

Dates to Remember	
Week days	10am-12noon Morning Tea at the Church House Lounge



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 23rd March.

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 19 th March
Greeters	A Clement, Y White	M Raitaukala, M Wilson
Explorers Crèche	Parents	Parents
Ministry Team	M Freeman	E Oates
Cups of Tea	I McCoy, W Carstens	D McLean, P Oram
AV & Sound	R Nelson / Volunteer	P Madsen / N Dunn
Counters	B Wheeler	G Stevenson



Sunday 12th March 2023

10am: "Joseph: God's Heart For Reconciliation"

Genesis 45:3-8

With Communion

Leading: Elaine Oates

Preaching: Paul Madsen

Duty Elder: Al Clement

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Elders Team

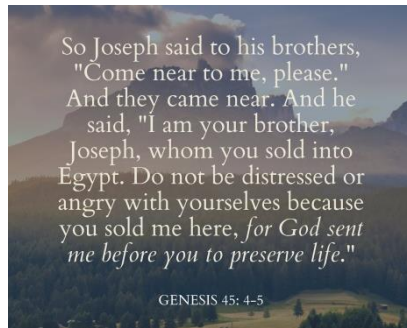
Stewart Patrick: 021 047 0795 Rodney Judd: 06 863-2400 Al Clement: 027 855 5949
 Paul Madsen: 027 511 4769

'Explorers' creche is available for 1-4 years. Parents will need to stay and supervise. Primary & Intermediate age children go out with Raewyn & Marilyn.

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

Paul shares the message with us this morning. He writes ...

Reading the story of Joseph and his brothers is the story of a dysfunctional blended family. There are attempted murders, lies and deceptions, failure to honour promises, jealousy and insecurity, arrogance and bad decisions. Yet through it all we see God's heart for reconciliation, and how the story of Joseph and his brothers points to Jesus and the reconciliation He would bring.



Stewart writes... Thankfully I don't have to write about more new flooding events this week! We are all so conscious though, that some of our church folk and many in the community are still going through Insurance and Council negotiations, silt removal processes and working through what the future options are for their housing and property.

I am pleased to advise this week that MUP Church received an unexpected Grant from the 'Sunrise Foundation' of \$5,000 – for distribution to flood affected folk in need, within and/or outside of our church. We have also received several other donations, some from previous church members now living in other centres. This is wonderful but is also a responsibility, and so a small group (chaired by elder, Paul Madsen) has been set up oversee this assessment and distribution of funds given.

We continue to support folk in the ways we can. Meals and morning teas for folk are continuing this week for those who still need that help. Remember too that the office lounge is open for morning tea during the week for anyone needing to chat.



Nice to receive this, this week, from the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of NZ, Right Rev Hamish Galloway - Dear Stewart, I have been keeping up a little with how things are going for you at Mangapapa Union through the Presbytery Clerk, Peter McKenzie. Your area has been so hard hit in recent times! How are you going up there? Certainly, I have been assured from churches all around the country that they are praying for you. Please pass on to your congregation my own thoughts and prayers and those of the wider church of the PCANZ. Is there anything else that the wider church can do for you at this time? Hamish.

For Prayer this Week: We continue to pray for those hit hard by Cyclone Gabriel and the Mangapapa Thunderstorm cell this week – They are still in this gruelling salvaging time, and determining their future.

1) **Pray for our MUP 'Flood Relief Grant Allocation Group'** - that they are given wisdom in their decision making.

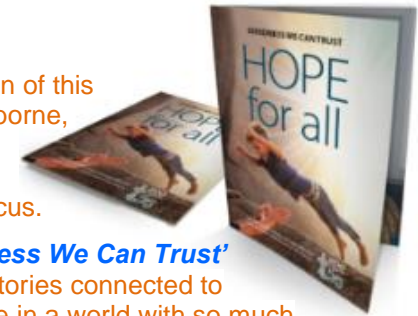


Te Wiremu Lifecare Church Services – MUP Church has been asked if we can please run 4 x 30 minute 'Church Services' this year at Te Wiremu. Gretchen Norman has co-ordinated these for MUP for many years now, but it is time for another, or others, to step up in this role. Each Service is approximately 30 minutes, at 3pm on a Wednesday. The dates we have been asked to fill are: **Wed. 29th March; Wed. 31st May; Wed. 30th August; Wed. 29th November.** Musicians can be available and a typical Service might include - 2 songs/hymns, Scripture reading, testimony, a brief message and prayer. Please contact Stewart if you would like to contribute to organising one or more of these Service dates.



HOPE PROJECT – Easter 2023

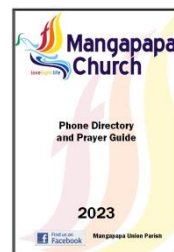
We have just been advised today that the distribution of this year's Easter Hope Project booklet to homes in Gisborne, Napier and Coromandel areas, will be a by a 'paid Delivery service'. This is because of the flooding in These areas taking up so much of the Churches' focus.



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?

Free Firewood To Take Away - Treemarkables have done a great job in cutting down 3 problem trees in the garden and lawn area at the back of the church lounge and creche. Help yourself to the cut to size tree rings, ready for splitting.



Church Directory – Our MUP Church Directory for 2023 is currently being edited. There are two draft copies on the table in the church foyer, along with two pens. If you wish to be in this year's Directory, please check that your details are correct and put a tick there if they are. If they aren't, please write in the correct details. If you are not in there, and would like to be, write your details in the spaces provided at the back. If you want to update your photo, let Dione know.