

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.



FOODBANK... Thank you for your faithful giving to this ministry. We have a good supply of most foodbank items, however we would love help with the following items: *breakfast spreads, pasta sauce, flour, rice, UHT milk, canned or pkt soups and laundry powder.*

Focus on Servanthood - A big 'Thank-you' to the parents and helpers who were supporting our Youth Group during their '40 Hours of Famine' for World Vision this weekend.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE!

TOSS - We plan to have our next one on Thursday 21 June. Any donations of unwanted goods gratefully received. These can be dropped off when the office is open.

If you are interested in helping run this garage sale in July and August when Marilyn is away, please see her. It would involve, sorting, pricing and running on the day. You will have a couple of helpers on the day.



CHURCH GARDENS - If you are a keen gardener and you have a spare morning, please know you are always very welcome to do any part of the church gardens. In fact we would love your help!

FOODBANK - Marilyn is looking for someone who would be willing to go to the supermarket to purchase items for the foodbank when required – approx. once a month, while she is away. Please contact her if interested.

	Today 10 June 2018	Next Sunday 17 June 2018
Greeters	M Wilson, H Hockey	J Phin, S Tulia
Explorers crèche	V Judd	M Parker
Ministry Team	J McHardy	A Clement
Cups of Tea	N & C Coffey, A Lawton	P & A Walker, L Hindle
Flowers	A Lewis	D Dobbie
AV & Sound	P Oram, P Walker	R Nelson, G O'Neil
Counters	D Welch	D Welch



Sunday 10 June 2018

10am: "Developing Character, not just Credentials"

Leading: Neil Smoker Preaching: Paula Levy

Duty Elder: Rodney Judd

4:30pm - 6pm: Spiritual Parenting Session

6:30pm: 'Evening Fellowship Gathering'

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*'Explorers' crèche is operating and available for 1-4 yrs.
 'Kidzspace' Primary age children head out when directed.
 'Matrix' Intermediates meet during the message time, over in the house.*

Paula writes... Firstly a huge thankyou to everyone who came, served, prayed, and shared in the Ordination and Induction Service on Friday night. It was a very significant time for me in so many ways. I am deeply grateful to God and to so many who have been part of this journey so far. Thanks to the many who travelled to come, and to you Mangapapa Church for welcoming and accepting me as your new Church Leader. I alternate between being excited and daunted at all that lies ahead – but am trusting in the power and faithfulness of God to equip me and enable me as I put my heart into this role.

Secondly, today we continue to look at the life of David. It would be easy to rush ahead to the David and Goliath encounter of Chapter 17, but instead we have some quieter years for David in the second half of 1 Samuel 16

As a read the story, I smile at the hand of God, quietly working, bringing circumstances together in incredible ways. With hardly anyone knowing that David had been anointed to be the new King, he “happens” to be summoned to live in the Kings Palace, to serve Saul, and learn from the inside how the palace works. Not only that, he grows in character and favour. What a time of preparation for the nation’s future King!

I wonder how you can see God’s hand in your life when you look back, through good times and hard, bringing circumstances together, moulding and shaping you.

Interestingly I think a lot of what was happening for David, was continuing character formation. He could have pushed, he could have demanded his place and his calling, he could have refused to serve the often obnoxious Saul who he knew he would supersede. But rather, he spent time developing his character not just his credentials. May we also be allowing the heart surgeon to keep working.

Coming Up this afternoon:

PSG (Parenting Small Group) – ‘Spiritual Parenting’ Session 2:4:30pm – 6pm. ‘Environments for Cultivating Faith’. All Welcome! See either Eunice Fuchs or Debbie Dobbie for more info & resources.

Other June events to note:

On Sunday 24 June @ 10am - Family Service led by Debbie Dobbie & team.

On Saturday 30 June – PPP (Pizza, Popcorn & Picture) Night once again led by Debbie Dobbie and Youth Group helpers.



CAPtion – I had a week with no client appointments, and instead enjoyed doing some administrative-type tasks. I was thankful to have this time as I have been pretty busy with clients and had a little back log of things I wanted to do - Nicola.



**Youth Group Next Weekend
Friday 15 June 7pm - 9pm
‘Back to School’ with Andrew Russell
@ Sonrise Christian School**



Congratulations to Nola Burgess who was awarded the Queen’s Service Medal this year, for her services to people with disabilities, particularly the blind. Here’s the Gisborne Herald’s news article on Nola’s amazing contribution & service to others:



“One of Gisborne’s most inspirational personalities, Nola Burgess, has been awarded a Queen’s Service Medal in the Queen’s Birthday Honours. The 83-year-old receives the honour for services to people with disabilities, particularly the blind. Mrs Burgess, who has been blind since her 40s, has been involved with the Gisborne branch of the Blind Foundation for more than 35 years. She has been a committee member, chairwoman and volunteer co-ordinator. “Nola is the most amazing lady, who has risen above her own disability and contributed so much to the Gisborne community,” said one of her nominators. “I am a bit overwhelmed actually,” Nola said. “I feel very honoured that someone would nominate me for such an award. I am humble about what I have done over the years.”

Nola has set up various groups to assist the blind in the Tairāwhiti community, including a social group, indoor bowls and weekly craft groups, and she has also organised monthly concerts.

She played a significant role in the opening of the Centre for the Blind building in Gisborne in 1991.

She was also instrumental in organising a special section for craft by blind people displayed in the Home Industries section of the Spring Show.

In 1981, Nola took part in a fundraising horse trek from Rotorua to Gisborne and raised thousands of dollars for the Gisborne Riding for the Disabled club.

She has been a blind bowls representative at local, national and international level, and has won the New Zealand champion of champions blind bowls title six times. She represented New Zealand at the world blind bowls championship in South Africa in 2005 and in Australia in 2009.

She has been a member of the Tairāwhiti Disability Advisory Group and worked with the Gisborne District Council in forming its disability strategy.

She was employed by the Sunshine Bus Service as a co-ordinator from 1986 to 2000, and was made a life member of that service.

Nola still plays the piano for the elderly a dozen times a month and continues to help people with disabilities.

“I’m no great pianist but it’s something I enjoy.

“I love people and I like to help them. I have always been a people person.”

“One thing I had to learn when I went blind was to accept help from people. Once I learned to do that, I wanted to help others do the same thing.

“I like to help disabled people build up their confidence. I believe in helping people to help themselves. They get better satisfaction out of it.”

Nola paid tribute to the guide dogs she has had over the years.

“First there was Ellie, then Yootha and Sage, and my current dog’s name is Noelle.

“Without them I could not have taken such an active part in the community.”

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.