Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am MUP Prayer meeting in the Church House
Wed 18th Nov	10.30am Beetham Church Service
20-22 Nov	MUP Men's Weekend away
Sun 22nd Nov	10am Testimonies Service
Wed 25th Nov	10am Hymn-A-Long
Sun 29th Nov	10am Missions Service & speaker Pauline Curtis-Smith
Sun 29th Nov	5.30pm Te Hahi Combined Churches Service @ 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 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 Judy McLatchie 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 12th November. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm at Diane McLean's. Next meeting 12th November. Contact Diane McLean for more info.

"What Jesus wants from us is not admiration, but imitation."
– Ronald Rohlheiser

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 22nd November
Greeters	*L McAra, N Aston*	*M Raitaukala, Volunteer*
Ministry Team	*E Oates*	*A Clement*
Cups of Tea	*I McCoy, P Oram*	*N Coffey, J McLatchie*
AV & Sound	*R Theobald / D Russell*	*D Russell / J Holland*
Counters	*B Wheeler*	*N Coffey*



Sunday 15th November 2026

10am: "Imitating God, the Master Gardener"

Leading: Andrew Russell **Preaching: Peren Mountfort**

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Kidzspace & Matrix – all join together to start
Matrix (9-14yrs) go out with Ali & Ashley for Nativity practice

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

Peren Mountfort shares the message with us this morning. He writes …



As we continue with the 'God the Gardener' series, I want to take some time to illustrate and recognise the connection between humans and plants. Both are created by God. Both were created perfectly and can be something of beauty, but without pruning can go astray. When we allow God as the master gardener to work in our lives, God can create something beautiful with our lives. Will we humble ourselves and allow God to work in our lives, or will we slowly be strangled by the weeds of the world? It is a choice – what will you choose to do? Blessings, *Peren*

An Update From Ken & Alison McFarlane - We are leaving tomorrow on our way home - a few days in Whangarei after we arrive as we have a very new baby granddaughter there - her name is Georgia and she is Ross's second child.

We have been very, very busy – Ken putting in a big repeater on top of a ridge with its own solar power and many other technical jobs, while I have been doing a lot of the teaching. Many, many broken things to fix – which have often broken quite suddenly. Partly the very humid climate, which is hard on anything electronic, but also I really think it is also a real spiritual attack, so prayer would be very helpful. I think that it surely must mean that what we are doing is worthwhile!! But, thank you Lord, it is all working now.

We just did a test today, and the students did really well - about 5 all level on a high score of 85%, they seem so bright this year. Also Partners is partnering with an organisation who sends volunteers, and they have had a lot of English teaching from Partners, and the benefit of this is really showing.

In spite of busyness, we did a story night – we had not really planned this because of so much to do, but it was requested by Buen Hom and some of the local teachers. Again, hearing them sing 'Bless The Lord' at high volume is so uplifting. We told the story of Jesus healing the blind man from leprosy – a disease that is seen here, so it was particularly relevant – and the students seemed to be very engaged. At the end we broke into the Chicken Dance to celebrate the healing, so high participation. Of course, the technical equipment and powerpoint broke down, but the message got across anyway. Much more to tell you when we get home — Monday 16th! – *Alison*

Missions Service – Sunday 29th November, with guest speaker Pauline Curtis-Smith from Ruel Foundation Orphanage in the Philippines.

The Te Hahi Fundraiser BBQ – at Woolworths Supermarket will be continuing over the next 2 Saturdays – 21st & 28th November, If you can cook a great sausage sizzle and are willing to man a shift with others from 12pm - 2pm or 2pm - 4pm, please let the office know.



Te Hahi Awhi Baskets – Thank you to those who have already given towards the Awhi Baskets. If you wish to give towards these, **today is the last day to give.** You can give through our online banking *(bank account is on the back of this newsletter)*, but make sure you put 'Awhi Basket' as the reference. Any donations will be included in your MUP end of year tax receipt.



Prayer and Praise this week:

- Pray for Lyn Hawksworth, still in a lot of pain after her knee operation.
- Pray for Noel Dunn and the ongoing health issues after his stroke.
- Continue to pray for Jean and Gill, and their recoveries.
- Praise that Tirzah & Tyrone have completed the new roof on their fire damaged house.

Christmas Float – Can all those who are keen to help do a float for the Christmas parade this year, gather at the end of the service with Raewyn and Tirzah to organise a date for a planning meeting. If you are not going to be at church on Sunday but want to be involved, please let Raewyn Theobald know.

Beetham Healthcare Service: 10:30am on Wednesday 18th November
This week will have a Christmas theme, and Stewart & Marilyn are leading this. Come at 10am to support and to chat with folk having their morning tea.

MUP Men's Weekend – Friday to Sunday, 20-22 November
Next weekend at the relaxing Whanarua Bay. Still plenty of space available for any men who want to join us. A chance to enjoy some good company, food and time together. If you'd like to come please let **Shane or John** know.



Testimony Service - Sunday 22 November – Next Sunday is our Testimony Service. If you have a testimony of the Lord's leading, guidance, provision, goodness, comfort, or correction in your life, please let Angela know. We are seeking three or four individuals to share a recent testimony, each lasting no longer than 5-7 mins.



Combined Churches Service – We are hosting the final Te Hahi Combined Churches service for the year, here at MUP on ***Sunday 29th November***. Commencing with dinner at 5.30pm. Please come along, bring a salad and dessert to contribute to the dinner, and welcome our brothers and sisters in Christ.



Foodbank – Current needs are:
Rubbish stickers, Big Black Rubbish Bags, 2 Min Noodles, canned fruit, canned peas, canned corn, milo/hot chocolate, muesli bars.