

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
Tues 19 Sep	6.30pm Sandra Sellmer-Kerstens Ministry meeting
Wed 20 Sep	7pm AGM
Sun 24 Sep	5.30pm Te Hahi Combined Service & Pot Luck Dinner



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, 21st September. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

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



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 Sept
Greeters	J & L Hawksworth	M Raitaukala, N Aston
Explorers Crèche	Parents	Parents
Ministry Team	E Oates	S Clement
Cups of Tea	N Coffey, L Hindle	W Carstens, J Dyas
AV & Sound	R Nelson / N Dunn	D Russell / S Patrick
Counters	N Coffey	N Coffey



Sunday 17th September 2023

10am: “God, How Could You Do That?”

Ezekiel 24:15-27

Leading: Dione Russell

Preaching: Stewart Patrick

Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick

Church Office: Dione Russell 06 867-9604 9am – 12noon
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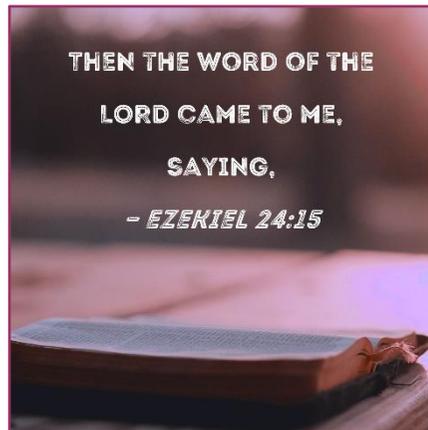
Elders Team

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 today.

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

Stewart writes... It is great to be back home after 9 weeks away and to be back with you this morning to share an encouraging word with you - MUP Church - from Ezekiel chapter 24. In the planning for this Sunday three months ago, in my mind I would not be sharing so soon and Diane McLean would be sharing the word this morning. That all changed when Bruce Mounsey shared his final message on Sunday 30th July, then died 6 days later. Diane stepped up to preach in Bruce's place the following Sunday, as she had completed her message preparation scheduled for today, 17th September! (Surely the Lord's grace in that moment). Now on this, my first Sunday back, I am longing to bring this word to you. It was hard for Marilyn and myself on the other side of the world, hearing with great sadness what Colleen and MUP Church were going through, with Bruce's quick passing, and then AI being critically unwell after medical operation mishaps. **But we were comforted by His word to us, and through new Christian friends we had just met, who - can you believe this – had listened to Bruce's last message at MUP online, before we could! I want to share these encouragements we received, to honour Bruce this morning, and glorify our God who is with us all!**



Welcome back Stewart & Marilyn!

Church Entrance & Church House Painting – It is great to see Shane Anderson Decorators on the job in great Spring weather, undertaking much needed painting and repair to windows and walls of the Church entrance and the Church House/Office. As with our faith, the foundations for lasting paintwork are crucial, and Shane and his team are doing a great job, getting right back to the original timber. And what lovely timber it is – Shane says the entrance wall is Rimu, Kauri and Cedar, all in fine condition. That timber is the original timber used in 1914 when the church was built.



For Prayer this Week:

- **Pray for our MUP AGM, 7pm this Wednesday** – There will be encouragement, sharing, joy, peace and abounding hope there!
- **Pray for the New 'Church Leader' position advertised** – Continue to pray that the Lord 'stirs up' desire in the person to come and serve at MUP.

Note: *There will be an update on progress with this search at the MUP AGM on Wednesday night.*



Our AGM – 7pm THIS WEDNESDAY 20th September. The reports are available on the table in the foyer. Please take one and read it before the meeting, as they will be taken as read on the night. We are aware there are many people who do not like to drive at night, so if you would like a ride to the AGM, please let the office know.



Family First Voter Guide - Family First have put out a **Voter Guide** to help you make informed choices in the upcoming General Election by voting for candidates and parties aligned with your values. The Guide allows voters to see where each party stands – and how each current or past MP seeking re-election has voted – on important social issues.

If you would like a copy of this guide, there are some available on the table at the back of the church.

Sandra Sellmer-Kerstens Prayer Ministry Meeting – 6.30pm on Tuesday 19th September at Alive Church. It will be doing practical demonstration along the same lines as the weekend Seminar she did earlier this year, that several MUP members attended. It will be useful and encouraging for those who want to have a ministry in exercising the gifts of the Holy Spirit and Prophecy. No charge and no need to book. Just turn up.

