

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am MUP Prayer meeting in the Church House
Tues 17 Mar	10am CWCI Fellowship Day for Women
Sun 22 Mar	5.30pm Te Hahi Combined Churches service
Sat 28 Mar	8am Men's Breakfast - with Guest Speaker
Sat 28 Mar	2pm Missions Fundraiser Afternoon Tea
Sun 29 Mar	10am Missions Service with Guest Speaker Jeff Woollett



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. 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.

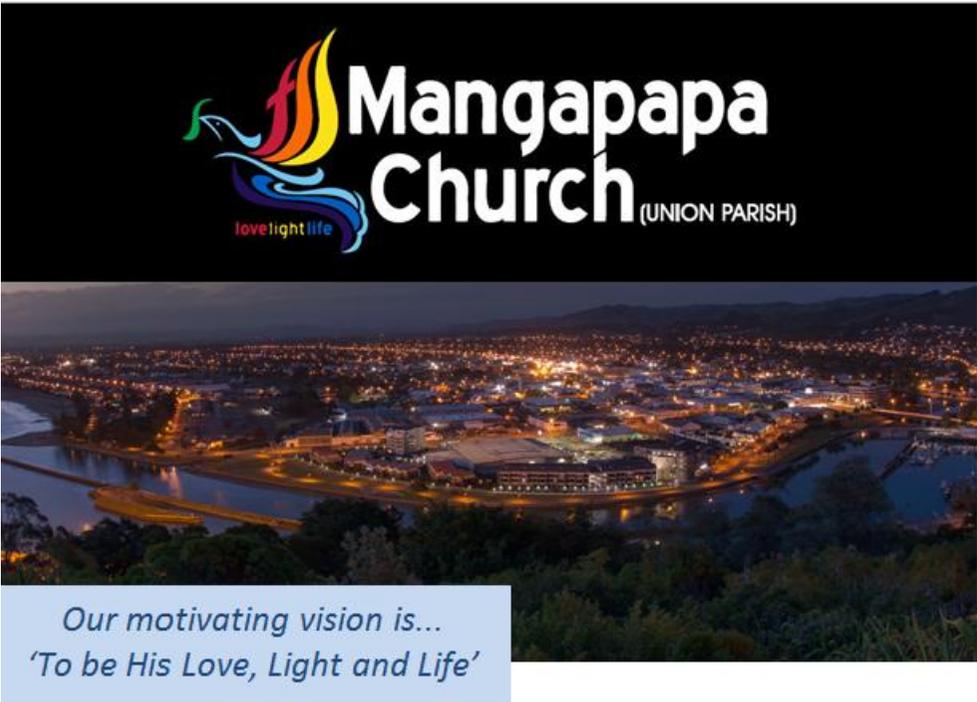
'Womens Lunch Study Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch. Next meeting will be 19th March. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm at Diane McLean's. Next meeting will be 19th March. Contact Diane McLean for more info.

"The only sin Jesus ever had was ours, and the only righteousness we can ever have is His." - A W Tozer

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 22 nd March
Greeters	N Aston, J Phin	J & L Hawksworth
Ministry Team	D Russell	E Oates
Cups of Tea	G Briant, J Dyas	A Dehne-Walker, I McCoy
AV & Sound	D Russell	R Nelson / A Russell
Counters	N Coffey	H van Wijk



Sunday 15th March 2026

10am: "Masks Off"

Leading: Andrew Russell Preaching: Shane Roche
Duty Elder: Andrew Russell

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Elders Team

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*Kidzspace (4-8yrs) go out with Ashley Mountfort & Anne Dehne-Walker.
Matrix (9-14yrs) go out with John Hill this morning.*

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

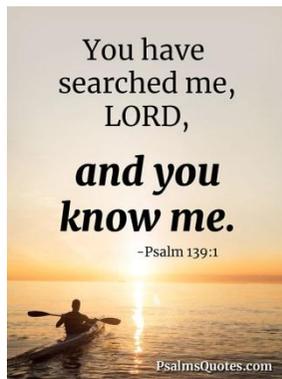
Masks Off - Many of us are experts at wearing masks—hiding from others the true nature of our thoughts, feelings, desires, and needs. Shame, guilt, and the anxiety of judgment can make us worry that our image will be tainted if people see who we really are.

But the Bible reminds us that God already knows our hearts - and He's not a fan of pretence.

This Sunday, we'll explore what it means to have an authentic faith: a faith that is honest, humble, and real. Together, we'll consider what that looks like not just for us as individuals, but for us as His church.

- *Shane*

Key Scriptures: Psalm 139, 1 Samuel 16:7, Matthew 15:8, Matthew 23:25-28, Acts 5:1-11, Luke 18:9-14, James 5:16



Update From The McFarlanes



Students



Shwe Yen



New Kitchen Wall

Kia Ora Everyone, it is going really well here in Loi Tai Leng. A very responsive class a little older than usual, which is good as we are teaching at high speed to squeeze everything in. Some English speakers in the class, so we are able to build some deeper relationships with them. The technology seems very easy and reliable and

I am feeling better and better - I can almost climb the stairs without a break now!
The result of all those prayers about my heart!

- *Alison McFarlane*



Relay 4 Life – Fudge For Sale, \$5 per bag

Zebrina is selling Salted Caramel Fudge after church for the 'Sonrise Superstars' school team. All proceeds go to the Cancer Society, Gisborne. See Zebrina or Raewyn after the service if you would like some. Payment by cash, or you can pay online.

Knitting for Baby Packs – We want to say a big Thank You! to those who keep faithfully knitting the garments and blankets for the Baby Packs that we give to Maternity at the Hospital. They are so appreciated. Just a reminder that the garments need to be 'newborn' size. We have been getting a few lately that are too big, and unfortunately we are unable to include them in the Baby Packs.

An Opportunity To Sow Into Missions – Peren Mountfort has a friend called Mike Chen who he knew from university, and who is raising support. He is working for Tandem Ministries in Auckland. Mike was previously involved in student ministry but has now become more involved in corporate business. He recently left his corporate role to become a missionary, and his vision is to reach isolated business people and mentor them to grow and share their faith, so some can become missionaries in NZ and overseas. Mike is looking for supporters: prayer, financial, and referrals to others who may be interested. If anyone wants to hear more, please speak to Peren who can connect you with Mike.



Fellowship Day for Women – Tuesday 17th March

Invitations are on the foyer table, or check out the poster on the church noticeboard for more information.



Te Hahi Combined Churches Service – 5.30pm

Sunday 22nd March at Alive Church in Leith Street.

Apologies, we have been misadvertising the combined service as being in February, but it is actually 22nd March. Take a salad or dessert to share, and join in getting to know our other Gizzy brothers and sisters in Christ.

Missions Fundraiser Afternoon Tea – 2pm Saturday 28th March



A fundraising afternoon tea with friends here at Mangapapa Church. Both men and women welcome. Cost is a koha. Bring along your favourite craft to do (and perhaps display a finished product), followed by a delicious afternoon tea with Jeff Woollett sharing a little of the work of Barnabas Aid.

St Andrew's Church & Matawhero Church Closures – These churches will be closing on 30th June 2026 and they are inviting you to join their thanksgiving and celebration events over King's Birthday Weekend (29th May – 1st June). If you are interested in attending then please register your interest at standrewsgisb@xtra.co.nz so they can keep you informed of what is happening. See Poster on the church noticeboard at the back.



Foodbank – Our current foodbank needs are:

Biscuits, milo/hot chocolate, dishwash liq, washing powder, flour, potatoes or potato flakes, 2 Min Noodles and rubbish bags.