

**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.

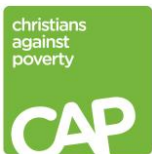
**Friday Revival Prayer'**– every Friday evening 6:30pm-7:30pm at Joy McHardy's home.



**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: **rice, sugar, flour, canned fruit or veges, UHT milk, soap, laundry powder and dishwashing liquid**

**Focus on Servanthood:** Happy birthday to Sepoima, our wonderful, warm and capable Administrator who so often goes the extra mile. We appreciate you!!

**CAPtion** – The Debt Help Centre will be closed from September 24th and reopen October 8th. Over this time please pray for our families on budgets as school holidays can be a time when it is tempting to want to spend money on children but the budgets have minimal, if any, allowance for treats - Nicola.



**Youth Group Small Group 'Prayer Course'**

**Session 4 of 6: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 7pm – 8:15pm.**

'Learn about talking with God and praying for each other'

*Youth Group Next Week:*

**Friday 28 September**

**'Amazing Race' with Salvation Army's YG**

**Bring \$3**

Check YG Facebook page for more details



	Today	Next Sunday 30 September
<b>Greeters</b>	L Frampton, J Phin	L McAra, volunteer
<b>Explorers crèche</b>	V Judd	R Martyn
<b>Matrix</b>	V Robinson	L Hindle
<b>Ministry Team</b>	E Oates	J McHardy
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	E & B Bowis, D Benson	P & A Walker, A Alder
<b>Flowers</b>	B Bowis	B Bowis
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	R Nelson, P Walker	R Nelson, G O'Neil
<b>Counters</b>	A Radcliffe	A Radcliffe



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

**Sunday 23 September 2018**

**10am: "Real Life Testimonies"**

**Leading: Paula Levy**

**Duty Elder: Paula Levy**

**6:30pm - Evening Fellowship Gathering**

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**Elders Team**

Andrew Russell: 027 815-1635 Rodney Judd 06 863-2400 Llew Paul: 022 052 8297

*'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...** We all love a good story. We understand life through story, we connect through story and we understand God through the stories of the Bible. Eugene Petersen says this:

*“It is significant that God does not present us with salvation in the form of an abstract truth, or a precise definition or a catchy slogan, but as story. . . . Story is an invitation to participate, first through our imagination and then, if we will, by faith, with our total lives in response to God.”*

Your life story is important. Your personal story is part of God’s bigger story. Who you are and what God has done in your life matters in God’s community. As a result of telling your story, not only will you understand yourself better and discover the footprints of God along the way but stronger connections and a deeper experience of community with others will develop. Trust, authenticity and empathy come as we know one another more.



Today we will be hearing and sharing stories. Stories of how God is active, how individuals are growing and learning, and stories that grow us together as community.

All our stories matter – I wonder who you can share something of yours with this week? And perhaps even more, I wonder who you can offer the gift of listening to this week – and allow someone else to share, their experiences, good and hard.

Let’s do it! It was wonderful to read John Hill’s article about Josiah Ney in the Herald this week; again the power and influence of story.



And let’s continue to pray for our Uganda team, arriving in Entebbe today; Sabine Lapointe, Aiden Holland, Tabea Walker, Joel Walker, Josiah, Caleb, Matthew, Patrick and Kate Ney. For:

- safety and health
- great connections with the Ugandan youth that they will be working with/for
- hearts that are receptive to people and God.

### **For Prayer & Praise this week...**

- **Thank you:** Andrew and Dione wish to thank our church family for the flowers, love gift and all the love that was given to us last Sunday. We feel truly blessed to be part of a church family like this. (Thanks for the hair brush too).
- **Opportunity to Gift Bibles to Yr.6 leavers at Mangapapa School through Bible in Schools:** We have the opportunity to gift bibles to the Yr. 6 leavers at Mangapapa School through Bible in Schools. This is a great privilege in the present social/political climate we live in today, knowing the greatest treasure of all “the Word of God” is going into the homes of these children. If you would like to give to this please see Debora Dobbie or Sepoima in the office. **Cost per bible is \$20.**

### **Coming Up .....**

- **Today @ 4:30pm – 6pm: Spiritual Parenting Session 7**  
‘The Environment of ‘Out of the Comfort Zone’



- **2018 EXCEL Tour Team in Gisborne**  
**from night of Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

We are seeking billets now for just **5 females** of this year’s EXCEL Performing Arts tour team, none of which have food allergies. If you are keen to host one of the 5 team members, please see Sepoima after this morning’s service or contact her at the church office.



The EXCEL team will be leading our 10am service on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October, sharing on this year’s program theme entitled “#Blessed” 1 Peter 3:8-9