

Dates to Remember	
25-27 May	Trauma & Anxiety Workshop by Sandra Sellmer-Kersten
16-18 Jun	40 Hour Famine

**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.

**'Womens Group'** – Meeting sporadically at present. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

**Women's 'Growth Group'** – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm in the Church House. Contact Elaine Oates or Diane McLean for more info.

**2023 Church Directory** – This has been printed and you can pick up a copy from the table in the church foyer. There is one black & white copy per family. Colour copies are available for \$5. If you would like a colour copy, see Dione in the office.

**To those who provided meals for people affected by the flooding** – your dishes are available to collect from the church foyer.

**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 <sup>st</sup> May
<b>Greeters</b>	N Aston, M Potter	I McCoy, J Phin
<b>Explorers Crèche</b>	Parents	Parents
<b>Ministry Team</b>	E Oates	S Clement
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	P Oram, <i>Volunteer</i>	A Tyler, W Carstens
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	D Russell / <i>Volunteer</i>	R Nelson / N Dunn
<b>Counters</b>	G Stevenson	A Radcliffe

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**10am: "The One True God"**

*Acts 17:16-31*

**Leading: Andrew Russell      Preaching: Diane McLean**

**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

*Kids are to go out with John during the service.*

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

**Diane McLean shares the message for us with us this morning, from the Lectionary Reading for today; Acts 17:16-31. Her key verse being Acts 17:24.**

Paul must have struggled to present a concept of One God to cultures which had multiple gods and thought systems. But by the Holy Spirit, he did it, beautifully and without offence. The result? Same as in every age. Some mocked, others postponed, and some believed. Amen!

“THE GOD WHO MADE THE WORLD AND EVERYTHING IN IT IS THE LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH AND DOES NOT LIVE IN TEMPLES BUILT BY HUMAN HANDS. AND HE IS NOT SERVED BY HUMAN HANDS, AS IF HE NEEDED ANYTHING. RATHER, HE HIMSELF GIVES EVERYONE LIFE AND BREATH AND EVERYTHING ELSE. ACTS 17:24-25

**Stewart writes...** For the first time that I can remember in the past few years, due to illness – covid, we have had to make changes to the Sunday Service Worship team. Both Marilyn and myself (just now, Friday morning) have covid, and also Angela who was to be playing. Thank you to those who have stepped up in leading this morning. There are others of our congregation who are recovering and isolating too this week. Remember, if you are feeling unwell, stay home and test.

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.  
Matthew 20:28

**One week on from the Coronation of King Charles III**, I just want to make this observation; It was a stunning witness to the Gospel, and it provided a massive contrast of what ‘servant leadership’ truly is, to what ‘fleshly leaders’ have displayed all over the world in just one week! I have referred to this in the Herald ‘Christian Comment’ column

yesterday. The very opening moments of that Coronation Service said it all – The child, Samuel Strachan (pictured), addressing The King, “*Your Majesty, as children of the kingdom of God we welcome you in the name of the King of kings.*” The King replied, “*In His name and after His example I come not to be served but to serve.*” Whatever your opinion of the King may be, we are to respect him (2 Peter 2) and should pray for him in that vow he has made.



**New Church Leader** – Leadership Team has approved the new ‘Church Leader’ Job Description and the advertising of this position nationwide. We are seeking a full time Church Leader to join our Elders in team ministry leading our congregation. This person may be ordained or a lay leader. You are able to view the full Job Description on our church website: [mup.org.nz](http://mup.org.nz)

**Tithes & Offerings Reminder** - We have decided to do away with the ‘Letterbox Collection’ of offerings, in the Church foyer, and **go back to taking up the Sunday morning offering with the passing around of the Offering Bags in the Service.** It is safer to receive the offerings this way and more efficient.



**The FEBC NZ Emergency Radio Project**  
Our church has been asked by FEBC if we would co-ordinate the distribution of 40 of these ‘clever radios’ to vulnerable folk / communities in our region, for times of natural disaster. Mission organisation, FEBC (Far East Broadcasting Company) is known for their work in Africa, Asia and Ukraine, where a part of what they do is distribute these ‘clever radios’ to places that do not have access to the Gospel. **Paul Madsen is heading up the distribution**, to those households least likely to buy an emergency radio for themselves

and ideally, folk who would connect to others in their isolated areas. This distribution is not primarily to the church community, but from the church community. **Let Paul know if you know of people who would be suitable for this gift.**



**For Prayer this Week:**

- **Pray for the ‘New Church Leader’**- applications sought.
- **Noeleen Welch** – adjusting to life at Ryman without Don.
- **Pray for Val Judd** – Val will be some weeks in recovery after breaking her pelvis and undergoing surgery earlier this week.

**God’s Provision In A Trash Bag** – Sometimes someone’s trash is another person’s treasure! Last week somebody left two black rubbish bags of clothes etc outside the church. A lot needed to be thrown out but about 1/3 was an amazing supply of size 0-6 months garments, in pretty unused order, perfect for Angela to take this treasure to the Philippines in July. Thank you Lord!



**Trauma & Anxiety Workshop** - Sandra Sellmer-Kersten will be holding a **Trauma & Anxiety Workshop on 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> May at Alive Church.** This is a Thursday evening, Friday 9am-5.30pm and Saturday 9am-5.30pm. **The cost is \$75** and includes a workbook.

Sandra spoke at the last Te Hahi Combined Church Service and held seminars and counselling sessions for some of the flood victims. People who attended were really impressed with her and how she approached prayer and how she prayed. If you would like to attend, please let the office know as we have to inform Te Hahi as they are running it.

**Radio Rhema** are calling for Christians to pray for our nation. They suggest we could do this as we walk around our city this Saturday.