

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
Fri 11 Aug	10am Hymn-A-Long at Frank & Lorraine Darcy's



**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 Group’** – Meeting sporadically at present. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

**Women’s ‘Growth Group’** – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm in the Church House. Contact Elaine Oates or Diane McLean for more info.



**Hey Kids!** - World Vision have teamed up with The Wiggles on a new song. To celebrate, they're giving away an exclusive meet-and-greet experience for 4 lucky whānau groups! The prize pack for each winning family includes:

- 4 passes to The Wiggles' Auckland show at **10am on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August.**

- Meet The Wiggles in person before the show.
  - Watch an exclusive performance of their new song “Around the World”!
- The winners will be notified on **Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.** To enter go to [worldvision.org.nz/campaigns/the-wiggles/](http://worldvision.org.nz/campaigns/the-wiggles/) and fill in the form online. Good luck!

**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 30 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Greeters</b>	J & L Hawksworth	M Raitaukala, J Phin
<b>Explorers Crèche</b>	Parents	Parents
<b>Ministry Team</b>	A Clement	E Oates
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	M Smith, N Coffey	I McCoy, D McLean
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	R Nelson / N Dunn	D Russell / A Russell
<b>Counters</b>	B Wheeler	N Coffey



**Sunday 23rd July 2023**

**10am: “The Resurrection”**

*1 Corinthians 15 and 1 Thessalonians 4*

**Leading: Dione Russell**

**Preaching: Frank Darcy**

**Duty Elder: Al Clement**

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**Elders Team**

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Paul Madsen: 027 511 4769

*Children go out with Diane McLean and John Hill this morning.*

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

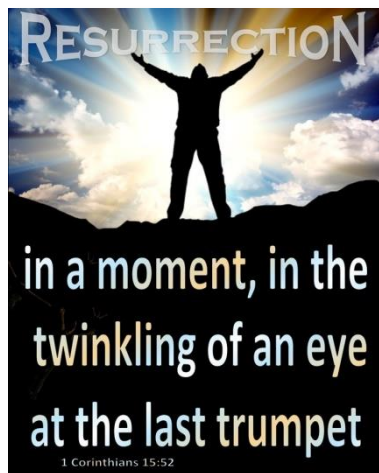
## Frank Darcy shares with us this morning. He writes ...

When I was in public ministry, it was often my task to officiate at funerals. Among my remarks was the thought that the Biblical metaphor for *death* was always the word "*sleep*" (55 times in the Bible as a whole; 19 times in the New Testament alone)."

It's a wonderful description because it reminds us that death is not final. Something else is going to happen. And that "something else" is beautifully described in 1 Corinthians chapter 15, and in 1 Thessalonians chapter 4.

For those in Christ, it is a wonderful thought that when we do go to sleep, the next thing we will hear is the sound of the last trumpet and the voice of the archangel, then we will rise from the dead with renewed bodies, to meet Christ in the air and to dwell with Him forever.

This morning, we will examine two Scriptures that talk in detail about renewed bodies. What a prospect awaits us!!!



**Hi Church family**, this is to let you know we are doing fine and enjoying family life in the UK. At present we are holidaying with family at a place called Swanage in Dorset. Everything is sooo old, but beautiful, so rich in history. An old castle ruins we saw yesterday was built by William the Conqueror and destroyed in battles in 1646. Loving the beautiful chalk cliffs, walking the beautiful coastlines in mild weather with the promise of blackberries ripening soon in many places. This is a photo is taken from where we are staying with St Mary's church in the background.  
*Stewart and Marilyn*



**Paton Update!**



Good morning friends in Christ, another week has flown by and despite the (slight) stress (for Angela) when it's 29-32° there is so much joy and pleasure to be had just being part of the team that cares for these kids. So much action - John repairing windows, weeding with kids, and biking with the 7 big boys to the local beach, with John driving 13 more younger boys over 9yrs plus the 4 big girls in the van, plus 2 caregivers. A noticeable gender imbalance! Please pray for good people to hear God's call to seek out children for adoption. We thank God for Pauline's willingness to hear His call and work tirelessly to provide homes for these abandoned children, some who it appears by their ages now, will miss out on having a family. Angela flies out Wed 25<sup>th</sup>. Blessings to you all, *John & Angela*.

**"Acquainted With Grief"** – An interactive small group gathering for anyone on a journey through grief – past or present. If you are interested in attending, please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the foyer or talk to Diane McLean.

### **For Prayer this Week:**

- **Pray for the New 'Church Leader' position advertised** - Continue to pray that the Lord 'stirs up' desire in the person He has called to come and serve at MUP.
- **Pray for our community** – For those who have been affected by previous flooding and who are anxious over the forecast for this weekend's weather.

