

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 are reasonably well stocked with most foodbank items, however would greatly appreciate help with the following: **pasta sauce, UHT milk, rice, sugar, toothbrushes and laundry powder.**

MUP Small Groups - Register your interest by signing the form on the church auditorium table, and we will try to tailor something to suit. 11 people have signed the register so far to date. There is a chance that the Alpha Course could be offered in a small group setting, or there are many other studies that could be worked through. Please speak to Paula or Diane for more info or if you have any suggestions.

Are you free to help out the Levy family this weekend??

The Levy's are moving to a temporary place this Friday and Saturday morning. If you are free to help clean or shift one of these days please let Paula or Roger know. Thanks!



Youth Group Small Group 'Prayer Course'

Session 3 of 6: Thursday 13th September 7pm – 8:15pm.

Study series: 'Learn about talking with God and praying for each other'

Youth Group Next Week:

Friday 14 September 7-9pm

"Uganda Game Night" @ Church

Check YG Facebook page for more details



	Today	Next Sunday 16 September
Greeters	J & L Hawkesworth	H Hockey, D Whibley
Explorers crèche	M Parker	R Theobald
Matrix	L Smoker	N Hawkins
Ministry Team	A Clement	J Newman
Cups of Tea	J Dyas & B Corlett, L Hindle	A & D McLean, M McHardy,
Flowers	G Sharp	G Sharp
AV & Sound	D Russell, P Walker	P Oram, P Cosson
Counters	N Coffey	A McLean



Sunday 9 September 2018

10am: "God Is My Refuge and Strength" with Shared Communion

**Leading: Tirzah Russell Preaching: Paula Levy
Duty Elder: Llew Paul**

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 to Debbie and the team for leading the service last week. It was good to be reminded we are all on a journey and have to keep choosing the narrow road. It was also wonderful to hear some of Rodney's life story and testimony to God's saving grace and goodness. The picture of the overturned tractor will stay in my mind!

I was also moved by your responses to our Matthew 25 challenge – and pray we will keep these at the front of our minds. We have kept these up at the back of the church and I invite you to take some time to pray over our continued responses. We have a box set up to go towards supporting Mary in Uganda which you will see by where our tea and coffee is served.

This week our Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday evening at 7pm. Please come. ☺ My hope is it is not only a forum to discuss the past year and make decisions for the year to come, but also a chance to give thanks to God for all He has done and is doing through and in us as the Mangapapa Church family.

At the meeting we will be saying thank you to Diane McLean, who is finishing her term of 6 years on the leadership team. Diane has made an outstanding contribution in many ways. I am very happy she is going to continue to be involved in small group oversight and contributing in other ways. Bill Wheeler is also completing a three-year term but we are very pleased that he is willing to serve for another 3 years.

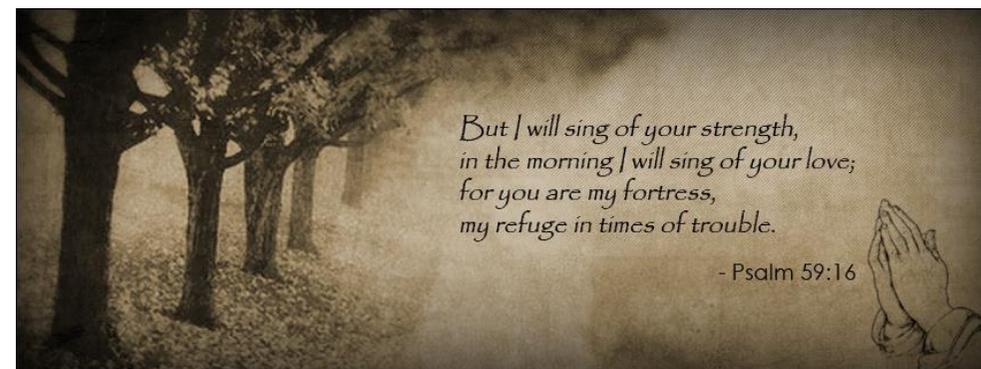
After requesting and receiving nominations for new members from the congregation, discussions with those concerned, and prayerful consideration from the Elders, I am pleased to let you know that the Elders would like to put forward Ralph Fuchs to join the Leadership Team. On the next insert page is a little information piece about Ralph. A vote will be taken at the AGM in regards to confirming Ralph joining the leadership team, and for Bill Wheelers continuation for another 3 year period.

Finally... this morning, Tirzah is leading our worship service. I have invited her to do this both to allow her to express the gifts she has, and also to keep in front of us the importance of our Youth Ministry. Tirzah is involved every Friday night with our teenage youth, fortnightly with our new study group and one-to-one at other times. High on her vision for the future is developing a Youth Leadership Team – so please keep our youth and this vision in your prayers – and talk to Tirzah if there is a way you would like to be involved. The Dream for our youth ministry is that MUP would be a welcoming and nurturing place for young people, where they can develop their potential and experience spiritual and personal transformation.

Today we continue with the story of David – still on his journey to Kingship, still his life under threat – but with the hand of God clearly at work. May we be people who are growing in our trust in God, willing to follow despite hardship and danger, and developing our heart for Him so that in spite of circumstances we can declare like David:

*I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love;
for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble.
¹⁷ You are my strength, I sing praise to you;
you, God, are my fortress, my God on whom I can rely.*

(From Psalm 59: written by David in the midst of these threats to his life)



Introducing Ralph Fuchs:

I am originally from Germany, where I was born into a Christian family. When I was 14 years old I dedicated my life to Christ during confirmation. In 1999 I immigrated to the USA for educational reasons. In 2003 I met Eunice and we got married in 2006. We have 2 children, Emma and Josua. We have been in Gisborne since 2014 and have attended Mangapapa Church for the last three years. Through experiences of faith, God has shown me that his work is much bigger than one church or denomination: "Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother!" (Matthew 12:50)

Focus on Servanthood: Thank-you to all people who helped set up, worked in the kitchen and clean up at the Shared lunch last Sunday. It was wonderful to see so many people remain after the morning service to enjoy the extended time of connection.

Coming Up

- **Today from 4:30pm -6pm 'Spiritual Parenting' Session 6: 'The Environment of Service'**
- **Wednesday 12 September in Church Auditorium @ 7pm 'MUP's 105th AGM'**

If you haven't already, collect your copy of the MUP 105th AGM Reports from the church foyer table. Do take a copy for anyone you know who couldn't make it to church today.

2018 EXCEL Tour Team in Gisborne

from night of Monday 15th October to Monday 22nd October

We are now seeking billets for 7 of the EXCEL tour team, 5 girls and 2 boys, none of whom have any food allergies. Contact Sepoima if you are interested in billeting a team member.



CAPtion – I have had an interesting week connecting with some of the CAP clients who have complex issues. Please pray for wisdom for me so that I know how best to help and when to not do anything except wait for God to help through someone else - Nicola.