

Dates to Remember	
Feb TBC	Te Hahi Combined Service



Church Office Hours: 9am - 12noon, Mon - Fri (excluding public holidays).

‘Prayer Chain’ – Any matters requiring confidential prayer support, can be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Val Judd or Elaine Oates.

Monday Bible Study – Stopped for the holidays. Will commence again in February. For more info contact Elaine Oates.

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study – Stopped for the holidays. Will commence again in February. For more info contact Maureen Wilson.

‘Men’s Fellowship Breakfast Group’ – Meets at 7am on Tuesdays. Contact John Hawksworth for more info.

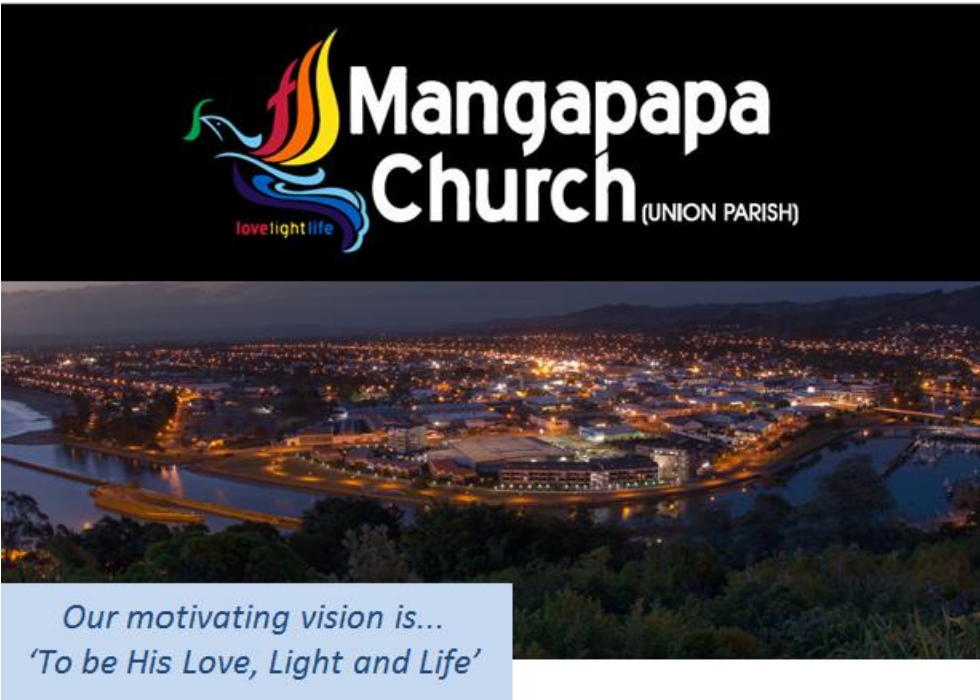
‘Womens Lunch Group’ – Stopped for the holidays. Will commence again end of January. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

Women’s ‘Growth Group’ – Stopped for the holidays. Will commence again in February. Contact Elaine Oates or Diane McLean for more info.

“If God is your co-pilot, switch seats.”
- BJ Gallagher

Giving/Tithing - If you wish to tithe or make a donation to Mangapapa Church, our account number is: Mangapapa Church, 03-0638-0381084-00. Please make sure you say ‘tithe’ or ‘donation’ in the reference. If you would prefer to give using our ‘Envelope’ system, then see Jenny Phin who will set you up with envelopes allocated to you.

	Today	Next Sunday 28 th January
Greeters	J Dyas, L McAra	N Aston, I McCoy
Creche	Parents	Parents
Ministry Team	A Clement	M Freeman
Cups of Tea	J Dyas, M Freeman	N Coffey, A Tyler
AV & Sound	R Nelson / S Patrick	D Russell / A Russell
Counters	G Stevenson	N Coffey



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

Sunday 21st January 2024

10am: “God Is My Crutch? ... No, The Lord Is My Shepherd, My Sword, My Rock And My Strength.”

Leading: Dione Russell Preaching: John Hill
Duty Elder: Al Clement

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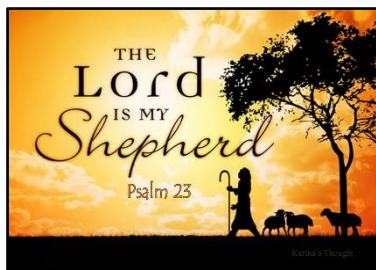
Elders Team
Stewart Patrick: 021 047 0795 Rodney Judd: 06 863 2400 Al Clement: 027 855 5949

Kids – A Movie will be on for you in the Blue Room today.

