

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am MUP Prayer meeting in the Church House
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Jun	10am Hymn-A-Long
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> July	5.30pm Te Hahi Combined Churches service
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Te Hahi Hangi Fundraiser pick up



**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. 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.

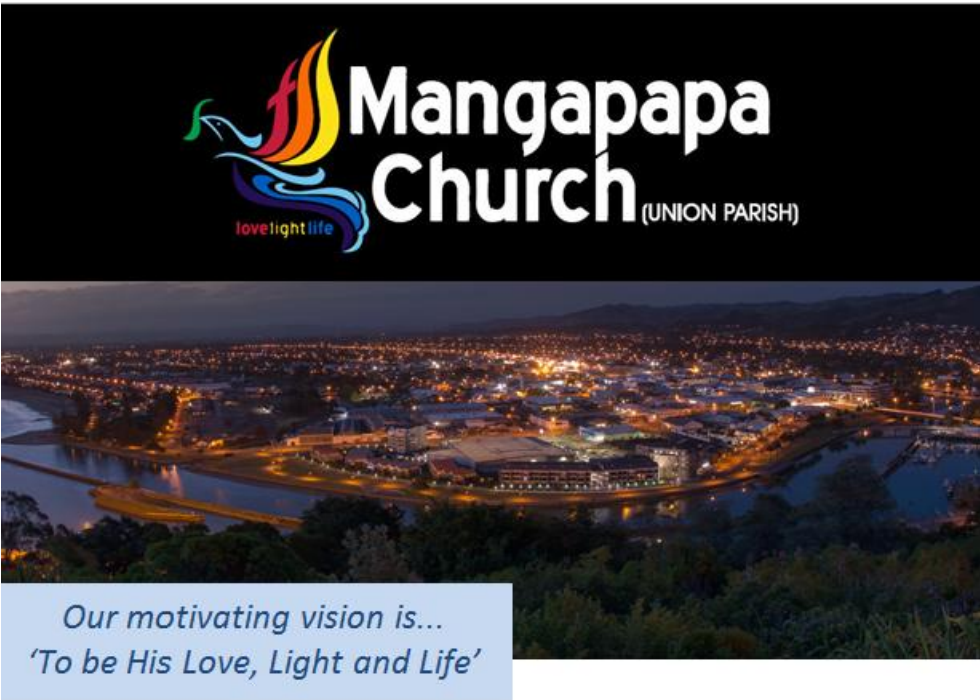
**'Womens Lunch Study Group'** – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch. Next meeting will be 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

**Women's 'Growth Group'** – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm at Diane McLean's. Next meeting will be 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Contact Diane McLean for more info.

"A Bible that's falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't." - 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 28 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Greeters</b>	N Aston, M Raitaukala	J & L Hawksworth
<b>Ministry Team</b>	A Clement	A Russell
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	L Hindle, J Paton	N Aston, D McLean
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	R Nelson / D Russell	E Oates, D Russell / S Patrick
<b>Counters</b>	N Coffey	A Radcliffe



**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026**

**10am: 'Who Is God? Look At The Nicene Creed'**

*Romans 8:15*

**Leading: Shane Roche      Preaching: Andrew Russell**

**Duty Elder: Al Clement**

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**Elders Team**

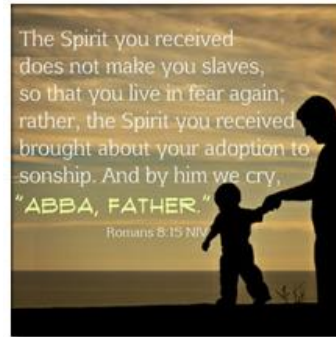
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A Russell: 027 815 1635      Clement: 027 855 5949

*Kidzspace (4-8yrs) go out with Peren Mountfort and Paul Madsen.  
Matrix (9-14yrs) go out with Carlize Harvey this morning.*

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

**Andrew Russell shares the message with us this morning.  
He writes ...**

A man once asked R.C Sproul;  
 "What is the most important question that someone in today's society needs to have answered?"  
 "That's easy. The most important thing for modern secular people to understand is who God is," answered theologian.  
 "Not *whether* God is?"  
 "No, the critical issue is God's identity. God's existence is not obscured today, but His nature and personality certainly are."  
 He had another question. "Well, what do you think is the most important question that Christians need to have answered?"  
 "That's easy, too. The most important thing for modern Christians to understand is who God is.



**Zebrina's Hockey Fundraising** - Thank you MUP family for your generous donations and sales of fudge and truffles to support Zebrina to attend the GGHS hockey tournament in late August. She has raised \$800 so far. Unfortunately her target has now been increased to \$1,250 as they have been informed that GGHS will not subsidise her hockey team fee (of \$500) like the rest of the team, because she goes to Sunrise Christian School. She is still available for jobs as arranged with church folks over the coming weeks, and Caramel Fudge is still available on request. *Arohanui & thank you, from Zebrina.*



**Soul Food Mid-Week Devotional** – If you want to hear the 5 min mid-week video devotional that Shane is doing, digging a bit deeper into the book of Philippians, you can find it on our Mangapapa Church Facebook page. **You do not need to have a Facebook account to access this.**  
<https://www.facebook.com/mangapapaunion/>

**Foodbank** – Our current foodbank needs are:  
 Spreads, coffee, 2 Min Noodles, soap, canned corn, canned peas, oil

**HYMN Sing-a-long**  
 10am on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June  
 Come and join in a cuppa and singing some of your favourite hymns. All welcome.

**Transport Needed** to pick up and drop off Moira from Te Wiremu on the following weeks – 19 & 26 July, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23 & 29 August. If you can help with this please see Marilyn. Even doing one of those weeks would be appreciated.

**A Mirror On Faith** (an excerpt from the June 2026 Central Roundup Mag)

The wing mirrors on my car don't always flip out when I unlock it – it is an intermittent fault which essentially means that it will work fine if I take it to a mechanic. I can (legally) drive with the wing mirror flipped in but I soon realise how much I do actually use it. Driving instructors remind us that we should frequently be using our rear vision to see what is behind us. When we sit in a strange car we should adjust the central mirror for clear sight and make sure the back window is clean.

Faith is developed from our experiences in the past. Our journey as a church is full of wonderful spiritual encounters that have lifted us throughout the path of life. Looking back on those moments remind us of how God was with us in the past – it builds our faith that God will be with us in the future. We are invited to check our mirrors regularly to remind us of that faithful encounter but being aware that it is not the direction we are heading.

Pray with thanksgiving for the journey we have been on as a church – nationally, regionally and locally. Celebrate the times when the presence of God was surrounding us and we felt love in the air. Pray that our experience of God's grace will increase our faith that this is God's path that we travel on and the Spirit is with us. - *Peter MacKenzie, Executive Secretary of Presbytery Central*

Please note date changes

**Te Hahi Combined Churches Service** – has been moved to **5.30pm Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July**, at **Alive Church in Leith Street**. Commences with dinner at 5.30pm. Please take along a salad/veggie dish and dessert to share, and join in getting to know our other Gizzy brothers and sisters in Christ. Is well worth it.

**Te Hahi Hangi Fundraiser** – Has been moved to **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July**. Te Hahi's annual hangi fundraiser is coming up. \$15 per meal. If you want a night off from cooking and a yummy meal, tickets can be ordered from our office. If paying by internet banking, our account details are on the back of the newsletter. Please use the reference 'Hangi'.