

Dates to Remember	
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	3am Daylight Saving finishes (put clocks back 1 hour)
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday - 9.15am Carry the Crosses, 9.45am Service
Sat 8-9 Apr	9am to 9am - 24 Hour Burn for Jesus at Salvation Army
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> April	10am Easter Sunday Service
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> April	5.30pm Te Hahi Combined Church meeting and meal
Fri 21 April	10am Hymn Sing-A-Long at Frank & Lorraine Darcy's
16-18 Jun	40 Hour Famine

**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.

**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.

**Thursday 'Womens Breakfast'** – Currently on hold. For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

**Women's 'Growth Group'** – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm in the Church House. Next meeting is due 6<sup>th</sup> April March.

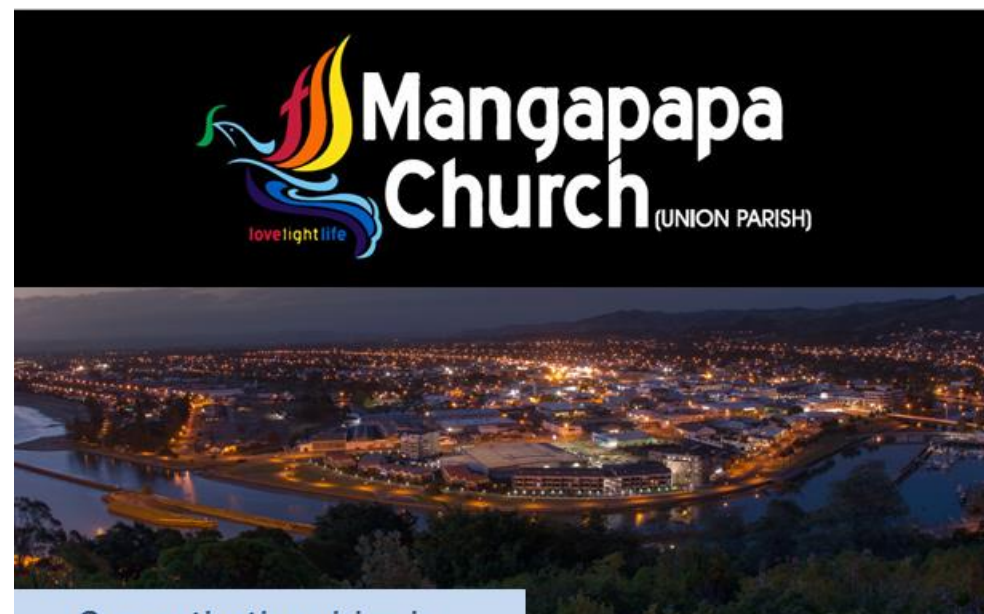


**Plants Sale for RUEL Philippines Orphanage**

We will be holding another Plant Sale Stall for the public soon, to raise money for the RUEL Orphanage that Angela & John Paton have been to and worked at on many occasions. If you have any plants that could be added to the sale, please see Marilyn.

**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 9 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Greeters</b>	I McCoy, J Phin	N Aston, M Potter
<b>Explorers Crèche</b>	Parents	School Hols
<b>Ministry Team</b>	A Clement	M Freeman
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	N Coffey, L Hindle	A Alder, J Dyas
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	R Nelson / N Dunn	D Russell / A Russell
<b>Counters</b>	A Radcliffe	A Radcliffe



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



Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

10am: "Sharing From The Heart"

With Communion

Leading: Sal Clement

Preaching: Al Clement & Gretchen Norman

Duty Elder: Paul Madsen

Church Office: Dione Russell 06 867-9604 9am – 12noon  
E-mail [office@mup.org.nz](mailto:office@mup.org.nz) Website: [www.mup.org.nz](http://www.mup.org.nz)  
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**Elders Team**

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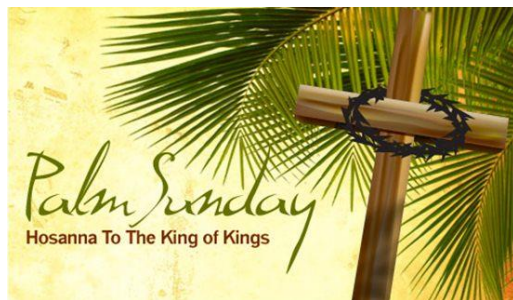
'Explorers' creche is available for 1-4 years. Parents will need to stay and supervise. Primary & Intermediate age children go out with Raewyn & Marilyn.

