

Dates to Remember	
Week days	10am-12noon Morning Tea at the Church House Lounge



**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.

**Thursday 'Womens Breakfast'** – Currently on hold. For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

**Women's 'Growth Group'** – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm in the Church House. Next meeting is due 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

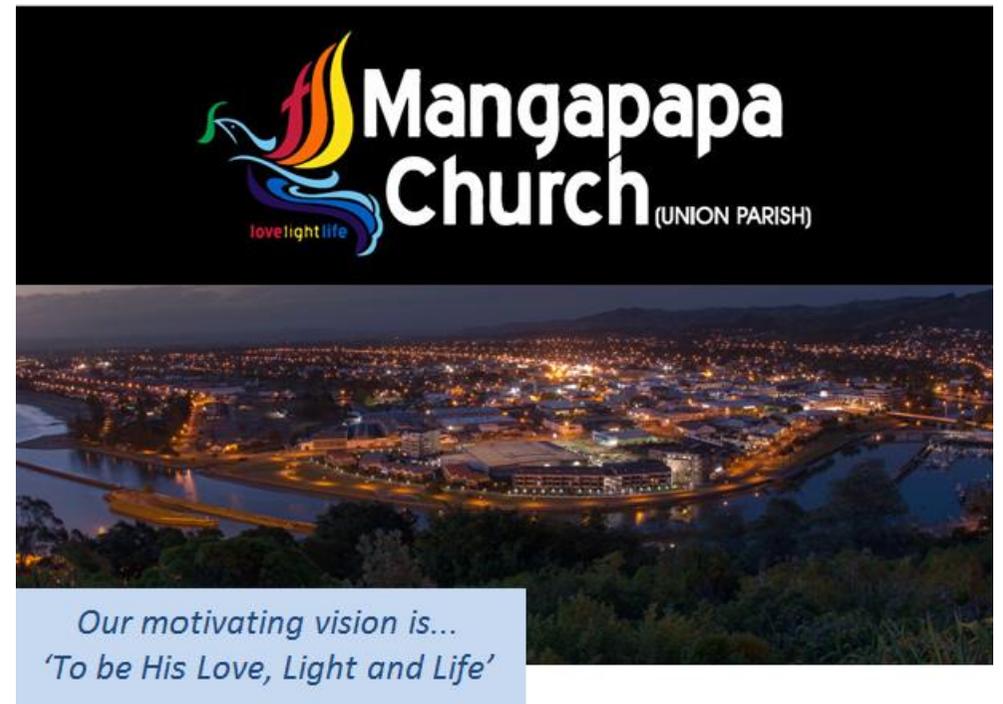
**Bore Water Is Available** – Just a reminder that Mike Tombleson @ 119 Main Road, Makaraka, has really good water from his bore, though boiling would be recommended for drinking. Rodney & Val Judd, and Bill & Jody Wheeler have said that they have tank water available for anyone needing drinking water.



**MUP Morning Teas** – We feel that there is a need to allow people to connect and talk, so we will be holding morning teas at the church house this week from 10am-12noon. If anyone wants to pop down for a cuppa and a chat, we would love to see you.

**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> March
<b>Greeters</b>	M Raitaukala, M Wilson	L McAra, J Dyas
<b>Explorers Crèche</b>	Parents	Parents
<b>Ministry Team</b>	E Oates	S Clement
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	D McLean, P Oram	N Aston, M Potter
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	P Madsen / N Dunn	D Russell / A Russell
<b>Counters</b>	G Stevenson	G Stevenson



**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**10am: "Remember And Choose"**

*1 Corinthians 10:1-12*

**Leading & Preaching: Stewart Patrick**

**Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick**

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**Elders Team**

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 Paul Madsen: 027 511 4769

*'Explorers' creche is available for 1-4 years. Parents will need to stay and supervise. Primary & Intermediate age children go out with Raewyn & Marilyn.*

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

## **‘Remember and be thankful – Remember and be warned’.**

These are two crucial purposes and results of everyone’s ‘remembering’ capacity and are highlighted in our Scripture text we study today. It was a crucial word for the Church that Paul had established in Corinth – a major seaport trading city, filled with corruption, idolatry, immorality and every conceivable sin. It remains a crucial word for the Church in this day, in our city too.



