

Dates to Remember	
Week days	10am-12noon Morning Tea at the Church House Lounge
Fri 10 th Mar	10am Hymn-A-Long at Frank & Lorraine Darcy's



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' – Meets at 7am on Thursdays in the Church House for Breakfast. For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm in the Church House. Next meeting is due 9th March.

Temporary Accommodation – We have had some temporary accommodation offers. If you know someone needing temporary accommodation, please contact Dione in the office.

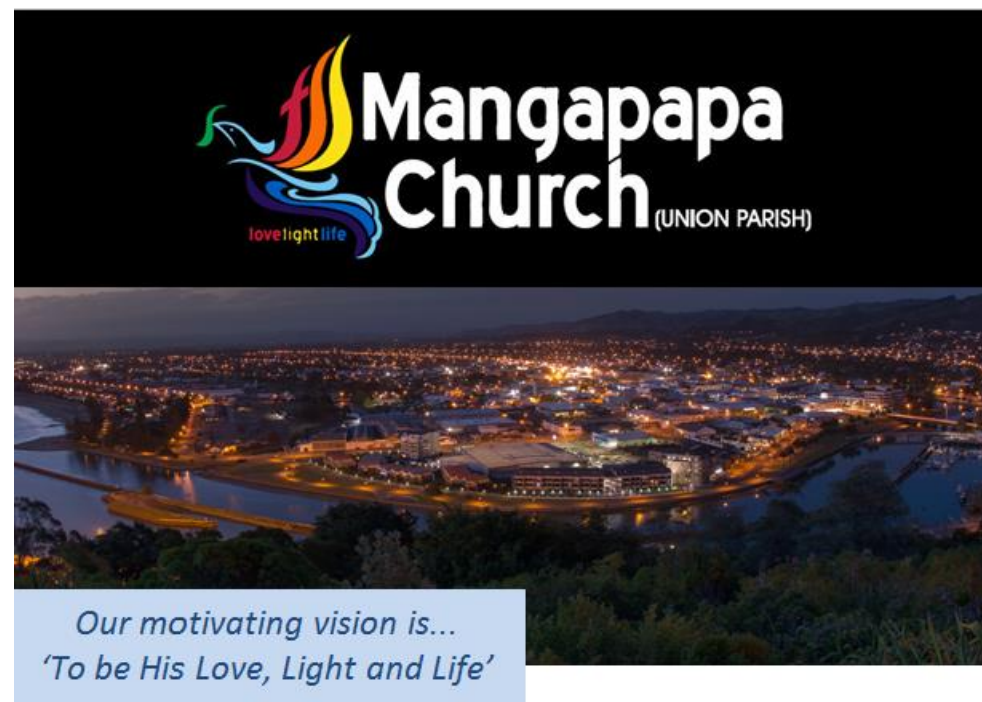
Bore Water Is Available – Just a reminder that Mike Tombleson @ 119 Main Road, Makaraka, has really good water from his bore, though boiling would be recommended for drinking. Rodney & Val Judd, and Bill & Jody Wheeler have said that they have tank water available for anyone needing drinking water.



MUP Morning Teas – We feel that there is a need to allow people to connect and talk, so we will be holding morning teas at the church house this week from 10am-12noon. If anyone wants to pop down for a cuppa and a chat, we would love to see you.

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 12 th March
Greeters	N Aston, M Potter	A Clement, Y White
Explorers Crèche	Parents	Parents
Ministry Team	A Clement	M Freeman
Cups of Tea	M Smith, A Walker	I McCoy, W Carstens
AV & Sound	D Russell / A Russell	R Nelson / R Levy
Counters	N Coffey	B Wheeler



Sunday 5th March 2023

10am: "Children's Day Family Service"

Please note: 'Communion' will not be served in the Service today, but will be served in next Sunday's service.

Leading and Preaching: Stewart & Marilyn Patrick

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Children stay in the Service this morning

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

10am Today – ‘Children’s Day Family Service’

It is International ‘Children’s Day’ today, so we have put together a delightful ‘Kids & Family friendly Service’ based around **Psalm 104 – A Celebration of God’s Creation**, which is what our young ones have been learning about in their Sunday morning classes over the past two weeks. Psalm 104 both commences in verse 1 and ends in verse 35 with this call from our heart and spirit to – “Bless the LORD O my soul”, or as the NLT version puts it, “Let all that I am praise the LORD”. We believers have a very special relationship with all Creation - at our feet, around us and in the heavens above us ... Colossians 1:15-17, “Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through Him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth.... He existed before anything else, and He holds all creation together.”



Stewart writes... 3 weeks on from Cyclone Gabrielle and I could not have imagined in this past week – yet another two traumatic rainfall events creating havoc in our region and affecting more of our church folk. First, on Friday and Saturday last week, Al & Sal Clement’s tenuous access road to their home at Waingake, was hit with further flood damage and they could not get out with their 2wd car. Today they could, but if it rains it’s mud. Then on Monday night/early Tuesday morning, came the Mangapapa deluge, and by God’s grace that Dianne Holland escaped from her car just in time before it was swept away. [You can view her story here](#). At the same time Isla and son Ben Florence, had a frightening moment with their stream floodwater bringing a large sleep-out shed crashing into their access bridge and just touching distance from Ben who was in the floodwaters, seeking to secure gas bottles. Others had less dramatic flooding, but like Perrin & Ashley Mountfort, have had to throw out items from their flooded garage and dry out.

There is much going on to support folk in the ways we can. Thank you to those providing meals and morning teas for folk at present. This recovery will be a long process and we will have resources to assist at different parts of the journey. Remember that Dione and Paul are making the office lounge available for morning tea and a chat during the week for anyone that needs to share, find help or advice at this time.



On a completely different topic, this article - [Canada’s Euthanasia Industry](#) – caught my attention this week. Click on the link to access this, and this follow up article - [Where Are the Churches in Canada’s Euthanasia Experiment?](#) Our church has always believed properly funded/resourced Palliative Care is the

answer to the increasing call from those promoting euthanasia as the end of life choice. I am sure you will find these articles very informing.



HOPE PROJECT – Easter 2023 – Again this year our church will distribute the 2023 ‘Hope For All’ booklet to homes in our Mangapapa area. **The 2023 booklet is titled ‘Hope For All – Goodness We Can Trust’:** At a perfect time in NZ, the 2023 booklet will relay

stories connected to questions about the goodness of God, noting we live in a world with so much suffering. On what basis do we believe God is good? **Note:** One story in this booklet is very significant for our church – **‘Henī’s Story’**. Last year we made known the wonderful stories of Rev Joseph & Jane Matthews and his pioneering mission in Kaitiāia, to the producers of the Hope Booklets. (Joseph Matthews being Bill Wheeler’s great-great grandfather). You can preview this story here by clicking on the picture on the right...



For Prayer this Week: We pray for those hit hard by Cyclone Gabriel and the Mangapapa Thunderstorm cell this week.

1) **John & Lyn Hawksworth and Karl Brandt** - homes severely flooded. Still in this gruelling salvaging time, and determining their future. **Al & Sal Clement** – destroyed large vege gardens and access.
2) **Diane Holland & family, Isla McCoy & Ben** – Thank you Lord that you kept them, rescued them. There is not one of us unaffected by this traumatic event. ‘Anxiety’ is being experienced by many.

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