

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am MUP Prayer meeting in the Church House
Thurs 5 th Mar	8.30am-12noon TOSS Garage Sale
Fri 6 th Mar	10.30am - Missions Meeting
7 th & 8 th Mar	Identity & Destiny Seminar - Sandra Sellmer-Kersten
Sun 8 Mar	6.30pm Prayer Service @ MUP
Tues 17 Mar	10am CWCI Fellowship Day for Women
Sun 22 Mar	5.30pm Te Hahi Combined Churches 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 – Meets weekly at 2.30pm on Mondays in the church house. See 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.

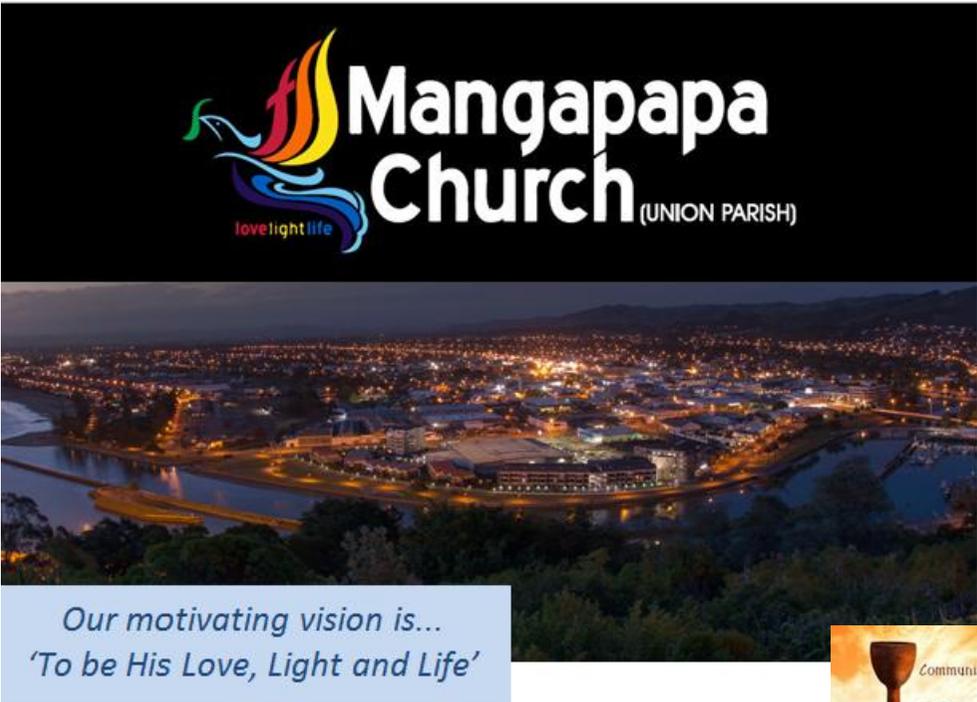
‘Womens Lunch Study Group’ – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch. Next meeting will be 5th March. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

Women’s ‘Growth Group’ – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm at Diane McLean’s. Next meeting will be 5th March. Contact Diane McLean for more info.

“Nobody every outgrows Scripture; the book widens and deepens with our years.” - Charles Spurgeon

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 8 th March
Greeters	M Raitaukala, M Wilson	J Dyas, L McAra
Ministry Team	E Oates	A Russell
Cups of Tea	N Coffey, L Hindle	M Patrick, A Tyler, P Oram
AV & Sound	R Theobald, D Russell / S Patrick	R Nelson / A Russell
Counters	A Radcliffe	B Wheeler



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



Sunday 1st March 2026

10am: “The Gentleness Of Jesus”

With Communion

Leading: Rachal McIntyre Preaching: Shane Roche
Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick

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*Kidzspace (4-8yrs) go out with Ali Roche & Jody Wheeler 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.

Shane shares the message with us this morning. He writes...

This Sunday, we're reflecting on the gentleness of Jesus. In a world that often equates power with dominance and volume, Jesus describes Himself very differently:

"For I am gentle and humble in heart..." (Matthew 11:29, NIV)

The One with all authority reveals a heart marked by gentleness. What does that mean for us – in our homes, our church, and our community? Join us as we explore the quiet strength at the centre of God's kingdom.

