

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am MUP Prayer meeting in the Church House
Sun 5 th July	5.30pm Te Hahi Combined Churches service
9 th - 11 th July	Shane guest speaker at Alive Churches Conference
Sat 18 th July	8am Men's Breakfast
Sat 25 th July	Te Hahi Hangi Fundraiser
Sun 26 th July	Guest Speaker - Shawn Norris



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 on Mondays in the church house. See Elaine Oates for more info.

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study – Going to the Museum Café for lunch this week. 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' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm at Diane McLean's. Contact Diane McLean for more info.

"The remarkable thing is, we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day ... The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude." - Chuck Swindoll

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 12 th July
Greeters	M Wilson, L McAra	I McCoy, M Raitaukala
Ministry Team	A Clement	E Oates
Cups of Tea	N Coffey, J McLatchie	J Paton, M Patrick
AV & Sound	R Theobald, D Russell / N Dunn	R Nelson / S Patrick
Counters	B Wheeler	Volunteer

Mangapapa Church (UNION PARISH)

Our motivating vision is...
'To be His Love, Light and Life'



Sunday 5th July 2026

10am: 'An All-Ages Family Service ... Who Stole My Lollies?!'

Bad temper is contagious – don't get infected.
Proverbs 22:25

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School holidays – Kids stay in for the service.

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



'WHO STOLE MY LOLLIES?'

"Bad temper is contagious – don't get infected"

(Proverbs 22:25) Wow! Have you ever thought how another person's 'bad temper' can be contagious to you, like catching a cold? Today in our Family Service we have a short Drama of a true event from Stewart's Primary School days that testifies to this, and the unexpected result.

We contrast this with a story Jesus told, that begins with violence and ends with actions of love that are totally appropriate. From our Philippians series, we see that **"Christ's Love is contagious – do get infected and infect others!"** Philippians 1:9-11 (Message) *"So this is my prayer: that your love will flourish and that you will not only love much but well. **Learn to love appropriately.** You need to **use your head and test your feelings** so that your love is sincere and intelligent, not sentimental gush. Live a lover's life, circumspect and exemplary, a life Jesus will be proud of: bountiful in fruits from the soul, **making Jesus Christ attractive to all, getting everyone involved in the glory and praise of God.**"*

Watch our latest devotion on YouTube

<https://youtu.be/kx-O-PhptQA>



A nice testimony from Sir Dave Dobyn in the NZ Herald this week -



...Today, he says his relationship with God is "deeper" than it has been, particularly when it comes to his health and the moments when it feels overwhelming. "I've deepened my belief in Jesus Christ and everything he represents and the love that he has and that he's showering down on people right, left and centre, on the good and the bad ... But I get a huge amount of support

from him. "I put a lot of it down to my faith, you know, that God always manages to whisper to you, "I'll take care of this."



Te Hahi Combined Churches Service – 5.30pm Sunday 5th July, at Alive Church in Leith Street. Commences with dinner at 5.30pm. Please take along a salad and veggie dish, and dessert to share, and join in getting to know our other Gizzy brothers and sisters in Christ. Is well worth it.

Te Hahi Hangi Fundraiser – Saturday 25th July. *Tickets are on sale now - \$15 per meal.* If you want a night off from cooking and a yummy meal, tickets can be purchased from our office. If paying by internet banking, our account details are on the back of the newsletter. Please use the reference 'Hangi'.

Transport Still Needed to pick up and drop off Moira from Te Wiremu on the following weeks – 19 & 26 July, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23 & 29 August. If you can help with this please see Marilyn. Even doing one of those weeks would be helpful.

Matariki – Worship The Creator

Matariki is a special time in Aotearoa – a season for remembrance, celebration, and looking ahead with timanako (hope). As the cluster of stars rises in the winter sky, many pause to reflect on life, whānau, and the year to come. While the beauty of Matariki can stir awe within us, it is important to remember that the stars themselves are not be worshipped. Rather, they point us to the One who made them. The Paipera Tapu (Bible) speaks clearly about this: *"For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made... so that they are without excuse. Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God... and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen."* Romans 1:20-25

Creation is a powerful testimony of the greatness of Ihowā (God) The stars of Matariki, like all of creation, declare His glory: *"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork."* Psalm 19:1

When we look up at the night sky and see Matariki shining brightly, we are witnessing the work of the Creator's hands. These stars are not divine – they are created. They are signs pointing us to the true and living Ihowā, who alone is worthy of our worship.

Ihowā Himself warns His tāngata (people) not to be drawn into worshipping the stars: *"And take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars... you feel driven to worship them and serve them, which the Lord your God has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage."* Deuteronomy 4:19

Matariki can be a meaningful opportunity to give thanks – not to the stars, but to Ihowā who placed them in the sky. It is a time to reflect on His provision, remember loved ones, and look forward with trust in His plans.

As we celebrate Matariki, let our hearts be directed upward beyond the stars to the Creator Himself. Let us worship the One who made the heavens, who knows each star by name, and who sent His Son, Ihu Karaiti (Jesus Christ), to bring us into a right relationship with Him.

"He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name." Psalm 147:4

This Matariki, may we honour not the creation, but the Creator – giving Him thanks, praise, and glory for all He has made.

– Excerpt from Tupu Whakarangi, Issue 260, a magazine by Maori Postal



Foodbank – We are currently struggling to keep up with demand, so thank you to all who give to this ministry. We currently need: 500ml oil, canned corn, canned peas, canned tomatoes, spaghetti, baked beans, soap, toothpaste, spreads, coffee, 2 Min Noodles, fruit salad, pasta sauce