

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
Sun 9 th June	5.30pm Te Hahi Combined Churches Service, Alive Church
Sat 29 th June	9am Te Hahi Women's Fellowship Brekky, at Alive Church



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 at 2pm in the Church House. For more info contact Elaine Oates.

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study – Meets at 1.30pm in the Church House. For more info contact Maureen Wilson.

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

'Abiding Life Course' – Meets at 3pm on Wednesdays in the Church House. Contact Stewart Patrick for more info.

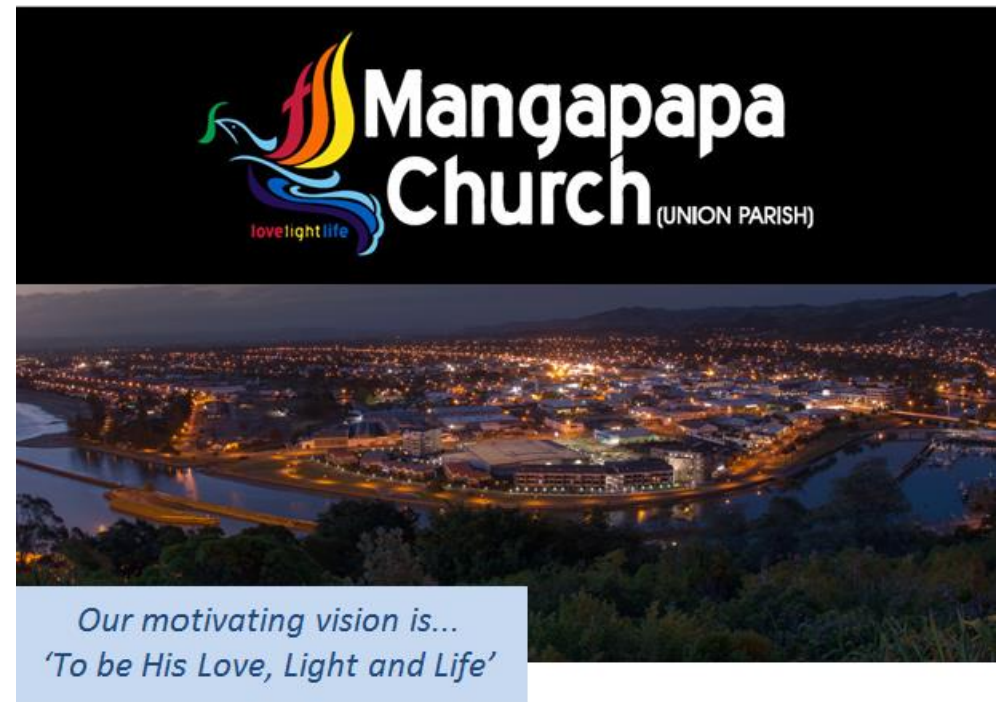
'Womens Lunch Study Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch. Next meeting will be 13th June. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm, at Diane McLean's house. Next meeting will be 13th June. Contact Elaine Oates or Diane McLean for more info.

"God teaches us about love by giving us difficult people to deal with." - Unknown

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 16 th June
Greeters	M Wilson, I McCoy	M Raitaukala, A Clement
Ministry Team	E Oates	A Clement
Cups of Tea	N Coffey, L Hindle	N Aston, P Oram
AV & Sound	P Madsen / N Dunn	R Nelson / D Russell
Counters	N Coffey	A Radcliffe



Sunday 9th June 2024

10am: "I Need A Revelation Of God's Love"

Leading: Elaine Oates

Preaching: Stewart Patrick

Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick

Church Office: Dione Russell **06 867-9604** **9am – 12noon**
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Elders Team

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Younger kids go out with Marilyn Patrick this morning – older kids stay in church.

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

I need a revelation of God's

Love' – When I began my Christian faith journey in 1965 (yep, I'm getting old), I never realised how big God's Love was /is for me and 59yrs on, I am still discovering that! Just as Paul says Ephesians 3:17-21 says the love of Christ / of God, surpasses all knowledge. What I have discovered, and this in my more senior years, is that God's Love is greater than any words can describe. In fact, 'words' have no power to describe His Love. That is why the Word had to become flesh. There is no way to know Love if Jesus Christ is not known. Oh the joy of knowing Him and receiving the revelation of His Love.



