

| Dates to Remember | |
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| Thursdays | 7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office |
| Sat 29 th June | 9am Te Hahi Women's Fellowship Brekky, at Alive Church |



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.

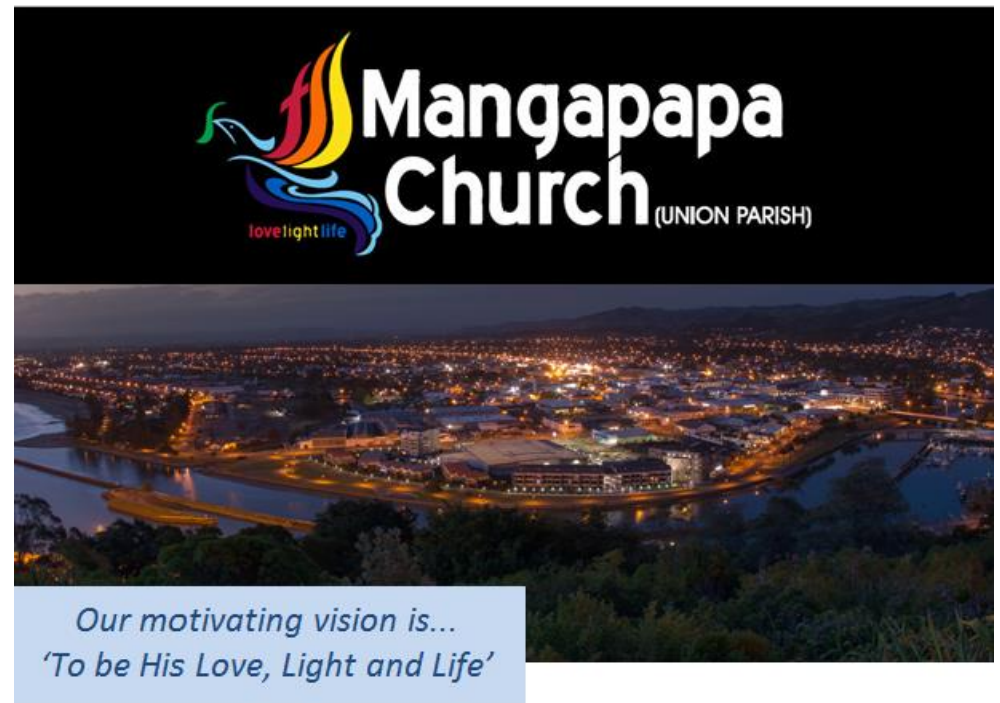
'Womens Lunch Study Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch. Next meeting will be 27th June. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm, at Diane McLean's house. Next meeting will be 27th June. Contact Elaine Oates or Diane McLean for more info.

"Our church is like fudge: sweet with a few nuts." - Unknown

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 23 rd June |
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| Greeters | M Raitaukala, A Clement | J & L Hawksworth |
| Ministry Team | A Clement | S Clement |
| Cups of Tea | N Aston, P Oram | I McCoy, A Tyler |
| AV & Sound | R Nelson / D Russell | P Madsen / N Dunn |
| Counters | A Radcliffe | A Radcliffe |



Sunday 16th June 2024

10am: "Forgiveness, Regrets, Reality, Restoration"

A message and a testimony shared today

Leading: Rachal McIntyre

Preaching: Al Clement plus a Testimony

Duty Elder: Andrew Russell

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Elders Team

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Kids 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.



'Forgiveness' – is the theme of our two briefer messages this morning. Al Clement first shares some thoughts with us from Scripture, and the other is a video Testimony – **'Tragic Redemption: Healing the Guilt and Shame'** by Hiram Johnson.

Gosh there is a lot that this one word brings to mind. We can be seeking forgiveness for our self, withholding forgiveness from another, wanting another to forgive us, or waiting to hear another ask us for forgiveness...and so the different scenarios go on and on! In his book and in this 15-minute video testimony we

show today, Hiram Johnson shares his painful struggle with regret, guilt, and shame when a 17-year-old girl was killed as the result of a car accident in which he was the driver.



Stewart writes... This week I was sent by email this beautiful thought and verses, **'God is always waiting to draw near to you, and nothing you say to Him could stop Him from loving you.'** *The LORD is gracious and*

Psalm 145:8 KJV



The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all: He has compassion on all He made." Psalm 145:8-9 (NIV). That speaks again to our theme from last Sunday, 'We need a revelation of God's Love'. There are also copies in the foyer of the **'What Is God Like?'** exercise / study using 1 Corinthians 13, which I referred to last Sunday.

Then today, this word came - **'A wise person once said, "You can count how many seeds in the apple but you can't count how many apples in the seed!"**

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago." Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)



Shane & Ali Roche – Weekly Update on our new 'Church Leader(s)' and the faith journey to NZ & MUP.

Shane & Ali, along with children Izzy & Esme have their full Medicals in London on Monday their time (around midnight Monday our time). This is the final test they must pass before their NZ Visa applications can be submitted. So let's pray for this Medical clearance to be given for the whole family. They are both very busy of course, as you can imagine – with their daily work, plus getting quotes for shipping, sorting what to bring and what to leave. It is a peculiar time too as they have to continue to wait for that final 'Yes'.



MUP Leadership Team are meeting this Wednesday to discuss several items in regards to helping them get here, plus their arrival, official Welcome & Induction. All going well it will be sometime in September. Let's keep praying for them in each part of this journey. Again, I encourage us to pray too for Tewkesbury Baptist Church, who are losing their Church Leader and much loved family. We pray for wisdom for their Elders as they seek their way forward and new Leader.



For Prayer this Week:

- 1) Pray for Lorraine Darcy** – Lorraine is in Gisborne Hospital, Ward 8. Pray too for Frank and the family.
- 2) Pray for Justin Dyas** – Many of you have asked after Justin. He has been unwell for some time now and we are in regular contact with him and his family. He is in good care in Hospital this past

week and will be in for a while yet. We pray that a changed medication and care approach will see him progressively improve.

- 3) Pray for Shane & Ali Roche and family - for their Medical Tests** in London on Monday, for the whole family. This is the final requirement for their NZ Visa applications.
- 4) Pray for Ken & Alison McFarlane** – as they commence their next Medical Training Semester for the next 7 months, back in Myanmar/Thailand.



Te Hahi Combined Churches 'Women's Fellowship Brekky' - 9am Saturday 29th June, at



Alive Church. Cost is \$20 per head. All proceeds will go to Te Hahi. There will be a few bits and pieces for sale, but it's more about the fellowship and fun. MUP is putting together a group to go to this and numbers are required before **Tuesday 25th June.** **RSVP to Marilyn on 021 158 1018**

Launchpad & Lifewalk Funding Cut – Launchpad (was Bible In Schools) and Lifewalk Chaplaincy (chaplains in schools) have had their funding significantly cut this year, and are now in desperate need for further funding if they are to continue their programmes. If you would like to help keep these programmes running in our state schools, the details on how to donate to them are on the noticeboard at the back.

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.