

Dates to Remember	
Sun 20 th Nov	MUP BBQ Lunch with Vanuatu Men's Group
Sun 4 th Dec	Voting after service for Paul to join Elders Team
Sun 18 th Dec	Christmas Family Service / BBQ Lunch / Farewell Vanuatu
Fri 23 rd Dec	8:15pm Carols By Candlelight



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 at 1.30pm on Tuesdays in the Church House. Contact Maureen Wilson for more info.

'Men's Breakfast Group' – Meets at 7am on Tuesdays. Contact John Hawksworth for more info.

Thursday 'Womens Breakfast' – Meets at 7am on Thursdays in the Church House for Breakfast. For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm in the Church House.

'Christmas Nativity Creations' - As a church we would like to invite you, as an individual, as a family, or as a home group, to create a Christmas nativity scene to display in the church for all of December. On the day of our Christmas Carol event before Christmas, we will invite the public in to view. Let's share the 'Good News' this Christmas. Pictured as an example is one of the displays from a similar event at MUP 20 years ago!



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 20 th November
Greeters	L McAra, J Dyas	M Raitaukala, I McCoy
Explorers Crèche	Parents	Parents
Ministry Team	S Clement	A Clement
Cups of Tea	L Hindle, N Coffey	N Aston, A Alder
Flowers	B Bowis	A Lewis
AV & Sound	R Nelson, J Russell	R Nelson, N Dunn
Counters	A Radcliffe	N Coffey



Sunday 13th November 2022

10am: "What Are You Distracted By?"

"By your steadfastness and patient endurance you shall win the true life of your souls." - Luke 21:5-19

Leading: Dione Russell

Preaching: Stewart Patrick

Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick

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Elders Team

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

Children 4-8 years go out with Marilyn. 9+ years to go out with Janice.

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

Stewart writes... We are approaching the 'Advent Season', (commencing Sunday 27 November). **The season of Advent in the Christian calendar anticipates the "coming of Christ"** from three different perspectives: **1.** The physical nativity in Bethlehem; **2.** The reception of Christ in the heart of the believer; and **3.** The eschatological (final things/results), of Christ's Second Coming. Our Lectionary Reading today from Luke 21, is Jesus' prophetic answer to the Disciples questions; *"When will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?"* The *"these things"* relate to both the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and the city in just 40yrs time, as well as to the times before His Second Coming. Carefully, we look at these Scriptures, and may not get everything right, but I know my text pictured above – Luke 21:19 – is 100% true for the Disciples then and for disciples today. Amen!



For Prayer this Week: - We remember those who have lost loved ones in recent weeks and months – Diane, Avery, Brian Bound. We pray His continued comfort, presence and leading be theirs by His grace.

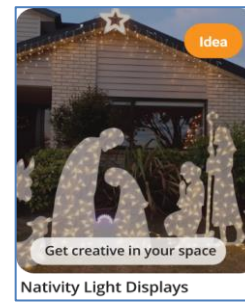
We pray for the new team appointed to commence the process of finding and appointing a new Church Leader. The Search Team members at this point are Stewart (Chair), Dione Russell, Bill Wheeler, Paul Madsen, and one further yet to be appointed. Our first task will be to clearly define the attributes and skills of the person we are seeking and to prepare the Job Description. We are agreed that MUP's 'Team Leadership' DNA will continue and the person we seek may be either a Lay person or ordained. The position may be full-time or part-time. We always welcome your thoughts and comments as we proceed.



We pray for this recommendation to the congregation - that Paul Madsen be appointed an Elder to the MUP Elders Team. With such appointments we seek ratification by a congregational vote, and this will be held after the Service on Sunday 4th December. Paul is currently employed part-time as MUP's 'Lay Leadership Assistant' on a 1yr contract, and will be preaching on 20th November where he will share his story as part of that.



Te Hahi Christmas Hampers - In conjunction with the Te Hahi Police Whangaia Unit, we will be putting together special hampers for families in need this Christmas. If you wish to give to this over the next few weeks, there is a list of items needed for the hampers on the back noticeboard. Please put any food items for them in the regular collection basket – but label them 'for Te Hahi'.



MUP Christmas Events - Displays – Could you draw the outline of these Nativity figures onto 2.4m by 1.2m plywood sheets? If you are clever enough with drawing, Stewart would love to hear from you. We have folk offering to cut them out, thank you, we just need the artistic outlines to follow. The plan is to mount them as an outside display, perhaps on the Sanctuary Roof at the front of the Church, or on the lawn?



'Christmas Family Service', BBQ Lunch & Farewell to Vanuatu Men's Group - 10am Sunday 18th December – This will be a special morning with several folk contributing to the Service and a big lunch to follow. The Vanuatu men who have been with us for the past 2 months, will be heading home for Christmas after 2yrs in NZ, working in orchards in Hawkes Bay and now Gisborne.

Note too: An 'After-Church BBQ Lunch' here @ MUP is also being organised by Roger Levy, with the Vanuatu men, for Sunday 20 November, and we can all join in with that one too. Roger will share about this in the notices.



8:15pm Friday 23rd December
It has been 2 or 3 years since we have been able to hold one of these Community events, and all going well, we will do so this year.

Rosters – The Duty Roster, Music Roster and Leaders & Preachers Roster were sent out this week. As we are still having problems with some emails being blocked, please let the office know if you should have received one but haven't.

I would like to thank my wonderful Mangapapa family for your support over the last couple of weeks. Cards, flowers, food, visits, phone calls, texts, emails and hugs plus the presence of so many of you at Andrew's funeral. I feel so blessed to be surrounded by such love.
Diane McLean

We received a phone message during the weekend from a lady in Ward 9 in Gisborne Hospital. She wanted to say Thank You So Much for the personal gift of the Emergency Bag (contains toiletries), as she had had to go into hospital quickly and hadn't had time to get her toothbrush or anything. She wanted us to know that the E-bag was very much appreciated. – Thank you Anne Russell, Jan Holmberg and Lorraine McAra in all that you do preparing and delivering these.