

| Dates to Remember         |                                                  |
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| Thursdays                 | 7am MUP Prayer meeting in the Church House       |
| Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | 6.30pm Light Party Volunteers meeting            |
| Thur 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Sonrise School Presence - Praise & Worship night |
| Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct  | Light Party @ MUP                                |
| Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | 10.30am Beetham Church Service                   |
| 20-22 Nov                 | MUP Men's Weekend away                           |
| Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov  | 10am Testimonies Service                         |
| Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | 10am Hymn-A-Long                                 |



**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 (but not in school holidays). 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 29<sup>th</sup> October. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

**Women's 'Growth Group'** – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm at Diane McLean's. Next meeting 29<sup>th</sup> October. Contact Diane McLean for more info.

"The day we find the perfect church, it becomes imperfect the moment we join it." - 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 26 <sup>th</sup> October |
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| <b>Greeters</b>       | N Aston, J&L Hawksworth | M Raitaukala, L McAra                |
| <b>Ministry Team</b>  | A Clement               | E Oates                              |
| <b>Cups of Tea</b>    | I McCoy, D McLean       | J McLatchie, P Oram                  |
| <b>AV &amp; Sound</b> | R Theobald / D Russell  | R Nelson / J Holland                 |
| <b>Counters</b>       | N Coffey                | N Coffey                             |



**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

**10am: "God The Gardener – Part 2"**

**Leading: Angela Paton**

**Preaching: Shane Roche**

**Duty Elder: Al Clement**

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**06 867-9604 9am – 12noon**

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Kidzspace (4-8yrs) go out with Anna Alder & Joy Hoggan this morning.  
Matrix (9-14yrs) go out with Carlize Harvey & Ashley Mountfort.

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

## **🔧 God the Gardener – Part 2**

Last Sunday we began our new series, God the Gardener, and this week we'll take a step back and explore why this picture of God appears so often throughout the Bible. From the garden of Genesis, through the prophets and the teaching of Jesus, the Bible is full of images of planting, tending, pruning, growing and bearing fruit. They don't just tell us something about ourselves — they reveal something about the character of God.

This Sunday we'll explore what it means to know a God who patiently tends, nurtures and cultivates His people — a God who is always at work, bringing life and encouraging growth. - *Shane*

*Key Scriptures:*

*Genesis 2:8, Isaiah 27:2–3, John 15:1–8, 1 Corinthians 3:6–9, Revelation 22:1–5*

**Leadership Away Day** – Thank you to everyone who prayed for our Leadership Away Day on Saturday, and a special thank you to Anna Alder for so generously hosting the team. It was a really positive, productive and encouraging day as we spent time together praying, reflecting, talking and looking ahead to 2027. We're grateful for the conversations we shared and the sense of unity and encouragement among the team.

There's plenty for us to continue thinking and praying about, and we look forward to sharing more with the wider church family over the coming weeks and months.



### **Prayer and Praise this week:**

- Continue to pray for complete recovery for Maureen, Jean and Gill.
- Praise God that Gill is back home. Welcome home Gill.
- Pray for Alison & Ken McFarlane who left for Thailand this week.



**Material Off-Cuts for E-Bags** – Are you a sew-er? Do you have off-cuts of material that you would like to get rid of? Lorraine McAra is needing some to sew into E-Bags for our ministry to the hospital. If you have any material that you no longer need, please bring it along on a Sunday and give it to Lorraine, or drop it into the office during the week.

**Value Your Vote Booklets** – As you prepare to vote in the upcoming 2026 New Zealand General Election, this resource from Family First can help you to vote for parties and candidates that share your values. Family First canvassed the party leaders to find out where their party stands on a variety of key family and value based issues, and this booklet compares their responses. We have 30 of them, so if you would like one you can pick it up from the table in the church foyer. One per family please.



**Te Hahi Awhi Baskets** – We will be doing the Te Hahi Christmas Hampers again this year, and this year they would like to have a rep from each church on the organising committee, so that information/updates are being filtered back to the congregations. If you are interested in being the rep for MUP, please let Shane or Dione know. Each

basket costs \$150 to fill, and we are looking to supply as many baskets as we can, which will be donated to needy families around the district. Info about the Awhi Baskets is on the church noticeboard on the Sound Desk, [including the details on how to donate towards the baskets](#). Any donations will be included in your MUP end of year tax receipt. **Please note: The cut-off for donations will be middle of November, to allow time for Te Hahi to purchase the items before the Christmas rush.**

**Sonrise Christian School warmly invites you** to gather with them



for a special evening of fellowship, prayer, and worship from **6pm-7.30pm on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2026** at Sonrise Christian School, 138 Potae Ave. Starts with a shared Whānau Dinner and then an hour of praise, worship and prayer – led by a guest worship team from Equippers Bible College. In addition, local church leaders will share and declare God's promises over the school and city. Their hope is to gather as many local believers as possible to stand together in unity, share a meal, and invite the Lord to move powerfully in our community as we seek His presence together. **(Please note the date change to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October)**



**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 5.30pm-8pm** – And the **Volunteers Meeting is at 6.30pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October, here at MUP**. It will be a time for getting to know the other volunteers, getting instructions and answering questions. So if you would like to help out at the Light Party, please come along to the meeting.

### **MUP Men's Weekend – Friday to Sunday, 20-22 November**

Come on Mangapapa Men! Come away for a fun weekend relaxing together at Whanarua Bay. We've secured a second batch next to John and Lyn's place, so there's plenty of space available. It'll be a chance to enjoy some good company, food and time together. If you'd like to come along and book a place, please let **Shane or John** know.



### **Foodbank** – Current needs are:

Rubbish stickers, Pasta, 2 Min Noodles, coffee, 500ml cooking oil, canned peas, canned corn, toilet paper, canned fruit, pasta sauce, milk powder, milo, Weetbix.