

Dates to Remember	
11 th May	8.45am - Midday TOSS Garage Sale
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.

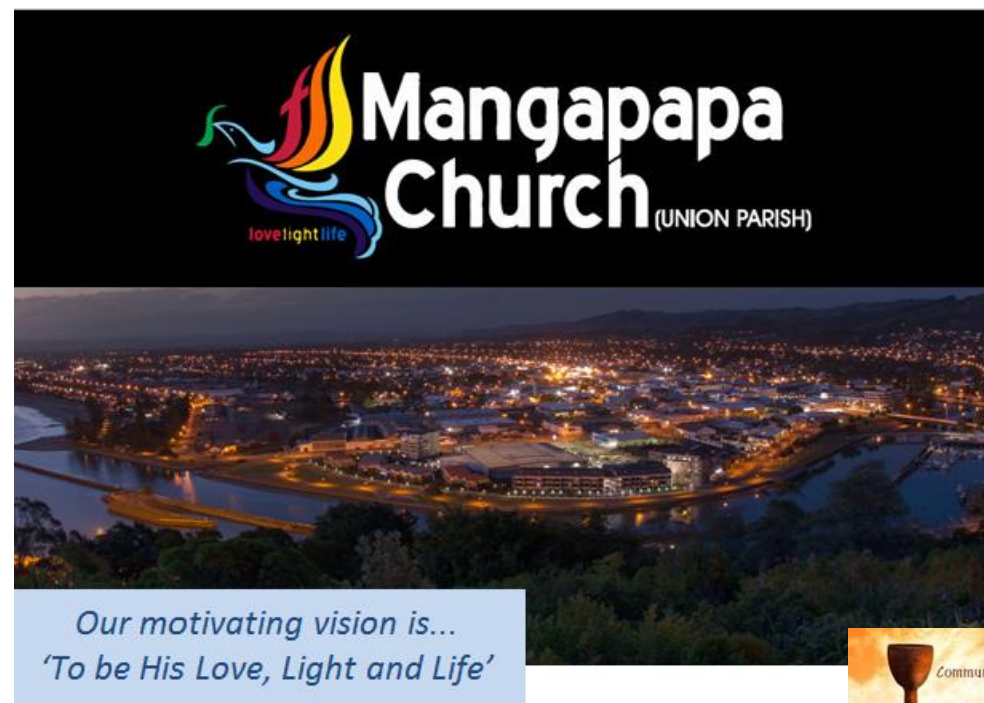
Women’s ‘Growth Group’ – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm in the Church House. Next meeting is due 11th May.

**And the LORD passed by before him,
and proclaimed,
The LORD, The LORD God,
merciful and gracious, longsuffering,
and abundant in goodness and truth.**

Exodus 34:6

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 14 th May
Greeters	L McAra, J Dyas	N Aston, M Potter
Explorers Crèche	Parents	Parents
Ministry Team	M Freeman	E Oates
Cups of Tea	D McLean, N Coffey	P Oram, L Hindle
AV & Sound	R Nelson / S Patrick	D Russell / <i>Volunteer</i>
Counters	G Stevenson	G Stevenson



Sunday 7th May 2023

10am: “Loving Kindness”

With Communion

Leading: Elaine Oates Preaching: Ken & Alison McFarlane

Duty Elder: Al Clement

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

Stewart Patrick: 021 047 0795 Rodney Judd: 06 863-2400 Al Clement: 027 855 5949
Paul Madsen: 027 511 4769

Kids are to go out with Raewyn and Anna during the service.

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

Ken & Alison McFarlane share the message this morning.

In Exodus 34:6 God describes His character. One translation says:

“Yahweh, Yahweh, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, overflowing with loyal love and faithfulness.”

The Hebrew word for loyal love is *khesed*. This word describes a characteristic well understood by the Israelites of the Bible, but that has no equivalent in Western culture, and has no English word to describe it. English versions of the Bible use a wide variety of words to translate *khesed*, using different words in different places in the Old Testament. It can be translated in a number of ways, such as loving kindness, kindness, mercy, or unfailing love.

Stewart writes... It is with sadness, but also with peace and assurance of our hope, that I write of **the passing of Don Welch**, at Ryman Healthcare wing, at 12:45am Thursday morning. In the hours leading up to his death, myself and others were able to visit and pray with Don & Noeleen his wife, who was with him so tenderly throughout his quick decline from Wednesday morning. A small private funeral is being planned for Saturday morning. Don was a man of the land, nature and wildlife. One of the farming community of Matawai, often working with Andrew & Diane McLean on their farm up there. Don was born in New York, was a marathon runner, a superb gardener and a gentle man. He was also the person who made the replica Bell Tower in the church foyer. This delightful photo of Don & Noeleen was taken just 2 weeks ago as they celebrated their 66th Wedding Anniversary at Ryman. What a lovely memory, before his peaceful passing this week.



From this weeks Leadership Team Meeting – I am pleased to advise that the **Leadership Team has approved the new ‘Church Leader’ Job Description and the advertising of this position nationwide. We are seeking a full time Church Leader to join our Elders in team ministry leading our congregation. This person may be ordained or a lay leader.** You are able to view the full Job Description on our church website mup.org.nz

Also from this meeting, we have decided to do away with the ‘Letterbox Collection’ of offerings, in the Church foyer, and **go back to taking up the Sunday morning offering with the passing around of the Offering Bags in the Service.** The foyer collection box was brought in during the covid health measures time, but is not as efficient nor necessary now. Than you to those who confirmed these thoughts to us with your submission to LT.



FEBC NZ Emergency Radio Project – Our church has been asked by FEBC if we would co-ordinate the distribution of 40 of these ‘clever radios’ to vulnerable folk / communities in our region, for times of natural disaster. Mission organisation, FEBC is known for their work in Africa, Asia and Ukraine, where a part of what they do is distribute these ‘clever radios’ to places that do not have access to the Gospel. Now in NZ, FEBC has established a project fund to supply Emergency Radios. They call them “Clever radios” because they have so many charging options and uses, and don’t need batteries. They are clever, not “smart” devices that require internet connections. This radio relies on solar energy or crank supplied power to the inbuilt rechargeable battery. It can also take 3x AAA batteries, and can be charged by mains power. It will receive AM, FM and Shortwave broadcast signals. **Paul Madsen is heading up the distribution**, to those households least likely to buy an emergency radio for themselves and ideally, folk who would connect to others in their isolated areas. This distribution is not primarily to the church community, but from the church community. **Let Paul know if you know of people who would be suitable for this gift.**

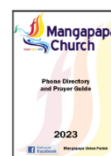


For Prayer this Week:

- **Pray for the ‘New Church Leader’ applications sought**, which commences this week.
- **Noeleen Welch** – the Funeral for Don on Saturday, their family and next week as she adjusts to life without Don.
- **Pray for our Term 2 Sunday School teachers** – they are:

Peren & Ashley Mountfort, Anna Alder, Raewyn, Theobald, John Hill and Marilyn Patrick.

Next ‘TOSS Garage Sale’ – Thursday 11th May, 8:45am to midday. If it rains on Thursday it will be postponed to the next day, Friday 12th May.



2023 Church Directory – This has been printed and you can pick up a copy from the table in the church foyer. There is one black & white copy per family. Colour copies are available for \$5. If you would like a colour copy, see Dione in the office.

To those who provided meals for people affected by the flooding – your dishes are available to collect from the church foyer.

End Of Year Donation Receipts – These have been done and emailed. If you need a printed one, let Dione know in the office. Printed ones are available to collect from the table in the church foyer.