

Dates to Remember	
25 th Oct	4pm Peter Shaw Concert at St Peter's 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. Contact Paul Cosson for more info and venue.

Thursday 'Womens Breakfast' – Meets for breakfast at 7am in the Church House. For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Meets fortnightly at 1pm on Thursdays, in the Church House. Contact is Nicola Hawkins.

Wanted: Offering Counters

The team that counts the tithes and offerings and prepares them for banking needs more helpers. At present two of our team are on duty once a month, and one is on fortnightly. If you are good with numeracy, are free on Mondays from 9:15am to 10am, and would like to help, please let Elaine Oates know.

You are a child of God. You are wonderfully made, dearly loved, and precious in his sight. Before God made you, he knew you. There is no one else like you.

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 24 th October
Greeters	M Wilson, <i>Volunteer</i>	M Raitaukala, L Frampton
Explorers Crèche	Parents	R Theobald
Matrix	School Hols	
Ministry Team	J McHardy	E Oates
Cups of Tea	A Alder, I McCoy, M McHardy	N Aston, P Oram, L Hindle
Flowers	A Lewis	B Bowis
AV & Sound	R Nelson/ A Russell	D Russell, P Cosson
Counters	C Robinson	B Wheeler



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

Sunday 17th October 2021

10am: Saved by Grace and Works

James 2:17

Leading: Leigh McGurk

Preaching: John Hill

Duty Elder: Andrew Russell

Church Office: Dione Russell **06 867-9604** **9am – 12noon**
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Elders Team

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Children to stay in during the service. Activity sheets provided

From John.....

Saved by faith or saved by faith and works . . .that is the question.

For some, including me, the answer is the former.

Paul says in Acts 16 verses 30 and 31 "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved".

For others, including Christians, James, the brother of Jesus is right when he says "You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless"? (James 2 v 20).



A wise man once said at Mangapapa Church "because a person says they believe something, does not make it right, it is just what that person believes".

Does James contradict Paul? I don't believe he does. . . but that is only my belief.

God's word does not contradict itself. You must make your own decision.

The Elders felt to fast and pray on Friday and Saturday (8th & 9th October) And meet together on those mornings to seek the Lord about Mangapapa Church and the direction He wants us to take. It was an encouraging time. Here were 2 main words that came:-

1. That God was with us – Psalm 139:7 – 12. “Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me, even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.”

Romans 8:38 – 39. “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

2. The word PURPOSE – That the Lord’s purpose will prevail.

Praying and fasting was a response to what the Lord was telling us to do at the time. It was an encouragement and assurance. We believe that we are not to rush into anything and that God is saying to not be afraid, it is an adventure.

From your Elders.

Used Stamps – We collect and post these off to CBM (Christian Blind Mission). If you have any, please leave them in the marked container in the church foyer.



Booking for Services – While we continue to be limited in the amount of people who can attend Sunday services (currently 100) please continue to book a seat if you are wanting to come. This ensures that you have a seat and is also very helpful and speeds up things for the greeters at the door, who then just need to tick off your name when you arrive. Please do not be offended if you do not book a seat and are then are turned away at the door because our numbers have already reached the limit. You can book by emailing or ringing the office before 12pm on Fridays.

Attention All Creative/Crafty People – From 10am-1pm on Saturday 13th or 20th November, weather permitting, we would love to have pre-Christmas stalls on the lawn, where you can sell the things you have made, with 10% of all money made going to local missions. This gives you plenty of time to get those creative juices going and put aside. So now is the time to get growing, sewing, knotting, knitting, turning, mosaicking, preserving etc ... and baking nearer the time. Any questions, see Marilyn Patrick.



Memorial Service for Pat Hall – Due to Covid lockdown levels, this has been postponed indefinitely for now.

Tithing Envelopes – Don't forget, the next lot of tithing envelopes are ready for those who use them, and can be collected from the table in the church foyer.