

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.

Wednesday, 'Mens Breakfast'- meets every Wednesday morning 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.

Focus on Servanthood: We give thanks for our Service Leaders – Janice, Leigh, Andrew, Sal, Neil & Paula, who spend time seeking the Lord as to how to lead us in worship and for direction of the service.

EMERGENCY BAGS FOR THE HOSPITAL (E-BAGS)

As our foodbank cupboards are very well stocked at present we would like to ask that you please bring along any of the following, for the next few weeks, to help towards our Emergency Hospital Bags. These are due to be delivered to the hospital again in August:

tooth paste (smaller the better), tooth brush,(sealed single), soap, comb, tissues (small) disposable shavers, small shampoos and/or conditioner, (or small baby wipes to go in the baby parcels that are supplied to the Maternity Ward at the hospital). Many thanks!



TITHING ENVELOPES are now ready for collection from the church foyer table. If you are no longer using the envelopes, please return them to the church office for recycling.

CHURCH DIRECTORY - We would really like to update our church family directory photos. So if you have a suitable photo please email it to the church office, or alternatively Sepoima will be available after Sunday services to take your photo.

	Today 22 July 2018	Next Sunday 29 July 2018
Greeters	M Wilson, A Clement	H Hockey, L McAra
Explorers crèche	V Judd	N Hawkins
Ministry Team	J Newman	E Oates
Cups of Tea	P & D Viljoen, W Carstens	B Corlett & J Dyas, W Carstens
Flowers	B Bowis	E Oates
AV & Sound	D Russell, <i>volunteer</i>	R.Nelson, G O'Neill
Counters	A McLean	A Radcliffe



Sunday 22 July 2018

10am: "Created for Community"

Leading: Sal Clement Preaching: Small Group Stories
Duty Elder: Llew Paul

6:30pm - Evening Fellowship Gathering

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'Explorers' creche is operating and available for 1-4 years.
'Kidzspace' Primary age children and 'Matrix' Intermediates go out to the 'Blue' room during the message time, for their holiday movie time.

Paula writes.... I became a Christian at an Easter Camp as a teenager. It was a genuine and thought-out decision on my part and I experienced something of God's love and peace that night I will never forget. But.....the hard part was what to do next.

I started trying to read my Bible but didn't find it easy on my own. I wanted to grow and change but just didn't really know how... and, I didn't know who to ask. It wasn't till I hit Uni' a few years later, I got involved in a Christian group and church family who were friendly, fun, welcoming and intentional about discipleship and growing. This is where the seed of faith finally started to grow.

Becoming a believer isn't just a change in relationship between you and God; it is becoming part of a body, a family, where every part is important and where each part needs the other. But sometimes it can feel hard to break in.

I wonder if you are someone who feels on the edge and not really connected, or are you someone who notices others like this. We need each other, for encouragement in life, for practical friendship and support and in our journey of faith. There are many biblical examples and teaching to encourage us in this, from the most basic: "It is not good for the man to be alone" in Genesis" to the command in Hebrews "Let us not neglect meeting together....but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near".

Today we will hear a few stories from members of our congregation, helping us get to know them a little more, and to hear how being part of a small group of some kind has encouraged them in their faith.

We all need this, whether it is a home group, a prayer partner, an intentional friendship or a mentor. As well as being part of a group, I have often tried to have at least one older, more mature person to speak into my life, and one person perhaps younger or newer in their faith journey, who I intentionally try to encourage and invest in.

I wonder who these people are for you? Maybe this is something you could develop? And if you are not currently part of a small group here at Mangapapa, and would like to be, please talk to Dianne McLean or myself, and we will do our best to connect you up with a group that could work.

Blessings,
Paula



Youth Group Next Week:
Friday 27 July 7pm - 9pm @ Church
'Duct Tape Challenge!'

Check YG Facebook page for more details

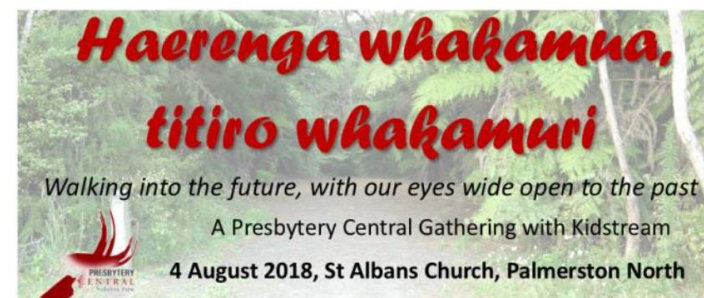


For Prayer & Praise this week...

- Our thoughts and prayers are with **Rachal McIntyre & her family**. Rachal's brother Mike was diagnosed with Stage 4 Cancer about a month ago, and sadly he passed away on Monday.
- Next Sunday 29th July, a meeting for the **Prayer Ministry Team members** will be held after the morning service, in the Prayer room between 11:45am – 12:15pm. Contact Gretchen Norman if you are unable to make the meeting.
- **Pray for our church Ministry leaders** as they prepare their respective ministry reports for our church AGM in September.
- **Pray for leaders, helpers, children & youth in Kidzspace, Matrix & Youth Group** who are starting back for Term 3 next week. Also for **Tirzah Russell** who has been at the Connect Course at Al Rancho this weekend.

COMING UP...

- ❖ **Saturday 4 August – Presbytery Central Gathering in Palmerston North** - Contact Paula if you are interested in joining her at the Gathering.



We have a great team of speakers and workshop leaders arranged to help resource your local church in God's mission including Dr Deborah Bower, Matt Chamberlin (National Youth Director—PCANZ), Rev Clare Lind, Richard and Diane Stevens (Messy Church Team Leaders) and Rev. Steve Jourdain.

Here is an outline of the workshop topics at the Gathering:

- **'Developing Emotional Perceptive Leadership'** led by Dr Deborah Bower
- **'How to fill your church with young people and keep them there'** led by Matt Chamberlin
- **Key tools for church leaders to en-courage your church's missional life and culture'** led by Rev Susan Blaikie
- **'Awed and Earthed'** led by Rev Clare Lind
- **'Messy Church'** led by Richard & Diane Stevens
- **'Addressing conflicts in our churches'** led by Rev Steve Jourdain

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.