

**PRAYER -Several opportunities to be involved through the week...**

**'Prayer Chain'** – Urgent matters for confidential prayer support, can be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Joy McHardy or Val Judd.

**'Prayer 4 U'**– Mondays in the Church Library, 12:30pm to 1:30pm.

**Tuesday, 'Prayer For the Nation'** - 11am -12pm in the Church Prayer Room.

**'Friday Revival Prayer'**– Meets every Friday evening 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the Church auditorium, or if that is being used, we meet in the Church House. All welcome. Enquiries to Stewart Patrick contact 0210470795.



**FOODBANK...** Thankyou for your faithful giving to this ministry. At present we have large supplies of Jams, Pasta and baked beans/spaghetti **but the following are the things we would love help with: flour, sugar (smallest bags), long-life milk, toothpastes, soap, cereals, rice, noodles, margarines, dishwashing liquid, washing powder.** We realise some of these aren't food items but they are essential to living a healthy clean life.

**Focus on Servanthood** – This week we acknowledge and thank those who support Nicola: CAP volunteers – Evan, Dene, Llew, Peter, Jenny, Joy, Laraine, Marie, Amanda, all those who pray, and those who provide baking for the CAP clients. God Bless you all.



**A National Day to Bless Israel - at the Emerald Hotel Saturday 8th April, 2pm** All are invited to attend this **free event** and be informed on the purposes and plans for Israel, which will lead to a greater understanding of the Middle East. A video by Derek Prince will feature on the 'Uniqueness of Israel'. Afternoon tea will be available at a cost of \$10.00, payable at Reception.

**Next Church Roster Duty for May, June July** – Please let me know of any unavailability dates for the next roster due out later this month, or if you would like to be added to the volunteer list. Thank-you *Sepaima*

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**7pm – 9pm 'Prep for Easter Camp'**  
**Meet at Mangapapa Church**  
**Come along with \$3**



	Today 2 April 2017	Next Week 9 April 2017
<b>Greeters</b>	J&L Hawsworth	D.Whibley, M.Wilson
<b>Explorers crèche</b>	E Fuchs	V Judd
<b>Ministry Team</b>	P Burrows	J McHardy
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	C&V Robinson, S.Tulia	N&C Coffey, M.McHardy
<b>Flowers</b>	Elaine Oates	Elaine Oates
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	R Nelson/Volunteer	2 Volunteers Please!
<b>Counters</b>	N Coffey	D Welch



**Sunday 2 April 2017**

**10am: 'A Revelation from God for the Present' with Shared Communion**



**Leading: Neil Smoker Preaching: Stewart Patrick**

**Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick**

**6.30pm: "The Agape Road" Part 5  
 'The Healing Power of Agape'**

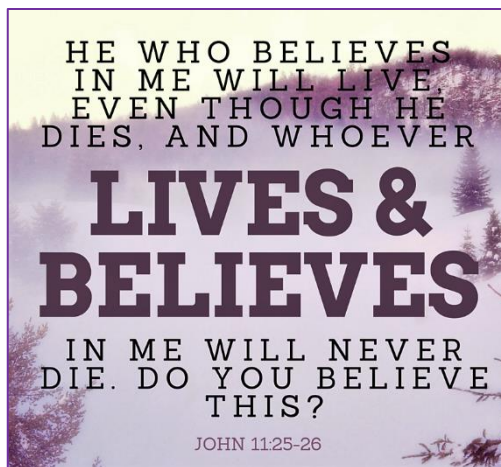
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**Elders Team**  
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*'Explorers' crèche is operating and available for 1-4 yrs.  
 'Kidzspace' Primary age children head out when directed.  
 'Matrix' Intermediates meet during the message time, over in the house.*

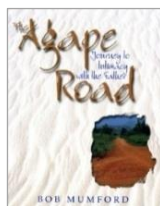
**Stewart writes...** On the Christian Calendar, this Sunday marks the final week of Lent, and then next Sunday – ‘Palm Sunday’, marks the commencement of ‘Holy Week’. My text this morning (opposite), is taken from the Lectionary readings for today, John 11:1-45, which has the beautiful command to Jesus dead friend, **“Lazarus, come out!”**

Jesus tells Martha her brother will rise again, and then he asks her if she believes in resurrection. She answers first in a general way: *“I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”* Her response only becomes specific and personal when Jesus turns from conversation to personal experience, from general knowledge to holy encounter, by saying, *“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”* Oh I pray that personal word to Martha from our Lord Jesus, recorded in Holy Scripture for us all today, will speak to our hearts by the power of the Holy Spirit.



