarding – walking – chatting – developing friendships. **You need to book your own accommodation – either**

**online [www.tolagabayholidaypark.co.nz](http://www.tolagabayholidaypark.co.nz) or by ringing 06 862 6716.** Please register your interest by adding your name to the clipboard, and speak to Nicola Hawkins if you need more info.



**Abiding Life Course** – Stewart & Marilyn Patrick are planning to commencing an Abiding Life Course in their home on Tuesday 12 March at 10am. Please contact them if you are interested in being a part of this, or let them know if a different time would suit you better.

**Volunteers Needed** – We are needing two volunteers to help with Morning Tea after church next Sunday, **24<sup>th</sup> February.** If you are able to help out with that, please let Dione in the office know.



The third client couple I met have just become debt free, having diligently stuck to their budget and repaid their debt. It has been a privilege for 3 of us from this church to walk alongside them and get to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Please pray for a successful transition to safe, independent management of finances. Thanks, Nicola.

