

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
Sat 2 nd Sep	10am Ladies Morning Tea at Kerry's Kafe, Lytton West
Sun 3 rd Sep	10am Combined MUP and Fijian Church Service
Fri 8 th Sep	10am Hymn-A-Long at Frank & Lorraine Darcy's
Sun 10 th Sep	10am Communion Service
Sun 10 th Sep	6.30pm Equipping Evening at AOG Church
Wed 20 Sep	7pm AGM



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, 7th September. 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.

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 10 th Sept
Greeters	M Wilson, J Phin	J Dyas, L McAra
Explorers Crèche	Parents	Parents
Ministry Team	G Norman	M Freeman
Cups of Tea	M Smith, A Tyler	I McCoy, Volunteer
AV & Sound	R Nelson / N Dunn	P Madsen / A Russell
Counters	G Stevenson	G Stevenson



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



Sunday 3rd September 2023

10am: Combined MUP & Fijian Fellowship Service

Leading: Elaine Oates

Duty Elder: Andrew Russell

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

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Paul Madsen: 027 511 4769

Children go out with Anna Alder and John Hill today.

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



to our Fijian brothers and sisters who are joining us this morning for a combined service. The Fijian Fellowship use our Mangapapa Church rooms for their services on Sunday afternoons. This morning Elaine Oates is leading the service and our Fijian brethren will be sharing some songs, a testimony and the message. We look forward to worshipping our Lord and fellowshiping together, so please stay for a cuppa after the service.

Patrick's Update!



On our way home ... We leave our family here in the UK at 3pm Sunday, then have a week in Aussie. A few days ago we were in Harrogate, up north, and did some amazing walks with family. Although very sad leaving family, we are ready for home again. Missed you all and look forward to seeing you soon.

Stewart and Marilyn



For Prayer This Week:

- **Pray for the New 'Church Leader' position advertised** – Please continue to pray that the Lord brings the person that He has chosen and called to come and serve at MUP.
- **Continue to pray for Al Clement** on his road to recovery.
- **Pray for Stewart & Marilyn** as they travel to Australia and then home.



Our AGM – 7pm Wednesday 20th September. Please mark this on your calendar. We should have the reports out in the next week or so for you to read before the meeting.

HAPPY
**Father's
DAY**



Fathers have a special role
In each young child's life,
To mould and shape them to become
A follower of Christ
To show them the Father's heart
And help them understand
How God's love can be their guide
As they take Him by the hand.

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Today, we also stop to remember our wonderful Heavenly Father. Isn't it amazing for those of us with a relationship with Jesus Christ that God chose to be our Father? Adopted. Loved. Forever in His presence. **Our Father.** Consider this beautiful passage from the Apostle Paul related to God, our Father.

¹⁶"And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." ¹⁷Therefore, "Come out from among them and be separate", says the Lord, "Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." ¹⁸And "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters," says the Lord Almighty." - 2 Corinthians 6:16-18

Did you see those beautiful words? God chose to be our God, to make us His people, to dwell in us, walk among us, and be our Father. **"I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters."** Again, isn't that amazing? Regardless of who you are and your experience here on earth with your own father, praise God, He has made us His sons and daughters and has chosen specifically to be our Father. For this, we rejoice!

Always with us – we are never alone.
Walking with us – we always have a companion.
His people – we belong.

(Excerpt by Ps Kevin Carson – Sunrise Baptist Church, Missouri)