**Leadership Team - part-time paid ‘Youth Worker’ decision...** At L.T. meeting on Wednesday night, the Team agreed to progress the establishment of a part-time paid ‘Youth Worker’ here at MUP, for a 3-year term. Over the past 4 months we have been looking and praying for the best way to progress the leadership of our Youth Group ministry. After looking at several options, and putting in place a temporary ‘Parent Group’ shared leadership, my/our prayers were directed toward; *“Lord we give out so many top young people to the main centres & big churches, please give someone back here in return”*. Well would you believe it, through a contact of Jono Dobbie, we have a fully trained young man in his mid 20’s, with several years Youth Internship experience and a degree in Christian Ministries, interested and willing to come to Gisborne! He will be coming up to meet with us over 4 days from 4-8 May. This is a very positive development and here’s the amazing thing – When we took on ‘CAP’ ministry, we thought it would stretch us financially, but really it hasn’t! We can still consider new developments.

**6:30pm Sunday evening – ‘The Agape Road’ Journey to Intimacy with The Father. Pt. 5: ‘The Healing Power of Agape’ by Bob Mumford.** Oh we are enjoying so much this series as it is so affirming of the Christ centred journey and focus here at MUP. I encourage leaders of Home Groups to check it out for use in those mid-week groups.



There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.

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

- **Nona Aston** – Nona’s husband, Bill Aston passed away on Thursday morning after a period of knowing his cancer was terminal. Nona has been caring for Bill full-time over the past 11 weeks, and of course there are all kinds of emotions for her at this time. Bill’s tangi will be held over the next few days and you may remember a delightful article on his life in the Weekend Extra a few months back. A Christian man who served this community well.
- **Debbie Dobbie** – in the UK looking after her mum after her operation and her father’s funeral.

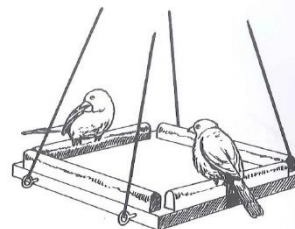


**Women - A special night out for you!**  
**Wednesday 5th April, 7pm @ MUP Blue Room** - Women’s night out.

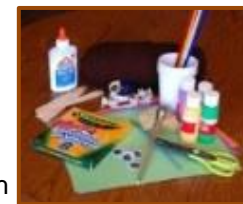
We will watch Maree De Jong’s DVD message titled “Who do you think you are?” Maree will share on our responsibility to choose to believe what God tells us about ourselves. Come and be encouraged and encourage others! (Of course - there will be food and time to chat).

**Our Easter Services coming up... 1) Good Friday - Meet 9:15am at the Botanical Gardens, Roebuck Road corner, where we will assemble as a group to carry our 3 Crosses to the Church. 9:45am at the Church where we will erect our 3 Crosses on the corner of Ormond Rd, and our Scripture sign boards upon all three. We will pray a blessing upon them and a 30-minute contemplative service follows. 2) Easter Sunday Family Service - 10am**

**‘School Holidays Craft Mornings’ – Week 1- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> of April. Week 2: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April. in the Blue Room: 9am - 12noon.**



Marilyn & helpers will now be holding two craft mornings for both weeks of the School Holidays. Cost is **\$2.00 per session**. There will be a range of 10 different crafts and projects to choose from. Even woodwork, making a Birdfeeder. Fill in the booking form on the back table of the Church auditorium and either return it to Marilyn or drop it into the Church office please. Other helpers with this event are most welcome too. See Marilyn.



**Nicola’s CAPtion** – God keeps answering our prayers! I am now fully booked with new clients until the school holidays. This week I take a budget to a client. Please pray she accepts it and further commits to the CAP process.