Key scriptures:

Matthew 12:18-20, John 8:1-11, Galatians 5:22-23, Colossians 3:12, 1 Peter 3:15



Elsie Bain Crow – Born 23-3-1929, passed away peacefully 26-2-2026 at Leighton House. Many current members of MUP will not have known our dear Elsie, who almost made 97 years. Elsie was an only child, growing up on a remote farm at Wharekopae with no electricity. In those early years her parents and Elsie would get to town first by horse and cart to Raukauroa, and there caught the Train to Gisborne. Elsie first came to MUP Church in 1952, when she and her mother bought a house in Atkinson St. She continued to attend Church until a stroke in 2016 prevented her. She has been in Leighton House since 2014, well-loved and looked after. We are arranging a small Memorial Service for Elsie to be held at Leighton House in the coming days as they were her 'family'.



Assets & Finance Team Update – Church Cleaning Changes

Since October, volunteers have handled weekly Church & Office Cleaning while we reviewed which tasks are essential and which are monthly or quarterly. We now clearly know our needs and the time required for these three new tasks.

- 1) Weekly Volunteer Cleaning – 1 person, 3hrs or 2 persons, 1.5 hours.
- 2) School Holidays / Reliever Cleaner (Paid position) – 1 person, 3 hours.
- 3) Bi-Monthly / Quarterly 'Working Bee' – Other volunteers cleaning.

This trial has worked well and is enabling \$ savings that will help our budget deficit. If you are willing to be on a contact list for the 'Working Bee Cleaning' of things like windows & blinds, dusting, etc please contact Dione at the office or see Stewart.



Identity & Destiny Seminar: 7th & 8th March –

Sandra Sellmer-Kersten is coming back to Gizzy and will be holding this seminar on **Saturday 7th March – 9am to 5.30pm** and **Sunday 8th March – 1.30pm to 5.30pm**, at Gisborne AOG Church in Grey St. Fee is \$35 and includes workbook and refreshments. To register email: tairawhitipmt@gmail.com See poster on the church noticeboard. Note: They will be taking up a love offering.



Just a gentle reminder that coffee is now available before our Sunday services. Feel free to come a little earlier to connect with others, have a chat, pray with someone, or simply listen to the worship as you prepare for the service.

The Hope Project 'Easter Booklet Delivery' to homes in New Zealand has returned. This year's booklet is themed 'A Culture of Care'. MUP Church along with others in Gisborne will take on responsibility for delivering the booklet to letterboxes in our 'Mangapapa' area, from Balance Street to Lytton Road, and streets north and south of Ormond Road. We have divided this up into small areas to be done and will share more on this on Sunday. You can preview the booklet online [here](#).



Prayer For Te Hāhi – The time and venue for the prayer meetings for Te Hāhi have changed this year. They are now being held from **9.30am-10.30am every Thursday morning, at Alive Church** in Leith St. Also ...

Te Hāhi Combined Churches Service – 5.30pm Sunday 22nd March at Alive Church in Leith Street. Apologies, we have been misadvertising the combined service as being in February, but it is actually **22nd March**. Take a salad or dessert to share, and join in getting to know our other Gizzy brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thursday Open Shed Sale: 8.30am-12noon Thursday 5th March
Please feel free to pass on anything you no longer need. **Our last one raised \$453 for local missions.**



Missions Team Meeting: 10.30am Friday 6th March – Held in the office lounge. Open to anyone who is interested in missions or supporting mission. Come along at 10.15am if you would like a cuppa beforehand.

Prayer Service – 6.30pm Sunday 8th March - Here at MUP. Come and join us in praying for MUP, our community, district and nation.



Fellowship Day for Women – Tuesday 17th March
Invitations are on the foyer table, or check out the poster on the church noticeboard for more information.



Foodbank – Our current foodbank needs are:

Biscuits, UHT milk or milk powder, milo/hot chocolate, dishwash liq, washing powder, 2 Min Noodles, potatoes or potato flakes, rubbish bags.