**Stewart writes...** This week I have been in touch with the leaders out at St John’s Church, Te Karaka – Rev Rawinia Douglas and Rev Pat Davidson. They have resumed Sunday morning Services, in the T.K. Area School lounge and I will be leading that Service there next Sunday. But oh my goodness, what a hammering folk from the church have had, along with others in T.K. Three folk (including Rawinia and husband Ron), lost everything. One senior person whom we know well, had her house ‘RED Stickered’, went to family in Tauranga, came back to it a week later to find it emptied, stripped bare, not so much as a teacup left, and she still doesn’t know if it was an official act or stolen. Another two families are now living in Motels. One lost many stock. It is hard to know at this moment how much help they are receiving, but I will seek to know more, as there are several churches that have received donations \$ to distribute.

Further to the encouragement and prayers for MUP, received last week from the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of NZ, Right Rev Hamish Galloway. Hamish has indicated he would like to come down to Gisborne and to us, sometime in the next few months. We will look to facilitate that.

Work is progressing slowly with the search for a new Church Leader. A Draft Job Description has been prepared and next week I will be speaking by phone with two key leaders in the wider NZ Church and getting their advice. Then our ‘Search Team’ will meet again to firm up our next steps.



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL Term 2 – Commencing 24<sup>th</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June**

We are looking for 2 people who would like to go on the Roster to teach in this term – either the 5-8 years group or the 9-15 years group. This would mean teaching either 2 weekly, 3 weekly or monthly – whatever you prefer or can manage. If you think this is you, please see Marilyn Patrick.

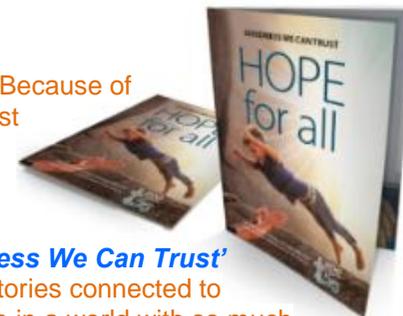


## **Te Wiremu Lifecare Church Services –**

**Thank you to Elaine Oates and her Monday evening Study Group**, who are going to do the Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 3pm Service at Te Wiremu. Marilyn & Stewart will do the Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March Service. Are there other Study Groups/Home Groups who would be willing to do one of; Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August; or Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November? Musicians can be available, and a typical Service might include - 2 songs/hymns, Scripture reading, testimony, a brief message and prayer. Please contact Stewart if you would like to contribute to organising one or more of these Service dates.

## **HOPE PROJECT – Easter 2023**

A correction to last weeks printed newsletter item – Because of the floods and cyclone focus in the Coromandel, East Coast and Hawkes Bay, the HOPE Project booklets are now being distributed by a pre-paid delivery contractor.



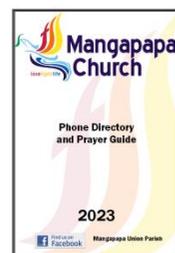
## **The 2023 booklet is titled ‘Hope For All – Goodness We Can Trust’**

At a perfect time in NZ, the 2023 booklet will relay stories connected to questions about the goodness of God, noting we live in a world with so much suffering. On what basis do we believe God is good?



**For Prayer this Week:** We continue to pray for those hit hard by Cyclone Gabriel. Pray especially for St John’s Te Karaka folk this week - They are still in this gruelling salvaging time, and determining their future.

- Pray for the ‘HOPE FOR ALL’ booklet distribution – going to all the letterboxes of homes in our region that will receive it.
- Congratulations to Lorraine Darcy who turned 80 on Thursday. They are having a special weekend with family in Tauranga.



**Church Directory** – Our MUP Church Directory for 2023 is currently being edited. There are two draft copies on the table in the church foyer, along with two pens. If you wish to be in this year’s Directory, please check that your details are correct and put a tick there if they are. If they aren’t, please write in the correct details. If you are not in there, and would like to be, write your details in the spaces provided at the back. If you want to update your photo, let Dione know, or email your new one to the office.

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.