

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am MUP Prayer meeting in the Church House
TONIGHT	6.30pm Prayer Service @ MUP
Tues 17 Mar	10am CWCI Fellowship Day for Women
Sun 22 Mar	5.30pm Te Hahi Combined Churches service
Sat 28 Mar	8am Men's Breakfast - with Guest Speaker
Sat 28 Mar	2pm Missions Fundraiser Afternoon Tea
Sun 29 Mar	10am Missions Service with Guest Speaker Jeff Woollett



**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 on Mondays in the church house. See 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'** – Meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7.30am, currently at Noel Dunn's place. Contact John Hawkworth for more info.

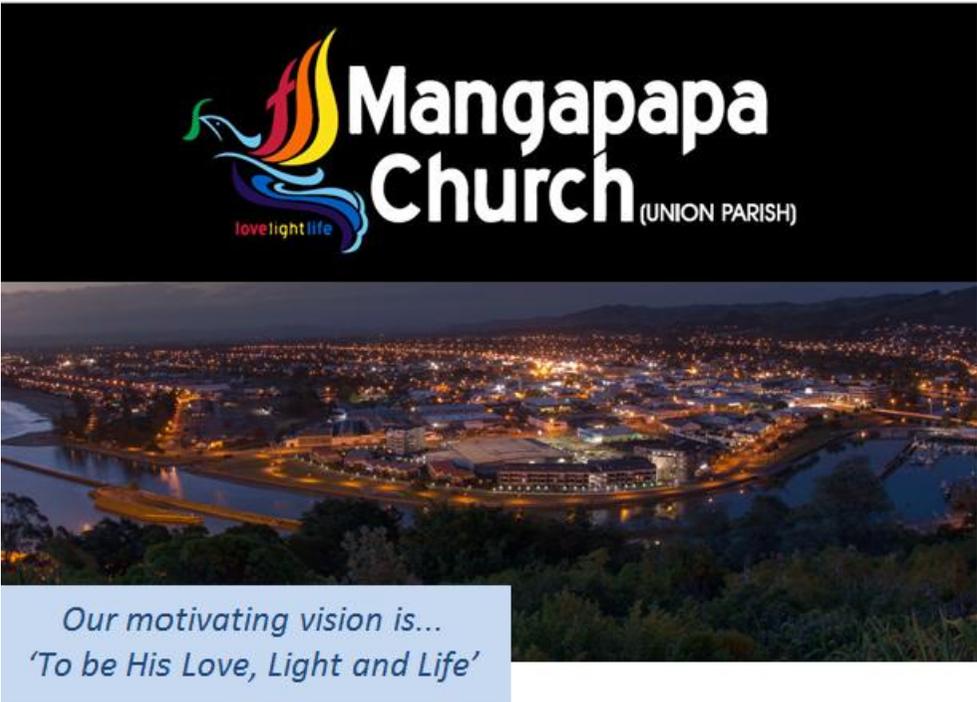
**'Womens Lunch Study Group'** – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch. Next meeting will be 19<sup>th</sup> March. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

**Women's 'Growth Group'** – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm at Diane McLean's. Next meeting will be 19<sup>th</sup> March. Contact Diane McLean for more info.

"God is able to take the mess of our past and turn it into a message." - Christine Caine

**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 15 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Greeters</b>	J Dyas, L McAra	N Aston, J Phin
<b>Ministry Team</b>	A Russell	D Russell
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	M Patrick, A Tyler, P Oram	G Briant, J Dyas
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	R Nelson / A Russell	Z Cowley / D Russell
<b>Counters</b>	B Wheeler	N Coffey



**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**10am: "Receptivity / Response – The Rhythm Of The Way"**

*Psalm 84:4-5*

**Leading: Shane Roche      Preaching: Stewart Patrick**  
**Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick**

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*Kidzspace (4-8yrs) go out with Ali Roche & Jen this morning.  
Matrix (9-14yrs) go out with Raewyn Theobald & Carlize.*

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

**Stewart shares the message with us this morning. He writes...**

Psalm 84:4-5 *“What joy for those who can live in your house, always singing your praises.*



*What joy for those whose strength comes from the Lord, who have set their minds on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem.”*

Today's message and meditation focus is on Psalm 84, especially verses 4 and 5. We will see that 'receptivity' is a precious awareness to God we must never take for granted. The principle of 'Receiving / Response' is inherent throughout all of creation, including within you and me.



**Prayer Service – 6.30pm Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March**  
Here at MUP. Come and join us in praying for MUP, our community, district and nation.

### **Congratulations to Nona & Angela!**

Earlier this week I had the privilege of attending a commissioning service at Gisborne Hospital for our very own **Nona Aston** and **Angela Paton**. Both have stepped into volunteer hospital chaplain roles, serving those who are sick in our community.



It was wonderful to hear about the journeys that have led them to this ministry and how God has been preparing them for this special work. Please keep Nona and Angela in your prayers as they begin serving in this important role. We're very proud of you both.

**The Hope Project 'Easter Booklet Delivery' –**  
**A big 'thank you' to our HOPE Booklet delivery volunteers –** Shane, Raewyn, Zebrina, Gillian, Lorraine, Leon, Margot, John & Angela, Diane, Joy, Mary, Zandro, Stewart, Richard, Isaac & family. They are walking or biking the 6 zones of our Mangapapa area and placing the booklet into all letterboxes except those 'No Junk Mail' boxes. They will pray for the area and homes as they go too. You can preview the HOPE booklet online [here](#).



**Moira Smith** is in Te Wiremu rest home now - Rimu Section, Room 9. Please feel free to visit and encourage her.

**An Opportunity To Sow Into Missions** – Peren Mountfort has a friend called Mike Chen who he knew from university, and who is raising support. He is working for Tandem Ministries in Auckland. Mike was previously involved in student ministry but has now become more involved in corporate business. He recently left his corporate role to become a missionary, and his vision is to reach isolated business people and mentor them to grow and share their faith, so some can become missionaries in NZ and overseas. Mike is looking for supporters: prayer, financial, and referrals to others who may be interested. If anyone wants to hear more, please speak to Peren who can connect you with Mike.

**Knitters! An Opportunity To Bless Our Community** – We have had a request from Maternity at Gisborne Hospital for anyone who may be interested in knitting or crocheting mini teddy bears. These teddy bears are used to help in the grieving process for the parents of still born babies – one teddy goes with the baby, and one is given to the parents. This is a lovely opportunity to be able to bless a family that is hurting. We are currently sourcing some patterns. If anyone is interested, please contact the office.



**Just a gentle reminder that coffee is now available** before our Sunday services. Feel free to come a little earlier to connect with others, have a chat, pray with someone, or simply listen to the worship as you prepare for the service.



### **Missions Fundraiser Afternoon Tea – 2pm Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March**



A fundraising afternoon tea with friends here at Mangapapa Church. Both men and women welcome. Cost is a koha. Bring along your favourite craft to do (and perhaps display a finished product), followed by a delicious afternoon tea with Jeff Woollett sharing a little of the work of Barnabas Aid.

**St Andrew's Church & Matawhero Church Closures** – These churches will be closing on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026 and they are inviting you to join their thanksgiving and celebration events over King's Birthday Weekend (29<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June). If you are interested in attending then please register your interest at [standrewsgisb@xtra.co.nz](mailto:standrewsgisb@xtra.co.nz) so they can keep you informed of what is happening. See Poster on the church noticeboard at the back.



**Foodbank** – Our current foodbank needs are:  
Biscuits, UHT milk or milk powder, milo/hot chocolate, dishwash liq, washing powder, 2 Min Noodles, potatoes or potato flakes, rubbish bags.