

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am MUP Prayer meeting in the Church House
TONIGHT	5.30pm-6.30pm Prayer Service
Fri 8 th Aug	11am Missions Group meeting in the Church House
Sat 16 th Aug	The Big Quiz Night
Wed 20 th Aug	10.15am Beetham Healthcare Service
Sat 23 rd Aug	7.30am Garage Sale for Te Hahi
Wed 17 th Sep	6.30pm MUP AGM



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 – Meets weekly at 2.30pm in the Church House. Contact Elaine Oates for more info.

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study – Meets weekly at 1.30pm in the Church House. Contact Maureen Wilson for more info.

‘Men’s Group’ – Meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7.30am, currently at Noel Dunn’s place. Contact John Hawksworth for more info.

‘Womens Lunch Study Group’ – Fortnightly on Thursdays at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch. Next meeting will be 31st July. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

Women’s ‘Growth Group’ – Fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm at Diane McLean’s. Next meeting will be 31st July. Contact Diane McLean for more info.

“Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are often stiffened.” - Billy Graham

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 3 rd August
Greeters	J Dyas, L McAra	A Clement, I McCoy
Ministry Team	E Oates	A Clement
Cups of Tea	W Carstens, M Smith	N Coffey, L Hindle
AV & Sound	D Russell / S Patrick	R Nelson / N Dunn
Counters	N Coffey	A Radcliffe



Sunday 27th July 2025

10am: ‘For We Wrestle Not Against Flesh & Blood’

Ephesians 6

Leading: Andrew Russell

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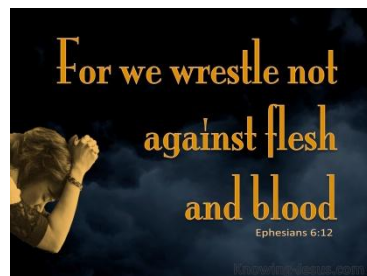
Kidzspace (4-8yrs) go out with Marilyn Patrick this morning.

Matrix (9-14yrs) go out with John Hill.

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

Dione shares the message this morning, she writes ...

There is a battle going on between 2 kingdoms – the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of light – and we are a part of this battle, whether we want to be or not. But because we live in a world dominated by our physical senses, we often forget who our real enemy is. We hear people say things, and see people do things, and we get angry with them and take offense. We often forget to look deeper and see what is behind the words and actions. Today's message is a reminder that our fight is not with people, and that our weapons are spiritual, not physical.



This Evening – 'Prayer Service' here at the Church, 5:30pm to 6:45pm

The format for our Prayer time tonight will be to follow the great themes of each line of 'The Lord's Prayer'. This will be followed by a simple shared Communion and an opportunity for personal prayer and oil anointing by the Elders (James 5:13-16), for those who desire that for specific needs.



Leadership Team Nominations (see insert)

I hope, like me, you are all excited about the season we are in as a church. As a leadership, we feel strongly that God is doing something fresh among us. We're hopeful and expectant that this coming year will be full of growth and "new things". Of course, this also means that we need to enhance our capacity to love and serve one another and our community. We have strongly felt that we have also needed to grow our wider leadership team to help us carry this responsibility.

After prayerful consideration, the Eldership would like to nominate **Diane McLean**, **Angela Paton**, and **Peren Mountfort** to join the wider Leadership and vision team. All three nominees have shown themselves to be fully committed, servant hearted, humble members of our church family, who carry amazing gifts and passion that would make them assets to serve in leadership. We give notice that a Congregational Vote to ratify each of these recommended folk, will be held on Sunday 3rd August, after the 10am Service. Please do bring any questions you have of this recommendation and process, to any Elder or LT member.

(You will find a photo and short blurb about each nominee on the insert included).



break half way through to enjoy a pot luck dessert to refuel those brain cells.

Get Your Teams Together! - Saturday

16th August – How good is your general knowledge? Want to find out? Grab some other people and form a team of 4-6 to compete in the Big Quiz Night, here at MUP. A fundraiser for Tear Fund. Cost is \$10 per person and you can register your team by emailing the office. A fun night out, and includes a



Te Hahi Garage Sale – Saturday 23rd August, commencing at 7.30am here at Mangapapa church.

There will be several other churches having stalls here, with proceeds on the morning going to Te Hahi. We will be giving half of ours to them and half to our local mission within the church. Could we encourage you to start going through your things and pass on things you no longer need for this



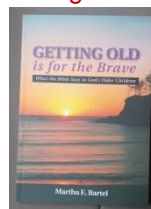
Hymnalong – Unfortunately the Hymnalong on Friday had to be cancelled. Hopefully you all received the message that was emailed out to let you know. Just a reminder that you can also check on our website www.mup.org.nz for any changes or cancellations. The next Hymnalong will be on **Friday 29th August**.

Attention All Gardeners: Mulch Available

In the back corner of the church property, by the compost, you will find a large pile of mulch. This was a **donation from Eastland Port**. You are welcome to come and take some to use for your gardens. Bring your own containers. Thanks Mike Tombleson for organising this. ☺



Knitters For Peggy Squares – We recently received an email from a lady at Turanga Health who works with a team of nurses and kaiawhina doing health checks for newborns. At this time of year they rapidly run low on supplies and were asking if we were able to supply any knitted wool blankets or garments, to help keep their babies safe and warm, particularly in these harsh economic times. We already supply baby blankets and garments to Gisborne Hospital – thanks to Anne Russell, Jan Holmberg and our small group of wonderful knitters. At the moment we do not have the capacity to supply another group, so this is a **call out** to see whether there are any other people out there who enjoy knitting and would like to knit baby garments or peggy squares for blankets. Maybe we can rustle up enough new knitters to make supplies for Turanga Health too. We have patterns available. Please see Dione or Anne Russell if you are interested.



Angela Paton has a few more copies of the book for sale, **"Getting Old Is For The Brave"** by Martha Bartel. Cost is a \$5 donation which goes to the Ruel Foundation Philippines Orphanage.