

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:** rice, pasta, breakfast cereals, jams/spreads, pasta sauce, canned veges, sugar, 2 minute noodles, canned/packet soup, and laundry powder.

Focus on Servanthood - A big thank you to both Marilyn and Daylene, who put a lot of time and effort into organizing and presenting the items for our church TOSS sales. You help make the garage sales such a success, which brings in funds for local and overseas missions, and donations to our ministry of 'Christians Against Poverty'. We also extend our appreciation to our Church family who kindly donate items for our TOSS days.



Te Wiremu House Worship Service, 621 Aberdeen Rd – Mangapapa Church's Gretchen Norman will be leading this month's service at Te Wiremu on **Wednesday 21st March at 3pm**. See Gretchen if you'd like to go along. All welcome!

Monday Evening Home Group – suitable for new believers and/or anyone else who may be interested ; will start @ 6:30pm at Joy McHardy' s home - 266B Ormond Road. Contact Joy or Elaine Oates for more info. Come and join us!

Free P.Y.O 'Ballerat apples' at 78B Atkinson Street. Anytime on weekdays – please bring your own bag.

Help Wanted to pick Watermelons – a local farmer would like help to pick the rest of his watermelons which he would like to give away. In return, he is willing to give his helpers some free delicious watermelons to take home. Contact the church office if you are interested in helping out as either an individual or group.

	Today 18 March 2018	Next Sunday 25 March 2018
Greeters	D Whibley, A Clement	J & L Hawksworth
Explorers crèche	E Fuchs	V Judd
Ministry Team	J Newman	E Oates
Cups of Tea	3 volunteers please	P & D Viljoen, S Tulia
Flowers	A Lewis	E Oates
AV & Sound	P Oram, G O'Neill	R Nelson, G O'Neill
Counters	A McLean	N Coffey



Sunday 18 March 2018

10am: 'The Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil and the Tree of Life – How are they relevant to us today?'

Genesis 2:9&16

Leading & Preaching: Leigh McGurk

Duty Elder: Andrew Russell

6:30pm – 'Fellowship Gathering'

Elders Team

Andrew Russell: 027 815-1635

Rodney Judd 863 2400

Llew Paul: 022 052 8297

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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.*

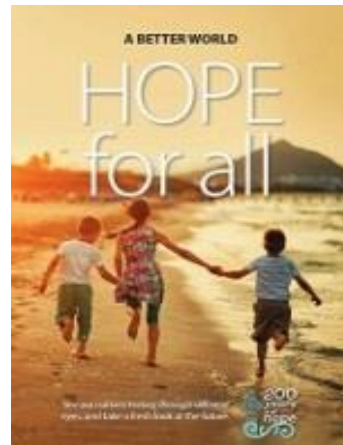
Leigh writes... Genesis 2:9 tells us that in the middle of the Garden of Eden there were two trees, the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Genesis 2:16 (NIV) states; And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden, but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil for when you eat of it you will surely die".



The tree of the knowledge of good and evil is the same tree. Yet we embrace one (good), striving in the flesh to achieve this behaviour and reject the other (evil) and judge both others and ourselves harshly for this behaviour. If they are of the same tree how can we embrace one and reject the other? When Adam & Eve ate from that tree did God lie or how did the man die?

Are both the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil still relevant in our life today?

Hope Project's 2018 'A Better World' booklets have arrived and can be uplifted from both the church foyer and auditorium tables. This is the fourth 'HOPE for all' annual Easter booklet released, with the first (The Invitation) coinciding with the 2014 commemoration of 200 years of the Christian message in Aotearoa. The second booklet (The Hidden Power) extended the story in 2015. And the third booklet (The Jesus Connection) concludes by looking at the central figure to it all. If anyone is interested in doing a 'letterbox drop' in their neighbouring area and would therefore like more copies of the booklet ordered, then please contact the church office.



CAPtion – This week I enjoyed meeting a new client who has recently been "born again". It was lovely to hear what God has been revealing to her of His grace, power, and desire to work in our lives for good. I came away having been reminded of great truths and full of hope that this client will become debt free as she is in the right place with her Heavenly Father – Nicola.

Coming Up ...

- **Friday 30 March @ 9:30am** – Easter Good Friday Service, led by Andrew & Diane McLean's Home Group.
- **Sunday 1 April @ 10am** - Easter Sunday Family Service with Communion.
- **Sunday 8 April @ 10am** - Stu & Ruth Corlett will be our guest speakers.

Help CBA broadcast the real Easter message on mainstream radio.

This Good Friday, CBA will broadcast for a total of 22 hours on NZ's largest commercial talk radio stations; Newstalk ZB and RadioLIVE. CBA's programmes are designed to communicate the Christian faith to those who have never understood it. They have asked for your help to cover production **costs**. Please phone 0900 80 222 to make a \$20 donation (charged to your phone account). Visit cba.org.nz/easter for more information.



CBA Appeal envelopes are available from either the church foyer or auditorium table today.

Baby Pack Parcels for Maternity Ward – Our baby parcels for the Gisborne Hospital Maternity Ward are in need of more woollen jackets and booties (new-born/small size please). If anyone can help make some of these baby items, we would be most appreciative. Please drop garments into the church office. Also, any donations of 3ply or 4ply wool would be greatly appreciated too for the knitters.

Wainui Beach Church 'Broken' Movie Invitation – Join us at the Movies for an easy opportunity to be proactive in local outreach. We have arranged a 'Special Screening' of the Movie 'BROKEN' @ the Odeon Theatre on **Monday 19 March @ 6pm** (Rating: MV - Violence).

Such a powerful pre-Easter message of forgiveness and a perfect 'carrot' to continue on full gospel conversations. Not to mention the amazing Lance Rickard in a big role. May God lead you as you consider who might be willing to come along with you. Bring a friend. **All tickets \$10 each**. Pre-book via: contact@wainuibeachchurch.co.nz



Youth Group – Friday 23 March
'Photo Challenge'
 Check our YG Facebook page for more info



There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.