

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am MUP Prayer meeting in the Church House
Thurs 8 th May	8.15am Toss Garage Sale
Sun 18 th May	5.30pm Te Hahi Combined Churches Service
27 & 30 May	Baking for Te Hahi/Police
Sat 14 th June	2pm High Tea Fundraiser



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 in the Church House. Contact 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’ – Meeting 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 8th May. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

Women’s ‘Growth Group’ – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm at Diane McLean’s house. Next meeting will be 15th May. Contact Diane McLean for more info.

“God has promised to supply all of our needs, but He’s never promised to supply all of our greeds.” - Billy Graham

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 May
Greeters	M Wilson, J Phin	J & L Hawksworth
Ministry Team	D Russell	TBC
Cups of Tea	I McCoy, P Oram	J McLatchie, N Aston
AV & Sound	D Russell / S Patrick	P Madsen / N Dunn
Counters	G Stevenson	B Wheeler



Sunday 4th May 2025

10am: “Father God”

With Communion

Leading: Angela Paton Preaching: Shane Roche

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Elders Team

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Kidzspace (4-8yrs) go out with Marilyn Patrick this morning.

Matrix (9-14yrs) go out with Raewyn Theobald.

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

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

Throughout Scripture, God is often described as our Father. In the Old Testament, this is sometimes seen in a figurative or positional sense. But in His ministry, Jesus invites us to know God as Father in a deeply personal and relational way. This Sunday, we'll explore what it means to truly know God as our Father — not just in our minds, but in our hearts — and the freedom that comes when this truth transforms our spiritual lives.

Key verses: *Matthew 6:9–13, Luke 11:2–4, Luke 15:11–32, Matthew 7:11, Luke 12:32, John 1:12*



For Prayer this week:

1. **The many who are suffering with back, knee and hip pain at present.**
2. **Pray for the TOSS garage sale** that good conversations would be held and good connections made.
3. **Pray for our hospital** – for the doctors and nurses that we need to fill the vacancies there, and for strength and refreshment for those already employed there who are having to deal with the shortages. Pray God will provide solutions.
4. **Pray for our police** – for protection and wisdom in the situations they encounter around our city and district. Pray also for encouragement for them.
5. **Pray for our church folk** who are travelling, both in NZ and overseas.



TOSS – 8.15am–12noon Thursday 8th May – Our Thursday Open Shed Sale was postponed last week to this week, because of the weather. We have been given a replacement door for the garage, that hopefully fits perfectly, and we are planning to open it this Thursday. If you have any things you no longer need or want, please drop them off to the church office weekday mornings. Just remember - **no books or clothes thanks**. We will also have plants for sale to raise some \$ for Angela to use to buy specific items to take to Philippines in July. Any plants unsold will be for sale after church on 11th May.

End of Year Donation Receipts – These have now been done up and were emailed out about 3 weeks ago. If you require a printed copy, let Dione know and she will print one for you.



Upcoming Te Hahi Events:

1. **Combined Churches Service 5.30pm on 18th May** at Alive Church in Leith Street - Guest speaker is Shane Roche. Come attired in your favourite sports team attire and contribute a salad or dessert. Meat course is provided.
2. **In May the Police are to be blessed by gifts of food** from our member churches. MUP is rostered on the **27th and 30th May**. We are asking for volunteers to provide home baking or bought goodies that will be delivered to the Police station at 3pm on those days. If you are happy to be a contributor, please let Elaine Oates know.
3. **Hangi Fundraiser** – Date yet to be confirmed. Hangi meals will be for sale at \$15:00 per meal. Each church is asked to sell 50 tickets and if anyone can donate meat (pork mutton or chicken) or vegetables (potatoes, kumara, pumpkin and cabbage) or tinfoil, these donations would be gratefully received.
4. **High Tea Fundraiser – 2pm Saturday 14th June, at Alive Church.** Details to follow.



Foodbank Update – Thank you to everyone who provides for our Foodbank. The food parcel requests have increased again this year, and we are currently 7 off making last year's total given out – and we still have all May and June to go! We are getting more requests this year from Bail Services, helping those who have just been released from prison and have no income and have to wait a couple of weeks for a benefit to be set up. Please continue to pray for the recipients of our food parcels. Most of these families really need God to intervene in their lives.



Pick Your Own Ballarat Apples – Anne & David Russell have a tree laden with apples at 78b Atkinson St. Great eating and cooking apples. Ladder is available, but bring your own bags.



Mangapapa Church Coffee Morning Questionnaire – Have you taken time yet to fill in one of these sheets that are on the table in the foyer? Please do.



Foodbank – Our current needs are:

Weetbix, muesli bars, biscuits, UHT milk, milo/hot chocolate, tuna/salmon, dishwash liq, canned fruit.