

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am MUP Prayer meeting in the Church House
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.15am Beetham Healthcare Service
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	7.30am Garage Sale for Te Hahi
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	5.30pm Te Hahi Combined Churches Service
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Sep	6.30pm MUP AGM



**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 in the Church House. Contact 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’** – Fortnightly on Thursdays at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch. Next meeting will be 28<sup>th</sup> August. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

**Women’s ‘Growth Group’** – Fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm at Diane McLean’s. Next meeting will be 28<sup>th</sup> August. Contact Diane McLean for more info.

“A Bible that’s falling apart usually belongs to someone that isn’t.”  
- Charles Spurgeon

**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 24 <sup>th</sup> August
<b>Greeters</b>	M Raitaukala, J Phin	J & L Hawksworth
<b>Ministry Team</b>	D Russell	A Clement
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	J Dyas, J McLatchie	I McCoy, M Smith
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	R Nelson / S Patrick	S Patrick / N Dunn
<b>Counters</b>	G Stevenson	B Wheeler



**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

**10am: “Fight For It: Part 4 – Serving One Another”**

*1 Thessalonians 5:11*

**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 Marilyn Patrick this morning.  
Matrix (9-14yrs) go out with John Hill.*

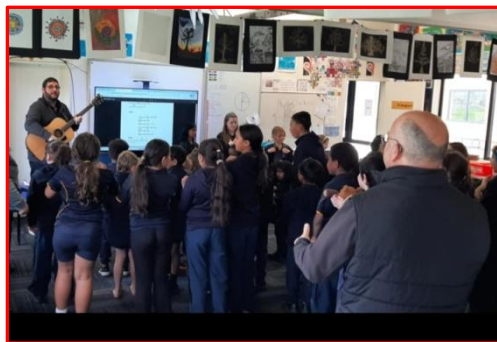
**If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home and don’t share them.**

## Shane shares the message this morning. He writes ...

There are many areas in our walk with Jesus that should challenge us in the context of church life. After all, one of the reasons we gather is to “encourage one another and build each other up” (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

It's easy to focus on the spiritual aspects of our faith - prayer, worship, praise, reading Scripture, sharing the gospel, and so on. Yet service is often spoken of as if it were a secondary, optional extra. For me, that is a devastating shame - not because the church simply needs more “hands on deck,” but because every one of us is called to serve one another. To live a full Christian life without serving is, in truth, to miss out on living a full Christian life. This Sunday, we'll explore why.

*Mark 10:43–45, John 13:14–15, Romans 12:11, Galatians 5:13, Hebrews 6:10*



I had a wonderful time leading an assembly at Sonrise this week. Our city is truly blessed to have such a school, where children can grow in their faith as well as academically. Let's not take this for granted. Please pray regularly for Andrew, Raewyn, and the rest of the staff as they pour themselves into the lives of these precious little ones. – *Shane*

*“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” — Matthew 19:14*

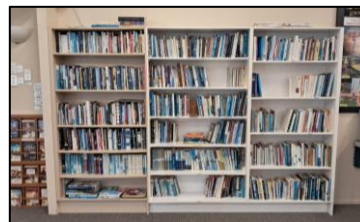
Christian Rangī – celebrating 200 years of Māori conversion to Christ

### MUP Church has a connection to this 200yrs Celebration!

This year marks 200 hundred years since the baptism of Christian Rangī, the first Māori baptised by

the missionaries as a Christian convert. Henry Williams, who conducted the baptism on 14 September 1825, described Rangī as a “brand plucked from the burning” (Zech. 3:2), pointing to the providential nature of Rangī's conversion. The story is a fascinating one, and is told here at this link to the [NZ Christian Network Newsletter](#) this month. The Missionary Richard Davis in this conversion story, just happens to be the great, great, great, great Grandfather of Bill Wheeler. MUP Church has made a point of highlighting the many wonderful ‘200yrs of the Gospel in NZ’ stories since the first celebrations in 2014. It is vital that this Gospel history is not lost, but remembered, celebrated and told to new generations.

## The Church Library shift now completed



You can now access the full Library in the auditorium, thanks to considerable carpentry work by Mike Tombleson, generous help from ‘Woody Woodpecker Joinery’, and Marilyn sorting through the books and into categories. ***When borrowing a book, do remember to record it and your name in the exercise book provided.***

**Morning Tea Tables** – You may have noticed that we have cleared away some chairs at the back of the auditorium. We are trialling a new layout to see if it helps to lessen congestion at the back and make things easier when we have morning tea. The hope is that instead of having to stack the chairs away after the service to clear some room, you can just grab a chair from the couple of rows there and pull it around the closest table.



### **For Prayer & Praise this Week:**

- 1) Praise God for Steve Bushell's (husband of Penny) amazing recovery from a stroke last week. Thank you to everyone who prayed for him. Please continue to pray for both him and Penny.
- 2) Pray also for those of our church folk who are recovering from injuries due to falls. Pray for quick healing and strengthening of the damaged areas. ***And Lord, we ask that you would protect our church family, especially our elderly, and ask your angels to lift them up (as in Psalm 91) so that we don't have any more falls.***

**Beetham Service – 10:15am This Wednesday** at Beetham Healthcare. You are welcome to come and support Stewart & Marilyn leading this service, and chat with folk there.



### **Te Hahi Garage Sale – 7.30am Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> August.**

Here at Mangapapa Church. There will be several other churches having stalls here, along with a free sausage sizzle. Proceeds from the other stalls will be going to Te Hahi. Half of ours will go to them and half to our local mission within the church. ***The shed will be open 10.30am-12.30pm Tues & Thurs if you want to drop anything off.***

### **Te Hahi Combined Churches Service: 5.30pm 31<sup>st</sup> August**

This is a great way to get to know our Christian brothers and sisters around Gisborne, so we would encourage you to go if you can. Held at Alive Church in Leith St, and beginning with dinner, worship and ministry, and then dessert. Please bring a saladveggie dish and a dessert to share if you are able.



**6.30pm Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September** - Mark it in your diaries now. Ministry leaders, please don't forget to send your reports to the office by ***Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August.***