

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: **UHT milk, flour, rice, breakfast spreads, pasta sauce, canned or pkt soups and soap.**

Focus on Servanthood – Thank you to Amanda Lewis who was spotted weeding the Church garden this week, in between appointments, in her busy life!

TOSS Open Shed Day will be on this **Thursday 31st May 8:30am – 12noon.** We are so grateful for all the wonderful items we continue to receive for this worthy cause, to raise funds for local missions. If anyone still has items to donate, they can be dropped off at the church office by Tuesday midday – just no books or clothes please.



Wanted 'Washing Machine to hire' – Paula Levy would greatly appreciate hearing from any folk who have a spare washing machine which her family could hire for about a month. If you can help, or know of anyone who can, please see Paula or contact her on 021 140-4667.

Is This Your Handbag? This lovely flax handbag was left in the blue Kidzspace room last Sunday. If it's yours or you know who it belongs to, please contact Sepoima at the church office.



No Youth Group on Friday 1st June
- Queens Birthday Weekend



	Today 27 May 2018	Next Sunday 3 June 2018
Greeters	A Clement, L Frampton	J & L Hawkesworth
Explorers crèche	M Parker	N Hawkins
Ministry Team	J Newman	E Oates
Cups of Tea	J Dyas & B Corlett, M Smith	E & B Bowis, W Carstens
Flowers	E Oates	A Lewis
AV & Sound	R Nelson, G O'Neill	D Russell, G O'Neill
Counters	A McLean	A McLean



Sunday 27 May 2018

10am: "How God uses the Unexpected"

Leading: Sal Clement Preaching: Paula Levy

Duty Elder: Andrew Russell

6:30pm – 'Fellowship Gathering'

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Elders Team

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*Explorers' crèche is operating and available for 1-4 yrs.
'Kidzspace' Primary age children and 'Matrix' Intermediates go out during the message time for their holiday movie time.*

Paula writes... "GOD USES THE UNEXPECTED": I love this brief reflection from bible.org. As we look at scripture today, and the life of one of the heroes of our faith, may we be reminded God wants to use each of us in big and small ways to extend His Kingdom.



In the Old Testament, God seldom used those who appeared to be the "most likely to succeed." He used Moses, who was an escaped fugitive and who made all kinds of excuses as to why he was not the one God needed to deliver the nation Israel from its Egyptian bondage. He used David to kill Goliath, in spite of his youth and

the disparaging comments of his brothers. He used Samson and Balaam, and even Balaam's donkey. God used Pharaoh and his hardened heart to demonstrate His power over the gods of Egypt. The New Testament is no different. He used "foot in mouth" Peter to play a major role in the proclamation of the gospel, and yet Peter was a man who denied his Lord publicly. The Apostle Paul summed up God's amazing way of using the most unlikely people when he wrote: 26 "Think about the circumstances of your call, brothers and sisters. Not many were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were born to a privileged position. 27 But God chose what the world thinks foolish to shame the wise, and God chose what the world thinks weak to shame the strong. 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, what is regarded as nothing, to set aside what is regarded as something, 29 so that no one can boast in his presence." (1 Corinthians 1:26-29).

Coming Up Soon....

Ordination & Induction Service
of our new church leader
Paula Levy
Friday 8th June
6:30pm
Followed by a shared meal

More information later, but for now book in the Friday night onto your calendars and plan to be there!

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.

For Prayer & Praise this week....

- **Graham Newman** is currently in Waikato Hospital, recovering from an operation on his spine. The operation was a success and Graham is expected to return home to Gisborne next week.
- Mangapapa Church will be conducting two Rest Home Services this week: **Te Wiremu Service on Wed 30 May @ 3pm** will be led by Gretchen Norman, and the **Dunblane Service on Thurs 31 May @ 3:30pm** will be led by Elaine Oates in the Jan Williams lounge. All welcome to join Gretchen & Elaine!

Philippines Mission trip: Angela and John Paton have booked their next trip to Ruel Orphanage from late July to mid Sept. If anyone wishes to join us for some of the time, you're most welcome, and if anyone has donations of sturdy Fisher-Price toys, we'd love to take them over. Thanks - Angela and John.



Mangapapa Union Parish
PARENTING SMALL GROUP
Starting Sunday, 20th May, 2018
4:30-6 pm
Childcare, food, and fellowship provided.
Join Us!

spiritual parenting
going beyond time outs, curfews, and the daily grind.

MUP Parenting Small Group 'Spiritual Parenting' – Session 2: Sunday 10 June 'Environments for Cultivating Faith' from 4:30pm –

6pm. If you missed last week's first session, but would like to come along for the remaining 8 sessions, then please contact either Eunice Fuchs or Debbie Dobbie for more info & resources. Thank-you to all the childcare helpers for last week's opening session.

ORGANISER GUIDE **40 HOUR FAMINE**
FIRST OFF, JUST A QUICK NOTE FROM US: **YOU ARE WELCOME!** **THE 2018 40 HOUR FAMINE**

'World Vision 40 Hour Famine' Friday 8th – Sunday 10th June: Our Youth Group is again putting in a big effort to fundraise for the Famine cause. Let's support them! An YG sleepover has been organised at the church for the Saturday night.



CAPtion – I have been busy this past week with clients, 3 of whom are collecting evidence to get their budget prepared. I would love more baking to take to these visits. (Please leave in church office freezer). Please pray for some new clients as I have space to see them - Nicola

CAP Money – Two people have signed up to start the CAP Money Course 'one-on-one' with me on two separate afternoons this week - Sepoiima.

A free course helping you to manage your money better.