

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
Feb TBC	Te Hahi Combined Service
Fri 9 th Feb	10am Hymn-A-Long at Frank & Lorraine Darcy's
Sun 11 th Feb	10am Service - Colleen Mounsey speaking
Tues 5 th Mar	10am CWCI North Island Summer Retreat - Gisborne



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 – Stopped for the holidays. Will commence again in February. For more info contact Elaine Oates.

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study – Stopped for the holidays. Will commence again in February. For more info contact Maureen Wilson.

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

'Womens Lunch Group' – Will commence again at 12noon on Thursday 8th February. Bring your lunch. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm in the Church House. Next meeting Thursday 15th February. Contact Elaine Oates or Diane McLean for more info.

" I may not be perfect, but Jesus thinks I'm to die for."
- 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 11 th February
Greeters	J Dyas, L McAra	M Raitaukala, A Clement
Creche	Parents	Parents
Ministry Team	E Oates	S Clement
Cups of Tea	D McLean, I McCoy	M Smith, L Hindle
AV & Sound	R Nelson / D Russell	P Madsen / N Dunn
Counters	N Coffey	A Radcliffe

Mangapapa Church (UNION PARISH)

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



Sunday 4th February 2024

10am: 'Christ & Waitangi Reflections'
Two Speakers Share
With Communion

Leading: Elaine Oates
Duty Elder: Al Clement

Church Office: Dione Russell **06 867-9604** **9am – 12noon**
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Kids go out with Marilyn Patrick and John Hill this morning.

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

'Christ & Waitangi' – With

'Waitangi Day' on Tuesday this week, we take the opportunity this morning to share some thoughts and pray for peaceful remembrance and celebrations. Christianity/the Church in NZ has an amazing story to tell in the early history of our nation, but many do not want to know it. The Gospel was invited by Maori – not imposed, and The Gospel was spread by Māori to Māori, throughout the length of our nation. This amidst poor behaviours of many European whalers and traders, before before politics and colonisation issues saw 'Te Tiriti O Waitangi' 'The Treaty' put in place and first Missionaries playing a vital role in that. Dr Stuart Lange of the NZ Christian Network says, "*Christians should neither disregard nor distort the Treaty, nor deify it. It was a governmental document, not a religious document. But we do well to remember that among other things it reflected Christian biblical values of justice, order and human equality.*" The topic of The Treaty today is a sensitive one. Perhaps too politicised? Meanwhile we must focus on what is most important. As the Church, we have a story to tell. Our job is to lift Jesus Christ up to the people. For sound Christian articles on Te Tiriti see articles here at alltogethernz and at nzchristiannetwork



Stewart writes... The MUP Church Family... We welcome back Eric & Tania for around 5 months from the USA and working at the Hospital. We welcome many folk from different nations who have come to worship and fellowship amongst us in recent times – from Fiji, South Africa, Korea and more. Some folk work on Sundays or have night shifts so cannot come to Church regularly. May they know His presence and nearness, and we do seek to offer more fellowship opportunities for you in the future, mid-week.

Next Sunday morning at MUP, Colleen Mounsey will be with us and will share her story of encouragement and God's grace following Bruce's passing in August last year. Pray for Colleen as she comes, and Peter Boyd who is driving up and back to enable this.

Easter is early this year 29-31st March and we invite you to think about '**Easter Creations**' – to create something/anything that we could display over the Easter Season, depicting/portraying what Easter means to you. Talk to Marilyn or Daylene about this.



The new 'Abiding Life Basic Seminar' Small Group commences this Wednesday 7th February, 3pm at the Church House. There is room for more to join this group, led by Stewart & Marilyn, but please let us know if you wish to participate as there are Seminar Books we run off for each participant. The course will run weekly for 30 weeks through this year.

'Why Christians Believe Christianity To Be True' – One existing Small Group is commencing their year with this resource. This is a 7 Part series with 15 minute videos and Discussion Guides. Check it out here at <https://whychristiansbelieve.nz/>

Thanks for the Rubbish Stickers! – Several folk answered the call for any spare you may have, for us to be able to deal with dumped rubbish. We have many now!



For Prayer this Week:

- 1) Thank You Lord!** – Those who have been unwell over the Christmas / New Year time, are now much better or improving daily. We continue to pray for them.
- 2) Pray for our nation's 'Waitangi Day celebrations'** – for peace and restraint. For the Christian witness at Waitangi.
- 3) Pray for Shane & Ali Roche** – the NZ Immigration Advisor now engaged and working on their behalf, and their preparations for their 3 week holiday and visit here, 25th March to 14th April.



Free Firewood Available – At the back of the Church Garage we have an excess of dry firewood available, for those who need it for heating over the winter months. This wood is used for the Church Office lounge wood burner during winter. If anyone would like to take some away, please see Dione at the Church Office. (PS: The Crosses in the pic are not Firewood ☺).

Sunday School Term 1 Help Required - Marilyn is looking for someone to teach the younger children 4-8yrs, just twice in Term 1. Please see Marilyn Patrick if you would be interested and can help.



The next Hymn Sing-A-Long – Will be **10am this Friday, 9th February** at Frank & Lorraine Darcy's place. Come and join in a cuppa and singing some of your favourite hymns. All welcome.

A Date For Your Diary! Tuesday 5th March – Welcome to a Fellowship Day with Bible teaching from Beth Worley of Australia. Beth edits the 'Know Your Bible' studies and comes to us with CWCI – Connecting Women To Christ. The day starts with morning tea at 10am. Venue is Mission Hall, 707 Gladstone Road (near Mill Rd). See the Church Noticeboard for more information, or for enquiries contact Diane McLean.



Sandra Sellmer-Kerstens and team will be in Gisborne again from 4th-16th March 2024. The programme is yet to be confirmed will involve 1:1 ministry, prayer ministry, Elijah House and a combined service. Watch this space!