If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home and get a R.A.T. Test.

## Sharing brief messages from their hearts this morning ...

are Al Clement and Gretchen Norman. They are both valued members of the Eldership Team here at MUP Church and serve with big hearts.

It is also '**Palm or Passion Sunday**' today, which commences the Easter week. There are times and seasons that seem more holy. There are moments that we do sense the living presence of God and our only proper response is to fall to our knees in awe of grace. These next eight days can be one of those times. They are the preeminent days when history, our history, and our understanding of self and God and life itself all changed. **From Palm Sunday through Easter, the world is remade, a new creation, and we are blessed to be a part of it, blessed to receive a gift beyond words, which is nothing less than eternity itself.** – That 'new creation' is a key part of our Easter theme this year.



## Our Easter Services This Week...

- 1) **Good Friday - Meet 9:15am at the Botanical Gardens, Roebuck Road corner, where we will assemble as a group, pray and then together we carry our 3 Crosses on the journey to the Church. At 9:45am at the Church we will erect our 3 Crosses on the corner of Ormond Rd, and our Scripture sign boards upon all three. We will pray a blessing upon them and then head into the Church auditorium for a 30-minute contemplative service led by Elaine Oates.**
- 2) **Easter Sunday Family Service - 10am at the Church auditorium.**



**Stewart writes...** This week we distributed five \$200 BP Gift Cards to 5 families from St John's Church, Te Karaka. All of them are displaced from their Red or Yellow Stickered homes, and 3 of them living in Motels in Gisborne for the next months? Out at their Service last Sunday I was able to hear their stories and saw that their immediate need was help with travel/fuel costs.

I am also pleased to confirm that on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June, MUP Church will host a Combined Church Service with guest preacher, Rev. Hamish Galloway – Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa NZ. St Andrews and St Davids will join with us for that occasion.

Our Mangapapa Church web homepage [mup.org.nz](http://mup.org.nz) has been updated and kept up to date with 'Resources For Those Affected By The Flooding'. At present this gives links to Insurance advice and Free Counselling.



**The next Hymn-Sing-a-Long** will be held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 10am at Frank & Lorraine Darcy's home. All welcome.

**For Prayer this Week: We continue to pray for those living in motels for the next ... months due to Cyclone Gabrielle.**

- **Pray for the 'HOPE FOR ALL' booklet distribution** – going to all the letterboxes of homes in our region that will receive it.
- **Congratulations to Joshua Langford** who is 9 today!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL Term 2 – Commencing 24<sup>th</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June

It is wonderful to have John Hill back and well, and John will be leading the 9-13 years group again, sharing the leading role with Raewyn Theobald on alternate weeks. For the 4-8 years group in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Term, we also have Peren & Ashley Mountfort taking turns every 3<sup>rd</sup> week to teach, but we are looking for just 1 more suitable person to go on the Roster once every 3 weeks, to help them and Marilyn. If you think this is you, please see Marilyn.



**Te Hāhi Combined Church Meeting – 5.30pm Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April at Alive Church.** 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 Hāhi will provide the meat. Dessert and hot drinks will be after the service which will promptly start at 6.30pm. The Guest Speaker for the night will be Sandra Sellmer-Kersten from Elijah House.

**Waikohu Parish Centennial Service - 11am on 23<sup>rd</sup> April at St Paul's Church in King Street, Motu.** There will be a shared lunch (meat provided) and afternoon tea, with time to reminisce. Please bring a plate. Love to see you there. Any enquiries, phone Paul & Caroline Sparks on 863 5008.

**2023 Church Directory** – We are just waiting on a few confirmations, and are expecting to have the 2023 Directory printed and ready to collect at the beginning of Term 2.



**24 Hour Burn For Jesus Over Tairāwhiti** – The Salvation Army is holding a 24 hour praise and worship event over Easter, from **9am Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April – 9am Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April.** They invite all churches of Tairāwhiti to participate as one in the body of Christ, and believe blessing will follow the unity of bretheren. This is a free event, so if you would like to spend some time praising and worshipping our Lord Jesus with other brothers and sisters in the Lord, head down to the Salvation Army any time during those 24 hours.