

| Dates to Remember        |  |
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| Thursdays                | 7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office                 |
| Good Friday              | 9.15am Cross Witness Walk; 9.45am Good Friday Service  |
| Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar | 10am Easter Sunday-Shane & Ali Roche. BBQ lunch after. |



**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 at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch. Next meeting Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

**Women’s ‘Growth Group’** – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm in the Church House. Next meeting Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Contact Elaine Oates or Diane McLean for more info.

“Let the branches of palm trees be the victory banners of our faith, and let our hearts echo the shouts of 'Hosanna!' as we welcome Christ into our lives anew.” - Pope Francis

**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 <sup>st</sup> March |
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| <b>Greeters</b>       | J & L Hawksworth     | N Aston, J Phin                    |
| <b>Ministry Team</b>  | M Freeman            | E Oates                            |
| <b>Cups of Tea</b>    | P Oram, D McLean     | A Tyler, <i>Volunteer</i>          |
| <b>AV &amp; Sound</b> | R Nelson / D Russell | D Russell / N Dunn                 |
| <b>Counters</b>       | R Theobald           | G Stevenson                        |

**Mangapapa Church** (UNION PARISH)

Our motivating vision is...  
*‘To be His Love, Light and Life’*



**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**10am: ‘Palm Sunday’**

**Leading: Stewart Patrick    Preaching: Stuart Corlett**

**Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick**

**Church Office:** Dione Russell    06 867-9604    9am – 12noon  
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 Mangapapa Church, PO Box 2146, Gisborne 4040

**Elders Team**

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

*Kids go out with Ashley & Peren Mountfort and Raewyn Theobald this morning.*

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

**On this 'Palm Sunday'** we reflect in our praise and worship on Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem, at the commencement of this 'Holy Week' which is so special to us.



**We also welcome our Guest Preacher today – Stuart Corlett from Circuit International.** MUP Church has



supported Stu and the mission of Circuit International in their work in war torn Myanmar, since its inception over 12 years ago. The Medical mission where Dr's Ken & Alison McFarlane train Medic interns for 7 months every year, was started by Stuart right on the border of Myanmar and Thailand. Today Stu will share with us

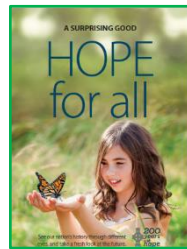
what got him into the work he is now doing and share from Isaiah ch.11, an incredibly powerful prophecy of Christ coming.



**Stewart writes...** As I am writing this early on Friday morning, Shane, Ali, Isabelle & Esme Roche and Jenny Lambert (Ali's sister), are in a mini-bus on the 2.5 hour journey from Tewkesbury to London Gatwick Airport, commencing their long journey to Gisborne NZ, arriving at Gisborne airport 9:30am on Sunday (not 8:30am as previously notified). Do pick up a copy of the supplement with many more details of their time here in Gisborne and opportunities to meet with them. So looking forward to this.



**'HOPE Booklets Delivery Encouragements – Diane McLean shares this...** "I was coming up to the roughest, toughest house on the street with a menacing dog behind the fence. Shall I skip delivery to this one? But just then a woman came out of the house and said happily, "Oh, is that the Jesus Book?" Then to a group of children there, "Would you like a story about Butterflies?" and gave them one. On the way back down the street the children called out, "Thank you for the Butterfly book."



**Our MUP Easter Events coming up ...**

**1) 'The Cross Witness Walk on Good Friday morning. We meet at 9:15am at the Botanical Gardens, Corner of Roebuck Rd and Aberdeen Rd, where we**

will assemble as a group to carry our 3 Crosses to the Church. We arrive approximately 9:45am at the Church



where we will erect our 3 Crosses on the corner of Ormond Rd, and our Scripture sign boards upon all three. We pray blessing upon them and then move into the Church for a 35 minute Service. The Fiji Fellowship will be meeting with us and participating in the walk and Service.



**2) Easter Sunday 10am Service** where Shane Roche, Church Leader/Pastor of Tewkesbury Baptist Church, UK will be sharing / preaching.



**For Prayer this Week:**

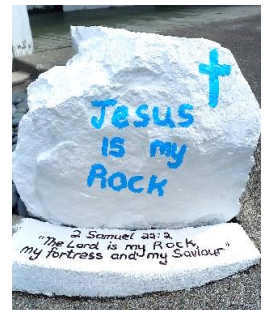
- 1) Pray for Stu Corlett as he comes to us to share from Auckland, this Sunday morning.
- 2) Pray for **Wendy Corstens** – with sisters and family in South Africa.
- 3) Pray for **John & Angela Paton**, helping friends in Argentina.
- 4) Pray for Alan Radcliffe – who has been visiting several Church

leaders in India, whom he and wife Joan have known and supported and visited over many years, some in remote regions of India and Nepal.

- 5) **We pray for Shane & Ali Roche & family** – Let's pray their long flights from the UK right now, do provide them with some sleep and they keep well.

**The Rock & Our Church Garden Flower Seeds ...** Our witness here

at MUP is much more than our Sunday Services – Groups enjoy using/hiring our lounge facilities, and we have a large amount of foot traffic passing through the carpark and pathway past the front door to Atkinson St. This week Marilyn completed painting our new 'Rock' in the carpark (pictured). We pray for our witness day by day here.



**Colour in the Garden**

Do you remember this colour at end of last year in one of our church gardens? Well these pretty flowers have seeded in abundance and **if you**

**would like some seedlings for your garden, please see Marilyn.** You will then need to plant them out and watch them grow.



**2024 Church Directory** – There is only **a couple more weeks left for you to update your details** in the 2024 Church Directory.

There is a draft copy in the foyer. Please check your details and tick if correct, or write in the corrections. If you're not in the Directory and you want to be, just write your details in at the back. If you want to update your photo, either email one to the office or catch Dione after

church and she will take one for you.

**Volunteer to take the Statistics on Good Friday** – We are needing a volunteer to count and record how many people attend the Good Friday Service. If you are happy to do this please let Dione know and she will run you through what to do.

**Accommodation Wanted Over Easter** – Graeme Nelson is visiting over Easter and would like accommodation for the Saturday and Sunday nights (30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March). Contact Rodney Nelson (06-8685843) if you have a spare bed and can help out.