

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: **sugar, canned fruit, toothpaste, adult toothbrushes, soap, laundry powder and dishwashing liquid.**

Focus on Servanthood: Preparations are underway for the next quarterly duty roster to January 2019. We acknowledge and thank all our church family members who honour God by undertaking various voluntary roles and tasks; seen & unseen, all witnessed by God.

FUNDRAISING FOR RUEL GIVE A SMILE - Angela (021-2168446) has \$5 tickets for sale to the annual Wainui/Makarori 'She Shed' studio tour. 8 Inspiring creative spaces, and market stalls on Sunday 18 Nov from 10-4pm. All proceeds to the above. Help selling the tickets also would be most appreciated.

ONE BEDROOM ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE – in downstairs semi self-contained unit on Sunvale Crescent. Suitable for married working couple and available either furnished or unfurnished. Car garaging available temporarily. Rent negotiable, if one of the couple is able to provide home help care for one of the residents. Contact Noel Buchanan 06 927-8639.



No YG on Friday's 5th & 12th October
re School Holidays...Yippee!!!
Term 4 Programme starts Friday 19 October



	Today	Next Sunday 7 October
Greeters	L McAra, <i>volunteer</i>	D Whibley, <i>volunteer</i>
Explorers crèche	R Theobald	N Hawkins
Matrix	L Hindle	No Matrix
Ministry Team	J McHardy	A Clement
Cups of Tea	P & A Walker, A Alder	B & A Hall, M Smith
Flowers	B Bowis	E Oates
AV & Sound	R Nelson, G O'Neil	P Oram, P Cosson
Counters	A Radcliffe	D Welch



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

Sunday 30 September 2018

**10am: "How Clear is Your Vision?
 Is it Time for Spiritual Glasses?"**

**Leading: Elaine Oates Teaching: Leigh McGurk
 Duty Elder: Rodney Judd**

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 and 'Matrix' Intermediates go out to the
 'Blue' Kidzspace room during the message time for their holiday movie.*

Paula writes... Thanks to those who shared stories as part of our testimony service last week. It is great to see how God is at work in so many ways.

Today Leigh is looking at 1 Corinthians 13. This passage is one I memorised more than 20 years ago. Why? I never wanted to forget it. It is so much more than a “nice” passage to be read at weddings – it is deeply challenging. It is love, when it is hard to love. It is love that is patient, keeps no record of wrongs, always trusts – these things are not easy! It is kindness and yet truth, it genuinely puts others first and is not jealous or envious. It is love the never stops hoping and never gives up.

This is the kind of love God has for us. In the Jesus Storybook Bible it is “**God loves you with a Never Stopping, Never Giving up, Unbreaking, Always and Forever Love.**”

May we both know we are loved, like this and offer this kind of love to others. And as we follow Jesus may we stand apart for the way we love.

An update from Uganda: The team arrived safely after a very hot stop off in Doha and are busy into their plans and activities. Please continue to pray for them!



I will be away all week for Presbyterian Assembly which in Christchurch. The PCANZ gathers all its leaders every two years – and it is a mixture of vision setting, networking and decision making. Please pray for this event, there are always tricky decision and a range of perspectives being put forward. I would

value prayer for being wise, speaking the truth in love and that I might be a blessing and encouragement to those I meet.

For teachers and young people who are on holiday for the next two weeks-may it be fun, restful and a good time to recharge. There are many things on but can I let you know about the Ka Pai Kaiti Whanau Day on Friday October the 5th from 3:30 – 5:30pm in Cavendish Cres. As we think about how to be a part of our community and ways to bless and support – it is good to see what else is happening in the City.

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.

**LOVE IS PATIENT
LOVE IS KIND**
IT DOES NOT ENVY, IT DOES NOT BOAST
IT IS NOT PROUD, IT IS NOT RUDE
IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING
IT IS NOT EASILY ANGERED
IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS
LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL
BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH
IT ALWAYS PROTECTS
ALWAYS TRUSTS
ALWAYS HOPES
ALWAYS PERSEVERES
LOVE NEVER FAILS

Leigh shares on her message this morning...

How clear is your vision?

Is it time for Spiritual glasses?

1 Corinthians 13:12 (NLT) tells us that

Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.

For Prayer & Praise this week...

- Welcome back home Stewart & Marilyn! We look forward to you hearing about all your memorable experiences while in the UK.
- Andrew and Dione are proud to announce the engagement of Tirzah and Tyrone. Feel free to give them hugs!
- **Opportunity to gift Bibles** to Yr.6 leavers at Mangapapa School through Bible in Schools. Thank you for your generous response last week. We received \$180 for 11 bibles. With donations from the other churches we now need 21 more bibles by 1st November. **Each bible costs \$16.25.** If you would like to give to this please see Debora Dobbie or Sepoima in the office.

Coming Up

➤ **2018 EXCEL Tour Team in Gisborne**

from night of Monday 15th to Monday 22nd October

The time in which the EXCEL Performing Art team arrives in Gisborne is drawing ever so near, which is exciting! However, **3 female** members of the team still require billeting. Please speak to Sepoima after this morning's service or add your name to the EXCEL Host's register on the auditorium table, if you can have one of the ladies stay with you for the week.



- **10am Service on Sunday 21st October**, EXCEL leading and sharing on their theme for this year entitled “#Blessed”.

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