

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am MUP Prayer meeting in the Church House
Wed 20 May	10.30am Beetham Healthcare Service
Sun 24 th May	10am Testimony Service
Sun 31 st May	10am Missions Service - Alison & Ken McFarlane speaking
29 May-1 st Jun	St Andrews & Matawhero Church closing activities



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 21st May. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm at Diane McLean's. Next meeting will be 21st May. Contact Diane McLean for more info.

"Most Christians would be better pleased, if the Lord did not inquire into their personal affairs too closely." - 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 24 th May
Greeters	A Clement, I McCoy	J Dyas, L McAra
Ministry Team	D Russell	E Oates
Cups of Tea	S & M Patrick, J Dyas	L Hindle, G Briant
AV & Sound	R Theobald, D Russell / S Patrick	E Oates, D Russell / N Dunn
Counters	N Coffey	Volunteer

Mangapapa Church (UNION PARISH)

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

Sunday 17th May 2026

10am: 'Ascension Sunday'

John 14:25

Leading: Shane Roche

Preaching: Alan Clement

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*Kidzspace (4-8yrs) go out with Anna Alder.
 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.

Ascension Sunday – Is usually on the 7th Sunday after Easter, and celebrates Jesus' bodily ascension into heaven 40 days after the Resurrection. It commemorates the end of his earthly ministry and his exaltation to the right hand of God. You can read about it in Acts 1:6-10. While on earth, He was a servant. Now in heaven, He is the ruler and Lord of all. By entering heaven as the representative of mankind, He completed the work of our salvation and guarantees the eventual glorification of all who love Him. Ascension Day traditionally falls on a Thursday (40 days after Easter) but many denominations have moved the celebration to Sunday to allow more people to participate.

Testimony Service Sunday 24 May

At MUP Church, we value providing opportunities for our folk to share testimony of the Lord's leading, guidance, provision, goodness, comfort, or correction in our lives. We are seeking three or four individuals to share a recent testimony, each lasting no longer than five to seven minutes, during the 10:00am service on 24th May. Please see Stewart if you would like to share.



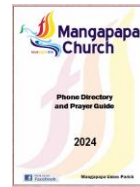
5 Min Devotionals – There is so much depth in God's Word. I couldn't count the number of times a single verse has encouraged me, challenged me, or even changed me.

From June, I'd like to start sending out a brief midweek video devotional – something less than five minutes long – focussing on a small portion of Scripture and what it might mean for us in everyday life. Simple soul food.

We'll share these on our Facebook page and send them out by email each Wednesday or Thursday. For those who would find it helpful, we'll also be setting up a WhatsApp group. We'll let you know how to sign up in the coming weeks.

For Prayer this week...

- **Christine Coffey** – Has been discharged from hospital and is now at home. Please continue to pray for full healing for her leg and wrist.
- **Pray for Gretchen Norman's daughter** – Ann Boyce is currently in a serious condition in Auckland hospital and really needs our prayers.



2026 Church Directory – We are updating the details in our Church Directory for this year. There is a draft copy in the foyer. Please check your details and tick if correct, or write in the corrections. If you're not in the Directory and you have decided that MUP is going to be your home church, just write your details in at the back. If you want to update your photo, either email one to the office or catch Dione after church and she will take one for you.



Te Hahi Ladies High Tea Fundraiser – On **Saturday 13th June**, Te Hahi will be holding another Ladies High Tea at Alive Church. This has always been great fun, so look forward to getting together. Cost is \$15 per person. They are also looking for any ladies who would be willing to be involved in helping with the setup etc. If you would like to volunteer please let the office know. It is nice to do this together.



Relief Office Worker – We are still looking for a person who would love to do some of Dione's work, for a week each school holidays, while she has her Annual leave. Some computer skills are necessary. You are guaranteed to meet some very lovely people who pop in for a chat or for a food parcel. One on one training is available, as much as you want. This is a paid position.



Foodbank - Thank you to all who give to this ministry. Our current food bank needs are: Muesli Bars, coffee, tea bags, spreads, oil, hot chocolate or Milo, 2 Min Noodles, spaghetti, baked beans, pasta, pasta sauce, canned veges, flour, potatoes or flakes, Weetbix.

If, after church, you wait awhile
 Someone may greet you with a smile.
 But if you quickly rise and flee,
 We'll all seem cold and stiff maybe.
 The one beside you in the pew
 Is, perhaps, a stranger too.
 All here, like you, have fears and cares,
 All of us need each others prayers.
 In fellowship we bid you meet
 With us around God's Mercy Seat.

*The Parish Church Of S. George & S. Mary
 Village of Cockington - Torbay, Devon, England.*