

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Aug	5.30pm Te Hahi Combined Churches Service
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	9.45am-3.30pm Citywide Youth Event - AOG Church
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Sep	7pm MUP AGM
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Sep	5.00pm Roche Family Welcome & Induction Service



**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 Hawsworth 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 22<sup>nd</sup> August. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Contact Elaine Oates or Diane McLean for more info.

*"Courage is fear that has said its prayers and decided to go forward anyway." – Joyce Meyer*

**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 25 <sup>th</sup> August
<b>Greeters</b>	J & L Hawsworth	N Aston, L McAra
<b>Ministry Team</b>	E Oates	M Freeman
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	A Tyler, I McCoy	W Carstens, D McLean
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	D Russell / A Russell	R Nelson / S Patrick
<b>Counters</b>	N Coffey	A Radcliffe



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

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

**10am: "Testimony Sunday"**

*Sharing what the Lord has done.*

**Leading: Stewart Patrick**

**Preaching: Testimonies**

**Duty Elder: Andrew Russell**

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

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*Kids go out with Ashley or Peren, and John Hill this morning.*

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

**This Sunday morning, our 'Testimony Service'** – Every 3 months we give the opportunity for anyone to share brief testimony of what the Lord is doing or has done, or has revealed to you in recent times. It can be something very simple such as an answered prayer or a word from Scripture that greatly encouraged you. As our Scripture



Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done.

1 Chronicles 16:8



text says, we are not to keep silent, but to "Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim His greatness." So please let Stewart know before the Service if you would like an opportunity to share today.

**Stewart writes...** Just 2 weeks to go! Shane & Ali Roche with their children Izzy & Esme arrive in Gisborne on the first day of Spring - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September. This weekend they are hosting a 'Garden Party' to say goodbye to



folk as they are struggling to get around everyone before they depart. Shane says in the sadness of leaving close friends, *one lovely thing that is coming across from our loved ones is, "This is the right thing for you and the family"*.

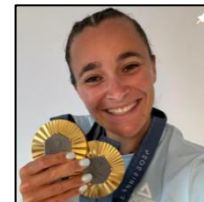
As I said last week, it is exactly 1 year since we first met Shane & Ali and it is so encouraging looking back at our communications, text messages from those first weeks, which were so full of faith and hope that indeed this move to NZ and to MUP was right to pursue.

**'Groceries for the Roches'** – For the next 3 Sundays, we invite you to bring along a grocery item as a gift for the Roche family when they arrive in Gisborne on the 1<sup>st</sup> September. They will be tired and jet lagged from their flights, arriving in Auckland at 4:30am and then on to Gisborne later that morning. The last thing they need is a dash to the Supermarket after all that! So this Sunday and next Sunday, bring along normal non-perishable things they would use/eat as a family. Then on Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> Sept, we would love perishable items such as cheese, milk, butter, bread, fruit, veges, yogurt – anything that would be kept in their fridge or freezer. **We will have containers up at the front of the church by the cross for your contributions, from this Sunday. Thank you!**



### **For Prayer this Week:**

- 1) **Pray for Mike Tombleson** – It is great Mike is back at his home now, but he has a long recovery and further treatment ahead.
- 2) **Pray for Shane & Ali Roche and family** – Much to do and decisions on what to bring to NZ in flight luggage, and what goes into their shipping container? **Pray for a long-term Home to rent here**, in Nov/Dec.
- 3) **Congratulations Alicia Hoskin!** – Two Gold Medals at the Paris Olympics! Only five other NZ athletes have won two Golds at the Same Olympic Games. Alicia is John & Lyn Hawksworth's granddaughter.



**Our Planter Boxes are looking great** – These 2 boxes were donated for the Garage Sale, but we thought with a bit restoration, they would

bless our community as they walk through our Church grounds. Thank you Isla McCoy, who donated them. They were originally from her mum, the late Iris McCoy's garden. Nice to have a living memory of Iris at the front door.



### **Combined Churches Service – 5.30pm Tonight!**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August** at Alive Church in Leith St. Guest speaker is Terry Bradley, Superintendent of AOG NZ. See the poster on the church noticeboard at the back for more info.



**7pm Wednesday 18<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 30<sup>th</sup> August**.

**Baking for McFarlanes Myanmar Medics** – Angela Paton has sent Partners NZ \$104 to go towards equipment Ken and Alison can use for their students. Thanks for supporting them.

**Volunteers Needed for Duty Rosters** – We are needing more volunteers for the Morning Tea roster. The same ones are on very frequently now and need more of a break. Let the office know if you are willing to be put on.