If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home and don’t share them.

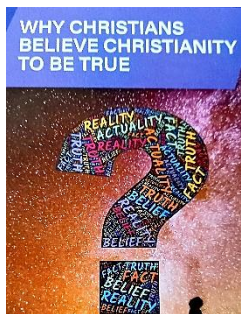
John Hill says of his message this morning... People say – “God, Jesus, Christianity – its all a crutch for weak people” No, No, No. The Lord is my Shepherd, my Sword, my Rock, the joy of the Lord is my strength!

In my flesh I am weak, yes, but in Christ I have His everything!



Stewart writes ... As we move forward in this New Year and February draws near, we think of our regular **Home Groups / Study Groups commencing again, and what resources may be available** to commence your Group? Here are some which we have all the resources for and I commend to you for consideration:

- 1) **'Regrets, Reality, Restoration'** – A 5 Part Testimony Series, with 16 minute videos and comprehensive Study Guides. I screened one of these testimonies – 'I Am So Sorry'- in the Service here on 7th January and many commented how helpful it was.
- 2) **'Journey From Unbelief to Faith'** – A 4 Part Series, in a similar format to 1 above. There are testimonies of folk from very different backgrounds and faiths, who share their unique journey to faith in Christ. 16 minute videos and a Study Guide.
- 3) **'Why Christians Believe Christianity To Be True'** - (Shining Lights Resources) This is a 7 Part series with 15 minute videos and Discussion Guides. Check it out here at <https://whychristiansbelieve.nz/> This newly developed series is designed to suit both church and non-church audiences, youth and adult — to answer the question: *Why do Christians believe Christianity to be true?* Our hope is to see it in the hands of every young adult in every possible NZ church — to catalyse a conversation. We live in one of the most secularised nations on our planet. A dynamic that comes with this is a scepticism toward our Christian faith. As believers we can know how to share in a “by the way...” non-threatening manner to that scepticism. **MUP has also purchased 10 sets of the Booklets that go with this series too**, which are a very helpful extra resource for participants doing this course of study. It is a very new resource, out this year.



- 4) **'The Abiding Life Basic Seminar'** by Mike Wells - 30 sessions, each 25 minutes long. <https://abidinglife.com/pages/basicseminar> The Seminar is divided into several topics that progress through, such as faith, holiness, denying self-life, the unique personality, marriage, growth, weakness, and

more. Underlying the material is a desire to help disciples understand how they act and why they act that way, and to make clear the Way to victory. We have full Session Notes for participants to go with this series. Contact Stewart or Marilyn if you would like to join a small group to do this.



For Prayer this Week:

- 1) **Pray for our MUP 'School Teachers' / 'Principal'** – Now into their work and preparation for a new School year – Andrew Russell, (Principal of Sunrise Christian School), Mark Langford (Gisborne Girls High School), Raewyn Theobald (Sunrise School), Sonja van Wijk (Te Hapara School), Janice Langford (Specialist in several schools).
- 2) **Pray for Shane & Ali Roche** – the NZ Immigration Advisor to act on their behalf, and pray for Ali's acceptance into the NZ Midwifery Council.
- 3) **We pray those who have been unwell** over this Christmas / New Year time.

Sunday School Term 1 Help Required - Marilyn is looking for someone to teach the younger children 4-8yrs, just twice in Term 1. Please see Marilyn Patrick if you would be interested and can help.



Te Hahi Update – Te Hahi continued to assist whanau over the Christmas break with mainly food

parcels, but some practical help was asked for too. They are always on the lookout for 2nd hand furniture (or even new) and household goods, as they are getting requests just about weekly for these goods. On a sad note, policeman Area Commander Sam Aberahama has moved to Hawkes Bay. We were very blessed to have Sam in our corner, as he worked closely with Te Hahi, both here in Tairawhiti and also in other locations. He has been invited to the next Combined Te Hahi service in February where he will be officially honoured and thanked. Please pray for whoever the next Team Leader will be.

If you would like to donate to Te Hahi, their details are: TeHahi TeTairawhiti, 02-0636-0340254-000. They are a charitable Trust, so if you let them know your contact details they will send you a donation letter at the end of the financial year to claim back your tax.

