

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am MUP Prayer meeting in the Church House
Sat 10 th Oct	Leadership Away Day
Thurs 15 th Oct	8.30am-12noon TOSS Garage sale
Sat 17 th Oct	8am Men's Breakfast
Wed 28 th Oct	6.30pm Light Party Volunteers meeting
Thur 29 th Oct	Sonrise School Presence - Praise & Worship night
Sat 31 st Oct	Light Party @ MUP
20-22 Nov	MUP Men's Weekend away



Church Office Hours: 9am - 12noon, Mon - Fri

Mon-Fri 28 Sept – 2 October 9am – 11.30am (first week of 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 (but not in school holidays). Contact Maureen Wilson for more info.

‘Men’s Group’ – Meets 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 15th October. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

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

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 18 th October
Greeters	J & L Hawksworth	N Aston, M Wilson
Ministry Team	D Russell	A Clement
Cups of Tea	A Dehne-Walker, J Paton	I McCoy, D McLean
AV & Sound	E Oates, S Patrick	R Theobald / D Russell
Counters	B Wheeler	N Coffey



Sunday 11th October 2026

10am: All-Ages Family Service

Leading & Preaching: Shane & Ali Roche

Duty Elder: Shane Roche

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Elders Team

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Kids – Stay in for the Family Service this morning.

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

✚ God the Gardener – Family Service



This Sunday we're beginning a brand-new series, God the Gardener, with a special Family Service for all ages.

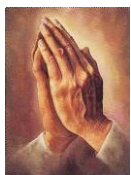
Jesus often used the everyday world around him to help people understand something about God. This week we'll explore one of his best-known stories — the Parable of the Sower — and discover what seeds, soil and growing things might

teach us about our own lives and faith. There'll be plenty for children (and grown-ups!) to get involved with as we think about what it means for God's Word to take root and grow in us.

Key Scriptures: Luke 8:4-15, Matthew 13:1-23



Prayer and Praise this week:

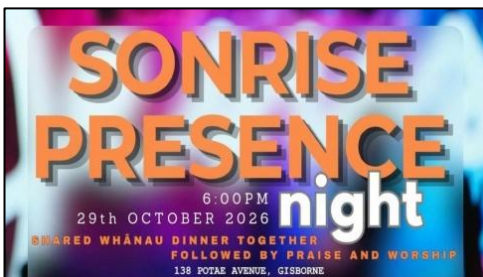


- Continue to pray for complete recovery for Maureen and Jean.
- Continue to pray for Gill Sharp as she plans to return home.
- Pray for the many others who are struggling with health concerns, and especially Noel Dunn.
- Praise God for all the encouraging testimonies that are arising from the difficult situations that many of our church family are going

through. May they grow in their knowledge and experience of the presence and love of God in their lives.

If you have any prayer requests please let a member of our team know or contact the office. For more personal or private matters, our Intercessor Prayer group and Prayer Chain are also available. *'When we pray, coincidences happen...'*

Sonrise Christian School warmly invites you to gather with them for



a special evening of fellowship, prayer, and worship from **6pm-7.30pm on Thursday, 29th October 2026** at Sonrise Christian School, 138 Potae Ave. Commences with a shared Whānau Dinner and then an hour of praise, worship and prayer – led by a guest worship team from Equippers Bible College. In addition, local church leaders will share and declare God's

promises over the school and city. Their hope is to gather as many local believers as possible to stand together in unity, share a meal, and invite the Lord to move powerfully in our community as we seek His presence together.

(Please note the date change to Thursday 29th October.)



HOB Thriving Women's Event – 7pm-9pm

Friday 16th October – Women, you are invited to an evening hosted by HOB's Empower Women's Ministry. Featuring guest speakers mother/daughter duo Joanne Seymore and Jacqueline Rawiri, sharing their testimonies of overcoming and thriving. Includes local stalls and light supper. \$5 per ticket. Tickets are available from House Of Breakthrough, or scan the QR code on the flyer to pay online. See our church noticeboard for more details.



Thursday Open Shed Sale: 8.30am-12noon Thursday

15th October – Please feel free to pass on any items you no longer need. Just bring them to church or drop them in to the office during the week. **Just no books or clothing please**



Saturday 31st October – We are hosting the Light Party again this year, with the help of some of the other churches around Gizzy. We will be needing volunteers to help with running stalls, bouncy castles, security etc, so if you would like to be involved come along to the **Volunteers Meeting at 6.30pm on Wednesday 28th October, here at MUP**. All volunteers, from MUP and the other churches will be there and it will be a time for getting to know each other, getting instructions and answering questions.

MUP Men's Weekend – Friday to Sunday, 20-22 November

Come on Mangapapa Men! Come away for a fun weekend relaxing together at Whanarua Bay. We've secured a second batch next to John and Lyn's place, so there's plenty of space available. It'll be a chance to enjoy some good company, food and time together. If you'd like to come along and book a place, please let **Shane or John** know.



Foodbank – Current needs are:

Pasta, 2 Min Noodles, coffee, 500ml cooking oil, canned peas, canned corn, toilet paper, canned fruit, pasta sauce, milk powder, milo

