

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
Sat 28 th Oct	Working Bee



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 – Over winter they are meeting Mondays at 1.30pm in the Church House. For more info contact 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.

'Womens Lunch Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch. Next meeting, 5th October. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

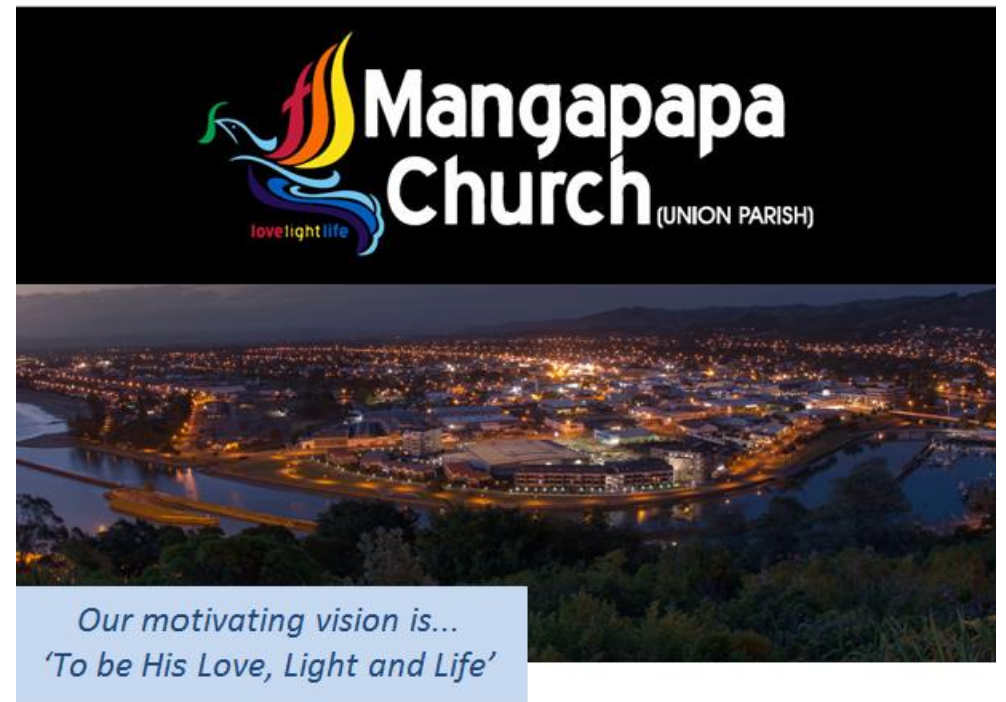
Women's 'Growth Group' – Meets fortnightly on alternate Thursdays to Women's Group, at 1pm in the Church House. Contact Elaine Oates or Diane McLean for more info.



Family First Voter Guide - Family First have put out a **Voter Guide** to help you make informed choices in the upcoming General Election by voting for candidates and parties aligned with your values. The Guide allows voters to see where each party stands – and how each current or past MP seeking re-election has voted – on important social issues. **Copies available on the table at the back.**

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 Sunda 15 th Oct
Greeters	J Dyas, L McAra	J & L Hawksworth
Explorers Crèche	School Holidays	Parents
Ministry Team	E Oates	S Clement
Cups of Tea	M Smith, L Hindle	P Oram, M Freeman, N Aston
AV & Sound	P Madsen,	D Russell, A Russell
Counters	A Radcliffe	G Stevenson



Sunday 8th October 2023

10am: "The Power of the Holy Spirit"
Acts 1 and 2

Leading: Andrew Russell

Preaching: John Hill

Duty Elder: Paul Madsen

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

School Holidays programme for children.

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

John Hill Shares with us this morning.

Acts 1 and 2

It is never too late to receive the power of the Holy Spirit.
Let us give Him the glory and honour and praise He deserves.

Stewart writes... This morning myself along with Brian & Jo Yuile, and Metui

Raitaukala, are down in Wairoa, St Andrews Church. leading their Service there. We would appreciate your prayers for a blessed time encouraging the folk there, and for safe travels.



Thank you for the positive feedback received during the week in regards Shane & Ali Roche, and the MUP leadership planning in faith, to see them come to N.Z. and take up the Church Leader position here @ MUP. Last Sunday we made available to you a comprehensive paper copy of this story and journey so far, and the pathway we are following. This paper is available again this morning for any who missed it. **We do ask that this**

paper is kept in the MUP Church family, as there is much that is personal in the story. We want YOU, our MUP family to be informed and to pray with us in this. It is the Lord that has led us to this point and we want to see His hand in all our decisions ahead. Now here again are the 10 points on the pathway that we are following at this time;

- 1) We have taken down the advertising for the Church Leader position and closed off the applications. – **done.**
- 2) Sharing the remarkable story so far, with the Church – **doing that now.**
- 3) Ask Shane to give us references/referees – **underway.**
- 4) Stewart updates our two Partner Denominations with what we are doing – **underway**
- 5) The MUP Search Team work out a financial package and Employment conditions – **to be commenced.**
- 6) Shane & Ali record a 20-25minute video interview with MUP leaders, that can be played to the MUP congregation, one Sunday morning – **To be done. Questions from any member of MUP welcomed for this interview. Forward your question to Stewart or to the MUP Office.**
- 7) MUP Congregational vote – **This will likely take place one week after the screening of the video interview, but to be confirmed.**
- 8) Prepare a draft Employment Contract – **To be done.**
- 9) Shane, Ali & family exploratory visit to N.Z., Gisborne and MUP Church, 22 March – 14 April 2024. Shane to preach @ MUP one Sunday – **Shane & Ali have booked their flights to come.**
- 10) Final decisions are made – **Note: visa applications are being made now, & so timing of their coming will depend on Immigration N.Z. We Pray now!**

Congratulations - Andrew & Dione Russell celebrated their 30th Wedding Anniversary last week.



For Prayer this Week:

- **Pray for the Elders & Search Team** as we work through many more details of the New Church Leader process.
 - **Pray for those unwell, receiving treatment or recovering.**
- **Pray for our Sunday School children –** They were really great last week in the 'Thanksgiving Family Service', working away on their 'Thanksgiving Spiral Craft Project'



Working Bee – Mark down Saturday morning 28th October for our next Working Bee at the Church. There will be some painting to be done as we match up our new roof colour scheme with the roof trim in places, along with many other Spring tasks to tackle.

Hymnalong this Friday 10am at Darcys. We will commence with Devonshire tea without the Devon come along to find out what that means



Foodbank – We have been receiving regular requests for food parcels, usually for large families and are now low on many items: weetbix, baked beans, canola oil, pasta sauce, rice, spreads (jam, peanut butter etc) 2 Min Noodles, soap, washing powder, toothpaste, dishwashing liquid, muesli bars, rubbish bags, rubbish stickers.



Congratulations to Zebrina for winning the demi- character section and also the Cup for "Most Enjoyable Ballet Item overall" with her "Little Matchgirl" demi character dance. At last month's dance competition.

LOST one black heater the same as this one in the prayer room. Last seen in July, in the church kitchen. Please let Marilyn know if you know its whereabouts.

