

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
16-18 Jun	40 Hour Famine
Fri 14 Jul	10am Hymn-A-Long at Frank & Lorraine Darcy's



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.

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 Group' – Meeting sporadically at present. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

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

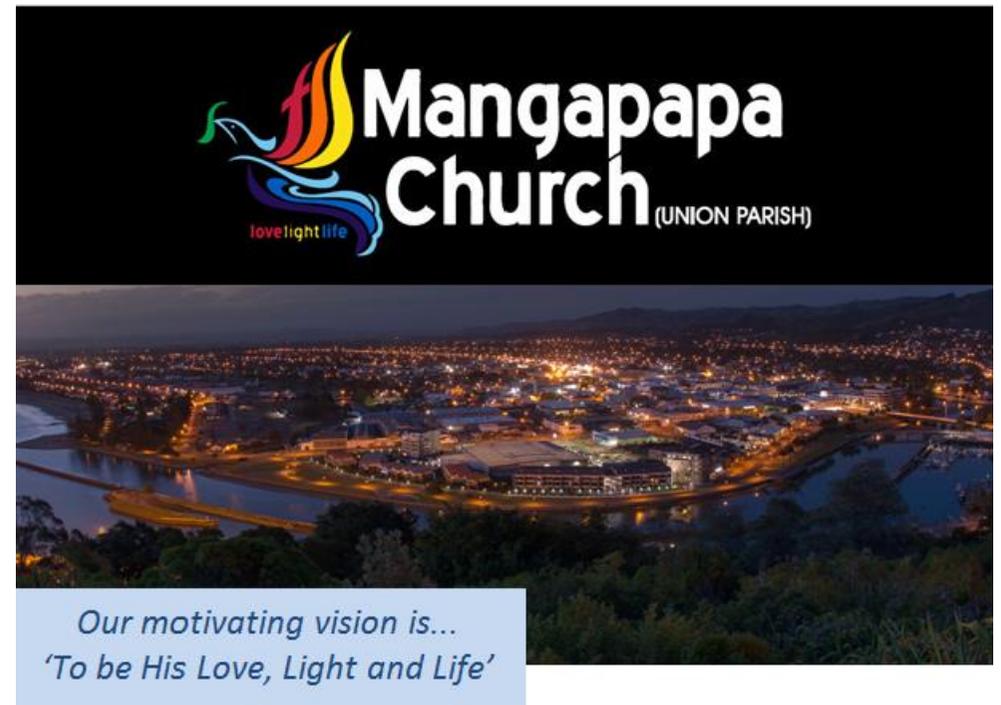
Found – After church last Sunday, a USB stick was found on the ground just outside the church front door. If you have lost one, please see Dione in the office.



Yoghurt Containers Needed – Do you have any used 1kg yoghurt containers that we could put soup in? If you do, Marilyn would like to have them. You can drop them in at the Office during week day mornings, or drop them in the Food basket on Sundays.

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 th June
Greeters	J Phin, A Clement	J & L Hawksworth
Explorers Crèche	Parents	Parents
Ministry Team	S Clement	A Clement
Cups of Tea	I McCoy, N Coffey	L Hindle, D McLean
AV & Sound	D Rusell / A Russell	R Nelson / N Dunn
Counters	N Coffey	G Stevenson



Sunday 18th June 2023

10am: "Jesus And The Gospel – The Answer To Our Problems"

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

Leading: Elaine Oates Preaching: Paul Madsen

Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick

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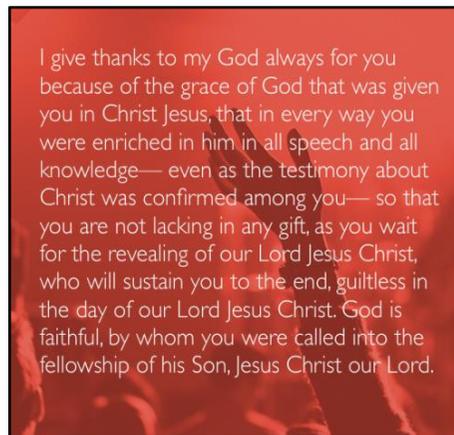
Elders Team

Stewart Patrick: 021 047 0795 Rodney Judd: 06 863-2400 Al Clement: 027 855 5949
Paul Madsen: 027 511 4769

Kids go out with Peren & Ashley Mountfort and John Hill for the Kids Programme.

