

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
Coming up	Movie Night - Still Alice. Screening at MUP.



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 at 2pm in the Church House. For more info contact Elaine Oates.

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study – Meets at 1.30pm in the Church House. For more info contact Maureen Wilson.

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

'Abiding Life Course' – Meets at 3pm on Wednesdays in the Church House. Contact Stewart Patrick for more info.

'Womens Lunch Study Group' – This Thursday, 18th April, is a social meeting for lunch, 11.30am at the Museum. Next Bible Study will be 2nd May. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm in the Church House. Next meeting Thursday 9th May. Contact Elaine Oates or Diane McLean for more info.

"Without God, we can't. Without us, God won't."
- Charles Spurgeon

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 21 st April
Greeters	L McAra, M Wilson	J & L Hawksworth
Ministry Team	M Freeman	E Oates
Cups of Tea	N Aston, I McCoy	L Hindle, <i>Volunteer</i>
AV & Sound	P Madsen / D Russell	D Russell / <i>Volunteer</i>
Counters	N Coffey	B Wheeler



Our motivating vision is...
'To be His Love, Light and Life'

Sunday 14th April 2024

10am: 'Love One Another'
John 15:12

Leading: Stewart Patrick Preaching: John Hill
Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick

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Kids have school holiday programmes this week.

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

Last Sunday we looked at the incredible gift of 'Peace' that Christ gave to His disciples and to us. **This week John leads us in considering the commandment that Christ also gave to His disciples and us – to "Love one another."**

It's a challenging commandment at times, but we must believe that if the Lord requires it of us, He must come and be my love when I cannot. His love will come and flow through us, as we submit to Him in obedience. Did you know there are at least 18 **'One Another'** Scriptures in the New Testament? It is a great study to go through these in a Small Group setting – with one another. We have run off copies of this simple study **"One Another" Verses in Scripture** and it will be available on the table in the Church Foyer.

Love one another
as I have
loved you.
John 15:12

Stewart writes... Thank you Church for turning out in great numbers on Wednesday evening for the **'Kiwi Pot Luck Dinner & Testimonies'** from Shane & Ali Roche. It was a lovely time, and hearing this couple's journey truly moving and inspiring. They shared with us how much at home they feel here with us at MUP. If you were not able to be there, we have video recorded the Testimonies and the songs they sang. It won't be posted online, but is available from Dione at the Church Office. If you bring in a USB stick it can be loaded on for you.



Shane & Ali, Isabelle, Esme and Ali's sister Jenny, begin their long journey for home, Tewkesbury, UK. at 8:00am today, Sunday. Some of us will be out at the Airport to farewell them I'm sure. They have loved their time here. They shed grateful tears at the love shown to them – Rodney's car, Anna's incredible hospitality and Beach home, the love gifts and the 'Kiwiana Gift Box' that many contributed to. Now we pray for the Lord's will to be done, and our hope is their return to these shores will be not far away.

Easter Memories – For those who were away or missed Easter Sunday morning at MUP, here is one image that needs to be seen again – Gill Sharp's beautiful Cross & Roses display.




'The First Need Of The Church' by **John Stott** – This article arrived this week from 'Plough' and it gives an excellent further insight to our theme to Jesus' words we shared last week, **"Peace be with you"**. [You can access the article here.](#) **The key point Stott makes is this; *It is utterly impossible to preach the gospel of peace to others unless we ourselves have peace.*** Indeed, the greatest single reason for the church's evangelistic disobedience centres in the church's doubts. We are not sure if our own sins are forgiven. We are not sure if the Gospel is true. And so, because we doubt, we are dumb. We need to hear again Christ's word of peace, and see again His hands and His side. Once we are glad that we have seen the Lord, and once we have clearly recognised Him as our crucified and risen Saviour, then nothing and no one will be able to silence us.



For Prayer this Week:

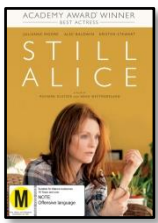
- 1) Pray for those who have been unwell this week.
- 2) Pray for **John & Angela Paton**, helping friends in Argentina.
- 3) Pray for **Shane & Ali Roche and family** – Health, strength and some sleep on their long journey back to the UK.



Coming Up!

Movie Night! 'Still Alice'

The story of Alice, who receives a diagnosis of early-onset Alzheimers disease, and how she and her family handled it. To be screened at MUP.

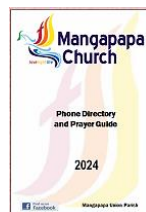


Watch this space for further details.

End of Year Donation Receipts – These have now been done up and emailed out. For those whom we don't have email addresses for – your receipt has been printed and you can collect it from the table in the church foyer.



Dione is taking annual leave this week, but will be back in the office on Monday 22nd April. Paul Madsen will be 'manning' the office while she is away. Thanks heaps Paul!



2024 Church Directory – If you're not in the Directory, and you attend MUP regularly, we would encourage you to put your contact details in there. The Church Directory is solely for the private use of the people listed in it, and there is a draft copy in the foyer. It is also good to put a photo in, so that people can 'put a name to the face'. Either email one to the office or catch Dione or Marilyn after church and they will take one for you.