

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am MUP Prayer meeting in the Church House
Wed 23 rd Sep	10am Hymn-A-Long
Wed 23 rd Sep	6.30pm AGM
Sun 27 th Sep	10am All-Ages Family Service
Sun 27 th Sep	World Vision Chosen sponsors reveal after the service
Sat 10 th Oct	Leadership Away Day



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 (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 17th September. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

Women’s ‘Growth Group’ – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm at Diane McLean’s. Next meeting 17th September. Contact Diane McLean for more info.

"Forbidden fruit creates many jams." - Unknown

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 September
Greeters	N Aston, A Clement	J & L Hawksworth
Ministry Team	D Russell	A Russell
Cups of Tea	P Oram, M Patrick, S Patrick	I McCoy, J Paton
AV & Sound	E Oates / N Dunn	R Theobald / J Holland
Counters	N Coffey	A Radcliffe



Sunday 13th September 2026

10am: ‘Choosing Forgiveness’

Genesis 50:15-21

Leading: Shane Roche

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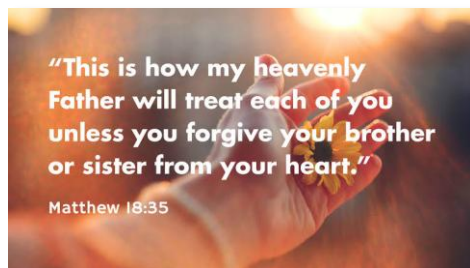
*Kidzspace (4-8yrs) go out with Anna Alder & Joy Hoggan this morning.
Matrix (9-14yrs) go out with Paul Madsen & Richard Harvey.*

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

Diane McLean is sharing the message with us this morning. She writes ...

This morning's reading comes near the end of Joseph's action-packed life. He came from a dysfunctional family, one which dealt with the same problems than any families face today. We see favouritism, resentment and fractured relationships, but ultimately forgiveness and reconciliation. God can use all circumstances to restore our personal relationships, and despite the trials, a better relationship with Him.

Key readings: Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 55:12-14; Matthew 18:21-35



World Vision Chosen Sponsors – On **Sunday 27th September** we will have a representative from World Vision here, with the envelopes from the children choosing a sponsor. So, for those of you who put your hand up to sponsor a child and had your photo taken, you will be able to find out after the service which child chose you.



7pm Wednesday 23rd September – The AGM reports and Financial Performance report is available to collect from the church foyer. Please take one and read it before the AGM, as the reports will be taken as read on the night.



MUCKING ABOUT

Last Saturday, with the cold wind blowing, I busied myself mucking out the horse paddock. It is amazing how much 'muck' three horses create. Across the paddock the older piles indicate that the horses tend to leave a circle of about 1 metre around a deposit. Removing the muck opens up more grazing grass, looks better, and helps to enrich the vegetable garden.

My thoughts, as I worked, turned metaphoric. All life produces muck (we have a wide number of synonyms for it) and we do our best to clean it up. Organisations also produce waste material that looks bad, hinders growth and needs to be dealt with. The metaphoric muck in our churches comes from the natural processes of people living together – arising from misunderstandings, different ideas, conflicting priorities and stubborn defence. This is not a sign of disfunction but a normal part of being a living organisation.

An organisation, like a horse paddock, needs regular mucking out to remove the small piles before they cause problems. Piles left too long are soon woven to the ground by the grass growing through them and are difficult to remove. Fresh piles lift off easily and the grass is quick to recover underneath them. Mucking out is not the most glamorous job but its natural, necessary and ultimately beneficial for both the paddock and the vege garden. My physical efforts were followed by half an hour of driving the harrows around the paddock cocooned in the warmth and out of the wind – I'm not sure where the metaphor was heading from there.

Pray this week for our natural interactions with each other that sometimes produces muck that needs to be dealt with. Pray for the times when the muck builds up – and pray for the people that come to muck out or bring in the harrows.

Peter MacKenzie, Executive Secretary

(Excerpt from Presbytery Central Roundup 26 August 2026)



Our Next Hymn Sing-A-Long – Will be at **10am on Wednesday 23rd September**, here at MUP. Come and join in a cuppa and singing some of your favourite hymns. All welcome.



Foodbank – Thank you to those who give to this ministry. Current needs are:

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