

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am MUP Prayer meeting in the Church House
Fridays	9:30am-11.30am Parent & Toddler Play Group
TODAY	10:am Service - Guest Speaker Matt Hawkins
Wed 26 th Nov	10am Hymn-A-Long
Sun 30 th Nov	10am Missions Service with Guest Speaker
Thurs 4 th Dec	Final TOSS Garage sale for the year
Sun 14 th Dec	10am Carols 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 weekly at 2.30pm in the Church House. Contact 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’ – Last meeting for the year will be 4th December at Poverty Bay Club for lunch. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

Women’s ‘Growth Group’ – No meeting on 4th December. Final meeting for the year will be a shared lunch at 12.30pm at Diane McLean’s place, on Thursday 11th December. 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 30 th November
Greeters	J Dyas, L McAra	N Aston, A Clement
Ministry Team	E Oates	A Russell
Cups of Tea	I McCoy, M Smith, J Paton	D McLean, P Oram, E&B Bowis
AV & Sound	R Nelson / N Dunn	R Nelson / D Russell
Counters	N Coffey	B Wheeler



Sunday 23rd November 2025

10am: “The Parable of the Soils”

Leading: Dione Russell

Preaching: Matt Hawkins

Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick

Church Leader: Shane Roche

E-mail: shane@mup.org.nz

Church Office: Dione Russell

06 867-9604

9am – 12noon

E-mail office@mup.org.nz

Website: www.mup.org.nz

Mangapapa Church, PO Box 2146, Gisborne 4040

Elders Team

S Patrick: 021 047 0795 A Clement: 027 855 5949 A Russell: 027 815 1635

Kidzspace (4-8yrs) go out with Marilyn Patrick this morning.

Matrix (9-14yrs) go out with Raewyn Theobald.

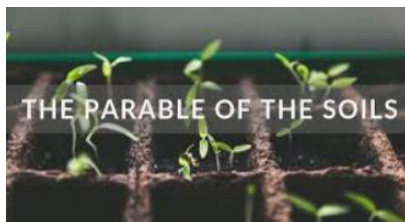
If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home and don’t share them.

We have a guest speaker this morning. Matt Hawkins is married to Rebecca and together they have four adult sons. Matt has over 30 years' experience in vocational Christian work and has worked for Sports Chaplaincy New Zealand since its inception in 2013. Matt provides chaplaincy support to Gymnastics New Zealand and AUT Millennium on Auckland's North Shore. AUT Millennium is High Performance Sport NZ's main training hub for high performance athletes and coaches as well as a multi-sport facility servicing the general public. A life-long learner, Matt has degrees in science and law and has recently completed his Masters in Chaplaincy through the University of Otago. Matt oversees the training of all new Sports Chaplains, and runs in-person workshops which help them become accredited and ready to serve. If he's not in the office running the background of SCNZ, Matt is out tramping with his family or working on a DIY job.



Today Matt shares a message from Luke 8:4-15. He writes ...

The Parable of the Soils is one of the most familiar of Jesus' parables describing peoples' different responses to the word of God. This parable is a favourite with Sports Chaplaincy because we consider the sower's response in the wake of the peoples' various responses. We imagine in between seed sowing seasons a wise and diligent sower becomes a cultivator. The work is no longer seed sowing but breaking up the hard soil, removing the rocks, pulling out the weeds and enriching the soil in preparation for the new season of sowing and harvest. In this view the Parable of the Soils calls us into preparation work that goes to the unproductive places and to bring about change so that the word of God can take root, grow and flourish in peoples' lives.



Special thanks to Karl Brandt for the amazing Nativity Scene you will see at the front left of the Church auditorium this Christmas Advent Season here at MUP. There is quite a story to how this came about.



Christmas 'Hymn-A-Long' is on this Wednesday 10am 26th November. We will enjoy a piece of Christmas Cake over a cuppa too, before we gather to sing.



Te Hahi 'Christmas Awhi Baskets' – These gift Baskets will be put together at House of Breakthrough, **9am Wednesday 16th December**, should you wish to be a part of the team filling them.

Alone on Christmas Day? You need not be - Diane McLean & Marilyn Patrick are joining together to host a Christmas Dinner, so if you are going to be alone and would like to join with them and others, please speak to either Diane or Marilyn.



Te Hahi Christmas Picnic & Combined Service



A huge thank-you to everyone who took part in our Te Hahi combined service here last weekend. Your presence, prayers, and support helped make it a truly amazing evening. We enjoyed great food, beautiful worship, and an encouraging message from Bruce from Alive Church.

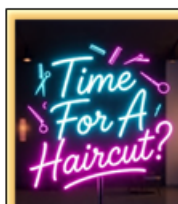
A special thanks to those who came early to set up, cooked on the BBQ, welcomed people into our church home, and stayed behind to tidy up afterwards. Your quiet, practical service created an atmosphere of warmth and hospitality that blessed everyone who came.

It was a joy to host and to stand together in unity as the wider body of Christ across our city. What an encouraging night!



Missions Service – Next Sunday, 30th November

We are blessed to have a guest speaker – **Pauline Curtis-Smith, CEO of the Ruel Foundation** – share with us at our Missions Service next week. We would like to bless Pauline with a love gift so if you would like to give to this, you can do so through internet banking (details on the back of the newsletter) or put it in an envelope marked 'Love Gift for Pauline' and drop it in the offering bags.



Want a tidy up before Christmas?

Anne Dehne-Walker has some spaces available. Contact her at Creative Space Ph: 021 150 6531

