

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
Sat 28 th Oct	8am - 11.30am Working Bee - next weekend
Sun 5 th Nov	6.30pm IDOP Service for the Persecuted Church



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 – Over winter they are meeting Mondays at 1.30pm in the Church House. For more info contact 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.

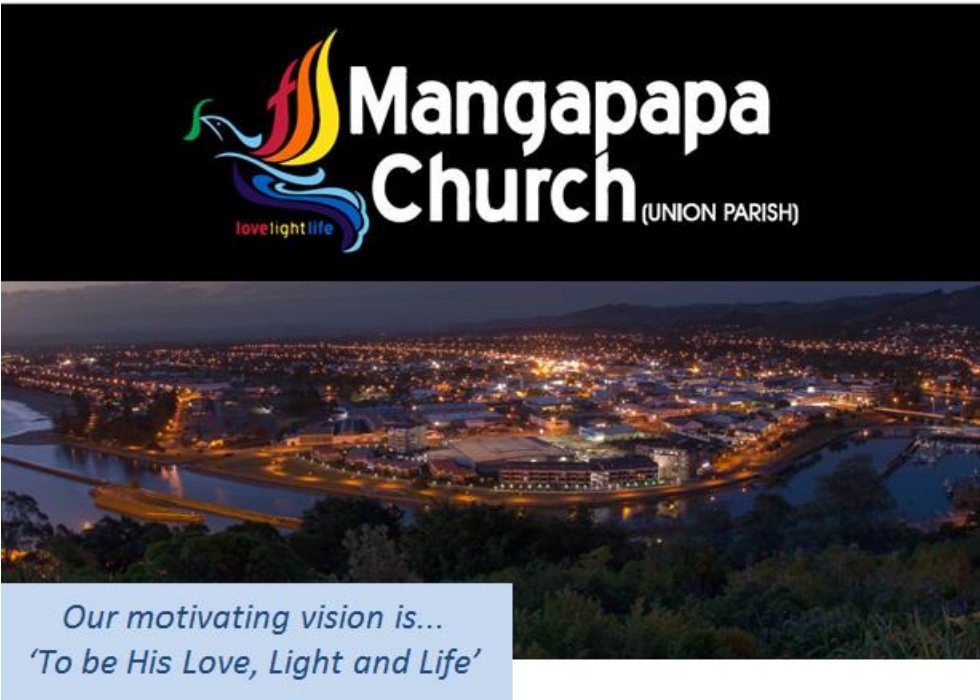
'Womens Lunch Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch. Next meeting, 2nd November. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

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

"The older I get, the more clearly I remember things that never happened." - Mark Twain

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 29 th October
Greeters	M Raitaukala, I McCoy	M Wilson, N Aston
Explorers Crèche	Parents	Parents
Ministry Team	A Clement	M Freeman
Cups of Tea	A Tyler, M Freeman	W Carstens, N Coffey
AV & Sound	R Nelson / N Dunn	P Madsen / <i>Volunteer</i>
Counters	G Stevenson	N Coffey



Sunday 22nd October 2023

10am: "Many Are Invited"

Matthew 22:1-14

Leading: Dione Russell Preaching: Diane McLean

Duty Elder: Al Clement

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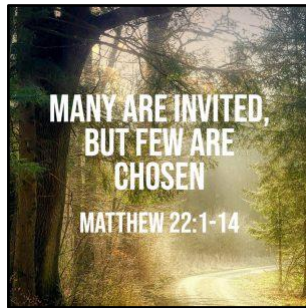
Elders Team
 Stewart Patrick: 021 047 0795 Rodney Judd: 06 863-2400 Al Clement: 027 855 5949
 Paul Madsen: 027 511 4769

Any children and young people – Marilyn & Daylene are doing Christmas Crafts in the Blue Room this morning and Stewart is doing games.

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

Diane McLean shares the message this morning. She writes ...

It's always good to use the discipline of choosing a reading from the Lectionary. Today's passage is a challenging one, but important in its message. Matthew 22:1-14, "For many are invited, but few are chosen."



Stewart writes... The threat of another full scale war in Israel, Gaza and beyond is disturbing for us all as believers and it is natural for us to wonder and speculate as to what the Lord is doing? Or what 'time' is it on God's end of this Age/'day of the Lord' clock? But there are unhelpful side-tracks in dwelling on that. Here are two vital actions I believe we are to practice today to keep a healthy perspective;

1) Pray – Psalm 122, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem." When 'true peace' comes to Jerusalem, there will be peace everywhere. Also, 1 Timothy 2 encourages "...petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." This is what we will do collectively too, on Sunday evening 5th November.

2) Keep our focus on the Lord! – Hebrews 12:2, "...simply fixing our gaze upon Jesus, our Prince Leader in the faith, who will also award us the prize..." If our thoughts and conversations as believers are more about what fallen mankind is doing in their flesh, and what 'man' needs to do to fix things, we will become distracted to political ideologies, theories and conspiracies that are of this world and are not for us to dwell upon. Nothing of fallen mankind should surprise us. But we do pray, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Matawhero Historic Church - Special Remembrance Service – 155th Anniversary - 2pm Saturday 11th November.




Remembering the events and those who lost their lives, 11 November 1868. Officiating – Rt Rev Rose Luxford, Moderator, Presbyterian Church Aotearoa New Zealand. All welcome. Contact Marie, 027 441 9424, Gisborne Presbyterian Parish

For Prayer this Week:



- **Laraine Hindle** – Waiting to find a suitable replacement 2nd hand car after hers was stolen and written off.
- **Pray for the Elders & Search Team** as we work through many more details of the New Church Leader process. **Pray for Shane & Ali Roche** – undertaking the several application processes, to emigrate to NZ, and for Ali to work as a Midwife here.
- **Pray for those unwell, receiving treatment or recovering.** Bill Wheeler recovering from a whole new knee operation. Cannot drive for 6 weeks.
- **Pray for the new Government to be formed** – with humility, partnership, moral awareness and service to the nation. We are to pray for these leaders.




6:30pm Sunday 5th November - 'International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church'.

A special Service here at MUP to learn and to pray for the persecuted Church around the world. We join with Churches around the world on this day to pray.



Open Doors

Serving persecuted Christians worldwide



Next Saturday morning, 8am–11:30am 28th October – Our Working Bee at the Church.

There will be some painting to be done as we match up our new roof colour scheme with the roof trim in places, along with gardens, and other Spring tasks to tackle. Thank you to Nona too, who will be looking after Morning Tea for us all!



6 Pack Empty Egg Cartons – If you have any spare ones of these, we would appreciate for the food bank, to allow us to split into individual parcels any trays of eggs we are given.



DO YOU KNOW WHERE THESE CURRICULUM BOOKS ARE?

They are missing from the Blue Room cupboards. Please see Marilyn if you have them.

