

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Sep	5.00pm Roche Family Welcome & Induction Service



**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 at 2pm in the Church House. For more info contact Elaine Oates.

**Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study** – Meets at 1.30pm in the Church House. For more info contact Maureen Wilson.

**‘Men’s Fellowship Breakfast Group’** – Meets at 7am on Tuesdays. Contact John Hawksworth for more info.

**‘Abiding Life Course’** – Meets at 3pm on Wednesdays in the Church House. Contact Stewart Patrick for more info.

**‘Womens Lunch Study Group’** – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays. Next meeting will be 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 11am at the Museum café. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

**Women’s ‘Growth Group’** – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm, at Diane McLean’s house. Next meeting will be 17<sup>th</sup> October. Contact Elaine Oates or Diane McLean for more info.

*“A Bible that’s falling apart usually belongs to someone that 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 29 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Greeters</b>	M Raitaukala, L McAra	J Phin, N Aston
<b>Ministry Team</b>	M Freeman	A Clement
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	D McLean, A Tyler	W Carstens, L Hindle
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	R Nelson / S Patrick	P Madsen / D Russell
<b>Counters</b>	B Wheeler	N Coffey



**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**

**10am: The Big 3 – Righteousness, Grace & Truth In The Land'**

**Leading: Shane Roche      Preaching: Stewart Patrick**  
**Duty Elder: Shane Roche**

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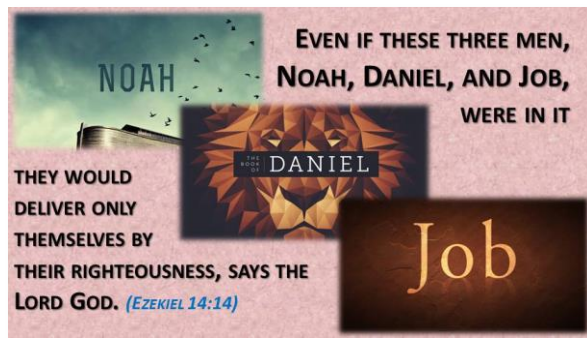
**Elders Team**  
Stewart Patrick: 021 047 0795      Rodney Judd: 06 863 2400      Al Clement: 027 855 5949

*Kids go out with Marilyn Patrick and John Hill this morning.*

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

This morning Stewart presents 'Pt. 2' of a series on, 'Living in the Land'. Scripture gives us dramatic contrasts of how the Lord's people have fared living 'in the land' - either with Him, living in "the fear of the LORD"; or without Him, living for self and turning to idolatry.

As we commence this new season of leadership at MUP with Shane & Ali, we study and remember what His 'church' is to be today – 'Righteousness, Grace & Truth' in this Land.



**Shane Writes... 'Reflections of a Week at MUP'** - It seems so crazy to think that a year ago Ali and I were only just beginning to explore a future here in Gisborne. Yet here we are a year later, on the other side of the world. A new land, a new school for the children, new jobs, new experiences, new foods, new language and accents to learn, and of course the beginnings of beautiful new friendships. Perhaps all this 'new' would be even more overwhelming if we didn't have the consistency of Christ - the God who is 'the same yesterday and today and forever'. We have felt His hand on our lives so intensely in so many wonderful and different ways. And though, humanly at times we've felt a range of challenging emotions, we've felt and seen His love so beautifully, much of which He has shown through His people ... aka our lovely new family at MUP. Thank you for welcoming us and making us feel at home. We're so expectant of what God is going to do through MUP. God is good.

**Some Key Points & Highlights From Our 111<sup>th</sup> AGM on Wednesday night...**

- Thank you to those who attended the MUP AGM on Wednesday evening, we could not hold one without you! It was a positive time and quite surreal in a way, as our new Leader, Shane, addressed the meeting full of thankfulness for the way the church has supported them in this journey to MUP and NZ in the past year, and on behalf of the church, thanks to Stewart & Marilyn for their work in the past 3 years.
- Paul Madsen was re-elected to MUP Leadership Team for a further 3 yr term.
- Anne Russell & Jan Holmberg were thanked for their many years of heading up the 3 care ministries – Hospital E-Bags; Ward 11 Clothing; and Baby Packs & Blankets, which they will continue in. Diane McLean now coordinates 'E-Bags' and Nona Aston with Noel Dunn coordinate 'Ward 11 Clothing'.
- Children's & Young Adults Ministry – The meeting honours John Hill for 40 years of leading/teaching these young people. What a blessing he is!
- Church facilities/property – Making the best use of what we have discussed.

**Roche Family Official Welcome & Induction Service – Next Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 5:00pm at MUP** – This will be a special event, with several special guests and folk from other churches coming. The order of the programme is:

- 1) **Commences with a Maori whakatau welcome** (simplified Powhiri), involving the Sunrise Christian School Kapa Haka Group. Nona Aston will accompany the Roche family in and guide them through the protocols as this commences.
- 2) **BBQ and Pot Luck Dinner** – Meats are provided and Evan & John will cook up on the big Mitre 10 Trailer BBQ. We ask you to please bring along either a salad, potato dish or dessert.
- 3) **Service of Induction for Shane Roche**, with special Guests from our Methodist and Presbyterian Partner Denominations, plus local Pastors and Church Leaders from 'Te Hahi' Churches here in Gisborne/Tairāwhiti.



**For Prayer this Week:**

- 1) **Pray for Peter Boyd** and his family on the quite sudden passing of wife Rae Boyd. A private family Service is to be held for Rae on Monday.
- 2) **Pray for Mike Tombleson** – who commenced chemo treatment this week.
- 3) **Pray for 'Jenny' seeking accommodation** – A 68 year old woman is seeking a small place, 1 bedroom. Can pay up to \$250 per week. Contact phone: 021182 3250.
- 4) **Congratulations to Rodney Judd** who turns 90 on Wednesday! ☺



**WANTED** **Items For Box For Ruel Orphanage Philippines**  
 Kids summer clothes (cotton) up to size 14yrs; cotton sheets; pillow cases; towels; swim wear; jandals or sandals, new or gently used. Small kitchen items ie, Kettle; stick blender; toaster; toothbrushes and toothpaste, would be gratefully received. Contact Angela 021 216 8446 for more info on collection or drop off at church office or Angela's house.

**WANTED** **House To Rent In February** - For about one week, in Gisborne. Kate Ney (previously of MUP) is looking for a house to rent for her mother and sister who are coming from Canada. Preferably 2 bedrooms. Any offers, please contact Helen or Mark van Wijck on 027 917 7963.

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.