If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home and get a R.A.T. Test.

Paul's letters to the Corinthian church repeatedly use the words, 'the gospel' and 'proclaim the gospel'. He is writing to a church he knows well, having founded it, but which is full of problems and issues. Throughout the letters he addresses the problems, and then uses the gospel of Jesus crucified and risen, to answer the problems. They are letters full of difficult conversations, but in these 5 verses at the beginning of 1st Corinthians, Paul writes with incredible thankfulness, because it is God who is faithful when they/we are not. It is God who will keep them/us to the end when we cannot see a way forward.



I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



Stewart writes... The new 7am Thursday morning Prayer Meeting at the MUP Church Office commenced this past week, and it was a lovely time. It is amazing what thoughts and promptings come as we pray, take time, be thankful, wait in quiet, and share what we sense. Please come and join us if that time suits you too. **Our special Prayer call at this time, is Matthew 9:37-38; Prayer to the Lord for sending out a new Church Leader, in His perfect time.**

Neil & Louise Smoker: Moving to Wellington – It is around 20 years ago that Neil & Louise, with children Abi & Rory, came to NZ from the UK to settle in Gisborne and here at MUP. They desire to be helpful Grandparents in Wellington with family, and there is a 2nd grandchild on the way, so they have purchased a home there in Mt Victoria. Neil's final Sunday here at MUP will be next Sunday 25th June. Neil is a fine guitarist and vocalist, serving us here, and leading the Worship Team and MUP for many years, as well as a regular gig at the 'Farmers Market' and at the 'Neighbourhood Pizzeria', in Ballance Street.



This Wednesday night, 21st June, Neil plays his last gig in Gisborne at the 'Neighbourhood Pizzeria', commencing at 6pm. Fantastic pizzas but limited seating, so reservations are recommended.

Envelope Offering – On Sunday 21st May we received an envelope offering with the top half of the number missing. It looks like 656 or 636, but both these numbers are not currently in use. If you remember using an envelope with a number similar to these, could you please contact Dione in the office. Thanks.



'Giving Out Clever Radios' - Great to see the Gisborne Herald picking up on our project sponsored by FEBC Mission, to distribute these 'clever radios' across the isolated parts of our region. Thank you Paul for picking up this coordination task plus heading up the Flood Relief Fund Team – tasks that none of us would have imagined we would be doing at the commencement of this year! If you have a subscription, you can read the [Gisborne Herald article here](#), or there is a printed copy on the Church Noticeboard.



For Prayer & Praise this Week:

- **Praise for Val Judd** being able to go home after 5 weeks in hospital. A great reason to celebrate.
- **Pray for the 'New Church Leader' position** - applications are currently being sought.
- **Pray for Neil & Louise Smoker** – moving to Wellington this week.
- **Pray for our MUP Flood effected folk, Wairoa & Te Karaka St John's Church folk** – 'Level 1, Level 2, Level 3 Decisions'. All home owners will have been informed in this past week by Government, as to what the future plan is for their stickered home. Some are relieved that the Government will buy out their Level 3 home. Now their challenge is to find & purchase a new home. Others in Level 2 homes will be still working through what needs to be done now to repair & protect their home/property from future flooding? We have church members in both Level 3 & Level 2 situations.



50 Meal Packs Prepared – Marilyn and Elaine prepared over 50 meals in the Church Kitchen on Wednesday afternoon. Some were delivered that evening to 3 families where folk have recently come out of hospital or been unwell. The rest are now packed and frozen, ready to be accessed by Pastoral Care team, when the need arises. This was a 'first trial cook' for

what we see is a present need. If you are interested in assisting at a later date when another batch is prepared, see Marilyn.

Foodbank – Thank you to those who continue to donate to our foodbank. If you would like to donate to this, we are currently low on the following items: flour, sugar, canned peas, pasta sauce, rice, washing powder, dishwashing liquid, toothpaste, soap, 2 minute noodles, coffee, milo, soup, tuna/salmon, muesli bars, biscuits, toilet paper, weetbix.

