

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am MUP Prayer meeting in the Church House
Sat 23 rd Aug	7.30am Garage Sale for Te Hahi
Sun 31 st Aug	10am Service - Guest Speaker Stuart Corlett
Sun 31 st Aug	5.30pm Te Hahi Combined Churches Service
Wed 17 th Sep	6.30pm MUP AGM



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’ – Fortnightly on Thursdays at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch. Next meeting will be 28th August. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

Women’s ‘Growth Group’ – Fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm at Diane McLean’s. Next meeting will be 28th August. Contact Diane McLean for more info.

“By perseverance the snail reached the ark.”
- 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 31 st August
Greeters	J & L Hawksworth	J Dyas, L McAra
Ministry Team	A Clement	E Oates
Cups of Tea	I McCoy, M Smith	W Carstens, N Coffey
AV & Sound	S Patrick / N Dunn	D Russell / S Patrick
Counters	B Wheeler	N Coffey



Sunday 24th August 2025

10am: “Going Against The Grain”

Acts 26:12-14

Leading: Dione Russell Preaching: Stewart Patrick

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*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.

Today we place ourselves in the opulent scene of royalty and Roman governance where the

Apostle Paul gives his Holy Spirit inspired defence and testimony to false charges. (Acts ch.25,26) There are many fascinating insights and lessons here for us, but a specific one I will highlight today is from Acts 26:14 –

Paul quoting Jesus' words to him; ***"It is hard for you (and for anyone of us!), to kick against the goads"***. Don't worry, I will show you a 'goad', but also the 'Message' translation gives an excellent picture of this; ***"Why do you insist on going against the grain?"*** The Way of Jesus Christ is the only way, it is built into all of life, all of creation. Jesus is not only the Door to salvation, but the Door to everything. Everything opens up when you come in His Way. *Stewart.*



'Beetham Service' Cancelled – Stewart & Marilyn were sorry to have to cancel this Service last Wednesday due to sickness and hope all helpers got that message in time. We have advised the staff that we are happy to come on another day if they desire and we will let you know if that happens. Otherwise **our next scheduled Beetham Service date is 10:15am Wednesday 19th November.**



Shane is currently on leave. He will be back on board this Thursday (28th August).

Guest Speaker: Stuart Corlett – Next Sunday we welcome Stuart Corlett as our guest speaker. Stuart used to fellowship with us many years ago, and we still support him financially in his ministry to Myanmar, through Circuit International. He will be updating us on how things are going with his mission work in Myanmar.



And when we all had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me in the Hebrew language
'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?
It is hard for You to kick against the goads.' Acts 26:14



Missions Breakfast: Deferred – The Missions Group have deferred the breakfast advertised for 31st August to later in September (date yet to be confirmed).



Hymn-A-Long – Next Friday, 29th August, commencing with a cuppa at 10am at the church. Come along and enjoy some fellowship and singing our favourite hymns.



Combined Service: 5.30pm 31st August

This is a great way to get to know our Christian brothers and sisters around Gisborne, so we would encourage you to go if you can. Held at Alive Church in Leith St, and beginning with dinner, worship and ministry, and then dessert. Please bring a salad/veggie dish and a dessert to share if you are able.



6.30pm Wednesday 17th September - Mark it in your diaries now. Ministry leaders, please don't forget to send your reports to the office by **Friday 29th August.**



Camping Bunks – Mary Freeman has family visiting for Christmas, and would like to borrow some camping bunks for her grandchildren, from 15th - 26th Dec approx. If you have some she could borrow, please let her know.



Three Adults And Two Children are looking for a house in Gisborne to sit or rent from 15th December to 3rd January. If you are looking for a house sitter over this time, or know someone who is, please contact Mary Freeman.



Foodbank – Our current foodbank needs are:

Weetbix, spreads, biscuits, UHT milk, milo/hot chocolate, tuna/salmon, canned corn, dishwash liq, washing powder, 2 Min Noodles, toilet paper.