

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
Sat 28 th Oct	Working Bee



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 – Over winter they are meeting Mondays at 1.30pm in the Church House. For more info contact 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 Lunch Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch. Next meeting, 19th October. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

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



LOST: One Black Heater

The same as this one in the Prayer Room. Last seen in July, in the church kitchen. Please let Marilyn know if you know of its whereabouts.



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 October
Greeters	J & L Hawksworth	M Raitaukala, I McCoy
Explorers Crèche	Parents	Parents
Ministry Team	S Clement	A Clement
Cups of Tea	P Oram, D McLean, N Aston	A Tyler, M Freeman
AV & Sound	D Russell / A Russell	R Nelson / N Dunn
Counters	G Stevenson	G Stevenson

Mangapapa Church (UNION PARISH)

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

Sunday 15th October 2023

10am: "Future Glory"

Romans 8:18-25

Leading: Angela Paton

Preaching: Frank Darcy

Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick

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Elders Team

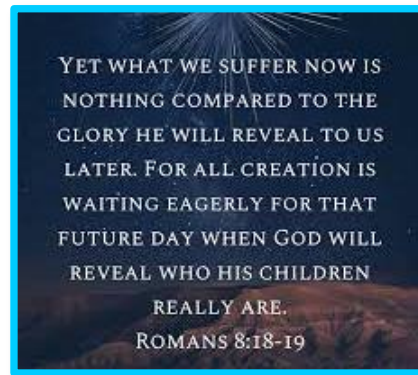
Stewart Patrick: 021 047 0795 Rodney Judd: 06 863-2400 Al Clement: 027 855 5949
 Paul Madsen: 027 511 4769

Children go out with Marilyn Patrick and John Hill this morning.

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

Frank Darcy is sharing the message with us this morning, from Romans 8:18-25. We look forward to hearing what he has to say.

Stewart writes... With an exciting but busy time ahead of us here in the next 9 months at MUP Church, I made a decision this week to stop my monthly leading and preaching at other Churches, in particular St Johns Church, Te Karaka, and limiting my times down in St Andrews, Wairoa. Both Marilyn and I sense this is a 'season' of much importance for MUP and with the prospect of a new Church Leader coming at some point in 2024, we want to focus our energies on preparing the best we can for that.



'The 3 Parishes – Scenario Workshop' – Leaders from MUP, St Andrews / Matawhero and St Davids Presbyterian Parishes, met together last Tuesday afternoon for a 2nd Workshop with facilitators Rev Stuart Simpson and Rob McIntosh from Presbytery Central. The objective of these workshops was, through conversation, for the churches to work out what is needed to sustain God's ministry and mission collectively in Gisborne. All Parish leaders have found these workshops worthwhile and challenging. A few of many key points to emerge were;

- We discerned the unique mission opportunities of each Parish, in each location, eg; St Andrews – central city, 1,000's at neighbour 'Pak 'n Save' every day. What could mid-week church opportunities look like? 'Jesus Saves' ☺ Coffee Bar? Counselling? Community Services hub?
- The Gospel and centrality of Christ was acknowledged by all Parishes.
- We collectively want to build connection, encouragement, resourcing.
- 'Lay-Leadership' of Parishes nationwide, is becoming more important, and must be more easily enabled. (We were able to speak to that with MUP's vast experience since the 1980's!)

For Prayer this Week:



- **3 MUP Church folk have had their cars stolen in the past month** – Dione Russell, Angela Paton and Laraine Hindle. For each of the cars there is substantial damage or it is written off. Insurance excesses to pay, and decisions to make as to whether you participate in 'wrap-around' Social Services meetings with the offenders? Very upsetting in many ways for these folk.
- **Pray for the Elders & Search Team** as we work through many more details of the New Church Leader process. **Pray for Shane & Ali Roche** – undertaking the **several** application processes to emigrate to NZ and for Ali to work as a Midwife here.

- **Pray for those unwell, receiving treatment or recovering.** You will know them. Bill Wheeler became a 'bionic man' (his words) this week with a whole new knee operation – recover well Ironman!
- **Pray for the new Government to be formed** – with humility, partnership, moral awareness and service to the nation. We are to pray for these leaders.



Working Bee – Mark down Saturday morning 28th October for our next Working Bee at the Church. There will be some painting to be done as we match up our new roof colour scheme with the roof trim in places, along with many other Spring tasks to tackle.



Foodbank – We have been receiving regular requests for food parcels, usually for large families and are now low on many items: weetbix, baked beans, canola oil, pasta sauce, rice, spreads (jam, peanut butter etc) 2 Min Noodles, soap, washing powder, toothpaste, dishwashing liquid, muesli bars, rubbish bags, rubbish stickers.



6 Pack Empty Egg Cartons – If you have any spare ones of these, we would appreciate for the food bank, to allow us to split into individual parcels any trays of eggs we are given.



DO YOU KNOW WHERE THESE CURRICULUM BOOKS ARE?

They are missing from the Blue Room cupboards. Please see Marilyn if you have them.

