

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
Sat 28 th Oct	Working Bee



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 – Over winter they are meeting Mondays at 1.30pm in the Church House. For more info contact Elaine Oates.

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

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

'Womens Lunch Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch. Next meeting, 5th October. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

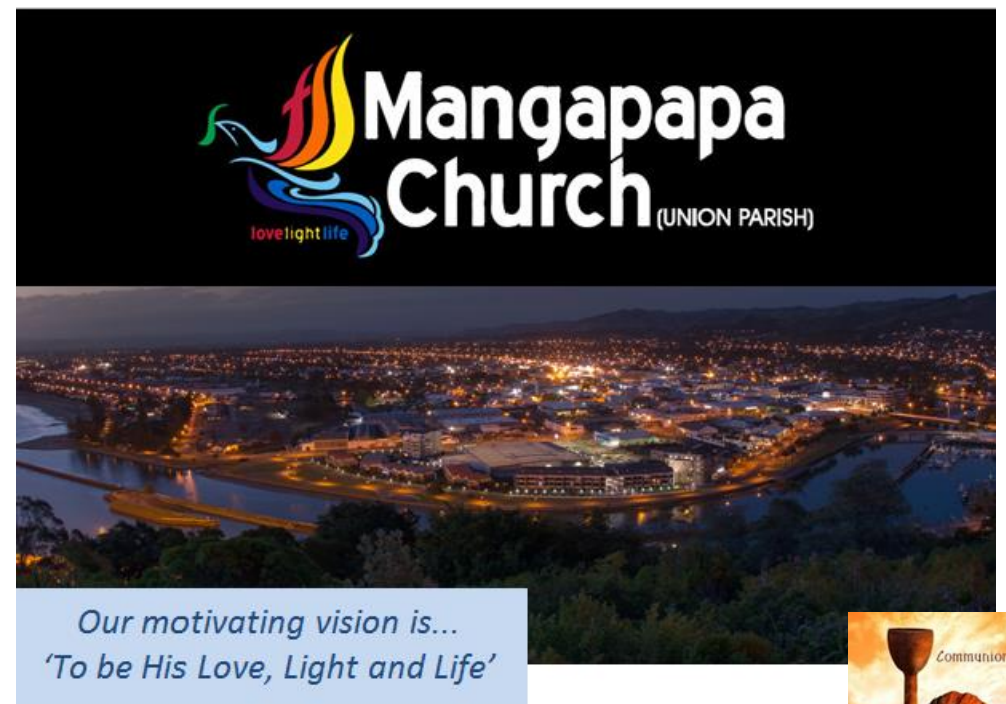
Women's 'Growth Group' – Meets fortnightly on alternate Thursdays to Women's Group, at 1pm in the Church House. Contact Elaine Oates or Diane McLean for more info.



Family First Voter Guide - Family First have put out a **Voter Guide** to help you make informed choices in the upcoming General Election by voting for candidates and parties aligned with your values. The Guide allows voters to see where each party stands – and how each current or past MP seeking re-election has voted – on important social issues. **Copies available on the table at the back.**

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 Oct
Greeters	M Wilson, J Phin	J Dyas, L McAra
Explorers Crèche	School Holidays	School Holidays
Ministry Team	M Freeman	E Oates
Cups of Tea	I McCoy, A Tyler	M Smith, L Hindle
AV & Sound	R Nelson / N Dunn	TBC
Counters	A Radcliffe	A Radcliffe



Sunday 1st October 2023

10am: "Being Thankful"

An All-Ages Holiday Family Service

With Communion

Leading & Preaching: Stewart & Marilyn Patrick

Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick

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

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Elders Team

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

Paul Madsen: 027 511 4769

School Holidays programme for children.

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

We have the wonderful theme of 'Thanksgiving'/Giving Thanks' for our 'All-Ages' Family Service this morning.

It is a call to us as believers that flows right through the Old Testament and New, because it truly is a 'Life-giving' response for us to do so. You and I have likely had 10, 20, even 50 things happen,



or we have

seen this week, that could give us cause to groan and moan, but it is not our calling! Lord, give us eyes to see You today and this week, working in everything.

This morning we bring back to MUP, some old friends who have been locked away in a cupboard for about 20 years! What will they say about that!? Come and say, "Hi, welcome back Stinky and Sally!"

Stewart writes... Within my message of 'Joyful Thanksgiving' this morning, I want to share much more with you of the amazing, wonderful, even miraculous connection that Lord enabled with a couple in Church Leadership in the UK, in our recent time over there with family. This couple, Shane & Ali, sense a strong call to us here at MUP. Elders and 'New Leader Search Team' members met with them via ZOOM for 1.5 hours last Saturday morning and we are unanimous that this is a couple we want to encourage and follow through with, as they are stand out prospects for the Church Leader position. Shane and Ali are taking huge faith steps in this process as they have booked airmiles, with their 2 children too, to come out to NZ for 4 weeks in March/April, and Shane will preach here at MUP on Easter Sunday morning. Obviously this is a faith journey we are on too. It will take time and there is more to work through before we get to the point of bringing a recommendation to the Church congregation. Ali is a 'Midwife' in the UK and in NZ that is a Green List Tier 1 role, eligible for straight to residence visa, if a job offer with an accredited employer is obtained. But it is a huge process and so we pray for them as they have commenced this process. Ali's sister Jen, also in the UK, also desires to emigrate to NZ with them and we pray for her too.

At the end of the Service this morning, we are making available to you a comprehensive paper copy of this story and journey so far. We want YOU,



our MUP family, to be informed and to pray with us in this. It is the Lord that has led us to this point and we want to see His hand in all our decisions ahead.



For Prayer this Week:

- **Congratulations** Rodney Judd, his birthday was last Monday.
- **Pray for the Elders & Search Team** as we work through many more details of the New Church Leader process.
- **Pray for those unwell, receiving treatment or recovering.**
- **Pray for Colleen Mounsey** – Refer her card message in the Church foyer.



Working Bee – Mark down Saturday morning 28th October for our next Working Bee at the Church. There will be some painting to be done as we match up our new roof colour scheme with the roof trim in places, along with many other Spring tasks to tackle.

MUP Land Story – If you want to read the Church Land Story there is a link to this on the Home Page of our website. It is still a draft, but is 99% done. Just a couple of things to be clarified to finish it. If you have any questions please feel free to ask Paul Madsen.



Foodbank – We have been receiving regular requests for food parcels, usually for large families and are now low on many items: weetbix, baked beans, canola oil, pasta sauce, rice, spreads (jam, peanut butter etc) 2 Min Noodles, soap, washing powder, toothpaste, dishwashing liquid, muesli bars, rubbish bags, rubbish stickers.



Update On Oscar – We have received an update on Oscar Owani, the child that we sponsor through World Vision. We will be playing a little video clip of him in the notices today, and you can read more about him on the wall by the servery.

Yoghurt Containers - Thank you to all those who brought yoghurt containers to put soup in. We no longer need any more of these.



Dione will be on annual leave next week, 2nd to 6th October, but Paul Madsen will be 'holding the fort'. Feel free to call in and see how he is doing! ☺