Stewart writes... On Thursday morning I had to represent Mangapapa Church @ **The Sunrise Foundation – Round Table Reporting meeting**, for those organisations who had received Grants from the Foundation in the past year. We had received \$5,000 to assist those



Local Giving for Local Needs affected by Cyclone Gabriel & our Foodbank etc. It was a very encouraging time, (exceeding my lower expectations). **Listening to the stories of each organisation, you could see how interconnected we all are and we all sensed that this was the positive coming out of disaster.** There were groups saying honestly, that they did not communicate positively prior to Gabriel. The Manager of Gizzy Kai, Lauren Beattie, shared how they rescue & distribute 6,000kg of food each month with minimal volunteer & physical resources. MUP Foodbank is one of the Foodbanks receiving food from Gizzy Kai, with Erin Holwill picking that up every week – Thank you Erin! One of our grant enabled projects was distribution of 55 'Clever Radios' to key people in towns & remote parts of our region. This again created a lot of interest. There was aroha & respect for 'the Church', especially as expressed through 'Te Hahi – both myself & Pastor Lance Rickard from H.O.B. were there reporting, and **we both saw how important 'Te Hahi' – the Combined Churches working in the community & with Police Family Harm Unit, are so important at this time.**

Shane & Ali Roche – Our new 'Church Leader(s)' are in full on preparation mode for the faith journey to N.Z. & MUP. Confirmation too that **Jenny Lambert** – Ali's sister, is also coming out here with them to settle here and is seeking a job in Gisborne. Now the full Medical Tests for the whole family are booked and they have to travel to London to do those. Expensive too, around



\$1,600. MUP Leadership Team will be meeting in the next week or so, to discuss what further we can do for them in regards their emigration costs. It is looking like a date in 'September' for their arrival here. Let's keep praying for them in each part of the journey. Again, I encourage us to pray too for Tewkesbury Baptist Church, who are losing their Church Leader & much loved family. We pray for wisdom for their Elders as they seek their way forward & new Leader.

An amazing provision for the Roche family in their first 3 months in Gisborne! – Ken & Alison McFarlane have offered them their home & car from September when they arrive, through to mid-December, while they are away in Thailand/Myanmar! Shane & Ali say this is an answer to prayer, as it will take a lot of pressure off them in those first months here, and time to look for a rental. Thank you Ken & Alison!



For Prayer this Week:

- 1) Pray for **Lorraine Darcy** – Lorraine is in Gisborne Hospital Ward 5 Anne Russell is recovering from Pneumonia at home.
- 2) Pray for **Shane & Ali Roche & family** - for their Medical Tests and visa applications that can now proceed to the next stage.
- 3) Pray for **Ken & Alison McFarlane** – as they began their journey

back to Thailand/Myanmar on Friday, for their next 7 months Medical Training Semester there.

- 4) **Congratulations to those who recently became Great Grandparents** – Jenny Phin, Mary Ann, Gretchen Norman
- 5) **Congratulations Jesse Russell!** - graduating from the Navy's Basic Training Course this weekend (pic @ right). He will have a week's leave, where he will come home for a few days, and then he will start his training to be an Electronic Technician on the following Monday. Andrew & Dione, Grandparents Claire & Keith Murton are up there for this and Micah will also be there as a Clarinet-ist in the Navy Band, which will be playing for the graduation.



Jenny and Diane want to thank everyone for their loving support.

This evening! 5:30pm Sunday 9 June - 'Te Hahi Combined Churches Service' @ Alive Church.

Marilyn along with 4 other women in church leadership are sharing there in a Q&A panel. It will not be all serious! (P.S. It just happens to be a special birthday for Marilyn too!). There will be kai first, so please bring a Salad or Vege dish, and dessert, ready to serve. They can heat up a dish but do not want to do any cooking etc. Te Hahi will provide the meat. Dessert and hot drinks will be after the service which will promptly start at 6.30pm.



There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.