

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am MUP Prayer meeting in the Church House
TODAY	10am Testimony Service
Sun 31 st May	10am Missions Service - Alison & Ken McFarlane speaking
29 May-1 st Jun	St Andrews & Matawhero Church closing activities
Sat 13 th June	2pm Te Hahi Ladies High Tea at Alive Church
Sun 14 th June	6.30pm Prayer 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 on Mondays in the church house. See 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' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch. Next meeting will be 4th June May. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm at Diane McLean's. Next meeting will be 4th June. Contact Diane McLean for more info.

"When you strip it of everything else, Pentecost stands for power and life. That's what came into the church when the Holy Spirit came down on the day of Pentecost." - David Wilkerson

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 May
Greeters	M Raitaukala, L McAra	J & L Hawksworth
Ministry Team	E Oates	A Russell
Cups of Tea	L Hindle, G Briant	N Aston, D McLean, Volunteer
AV & Sound	E Oates, D Russell / N Dunn	R Nelson / S Patrick
Counters	A Radcliffe	A Radcliffe

Mangapapa Church (UNION PARISH)

Our motivating vision is...
'To be His Love, Light and Life'

TESTIMONY SERVICE
SINGS

Sunday 24th May 2026

10am: 'Testimonies Sunday'

Leading: Stewart Patrick **Preaching: Testimonies**

Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick

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*Kidzspace (4-8yrs) go out with Ali Roche and Tiffany Langhein.
Matrix (9-14yrs) go out with Raewyn Theobald this morning.*

Pentecost

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

Testimony Sunday - This morning is **Testimony Sunday**, and as well as the 3 folk who will share, everyone is invited to express thankfulness and gratitude to God our Father, Jesus, and His Holy Spirit'. During the service, a large board will be available for both children and adults to write or draw their expressions of thanks at any time.

You are invited to take part by:

- Writing a message of thankfulness
- Drawing an expression of gratitude
- Sharing praise to God throughout the service



If we do not testify to the greatness of our Lord Jesus, the stones will cry out: *"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" "I tell you," He replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."* (Luke 19:38-40).



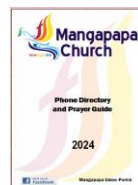
The 'Stones' of our secular media are crying out...

In the past few weeks there have been powerful testimonies to the Christian Faith in programs produced and/or screened by both TVNZ and TV3. We highlighted the TVNZ 'My Family Mystery', Season 2, Episode 1 story of 'Koro & His Bible' a few weeks ago. Now 'THREE NOW' are screening a 4 part documentary '**HOME OF HOPE**' on the work of the '**Grace Foundation**'. Here are 3.5hrs of testimony to a ministry that has been operating for 18 years and is NZ's largest rehabilitation and accommodation service for people released from prison. It is a home of hope for recidivist offenders, gang members, displaced families, disempowered young people, children without parents, homelessness and addiction. This Charitable Trust does all this with no Government funding, and so is able to bring the Gospel of Jesus, hope and healing in all its programmes. Click on the link in the photo or title to watch.



For Prayer this week...

- **Pray for Gretchen Norman's daughter** – Ann Boyce is improving but still in a serious condition. Please keep praying for her healing.
- **Anna Walker** travels to Germany this week to be with / help her mum in care.
- **Frank Darcy** in USA visiting family and friends.



2026 Church Directory – We are updating the details in our Church Directory for this year. 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 have decided that MUP is going to be your home church, 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.



Missions Team Meeting: 10.30am Friday

29th May – Held in the office lounge. Open to anyone who is interested in missions or supporting mission. Come along at 10.15am if you would like a cuppa beforehand.



Te Hahi Ladies High Tea Fundraiser – On **Saturday 13th June**, Te Hahi will be holding another Ladies High Tea at Alive Church. This has always been great fun, so look forward to getting together. Cost is \$15 per person and needs to be paid to Mangapapa Church (bank details on back of newsletter) **by 31st May**. Please put "TeHahi HT" as the reference.



Prayer Service – 6.30pm Sunday 14th June

Here at MUP. Come and join us in praying for MUP, our community, district and nation.

Foodbank Update – Thank you to everyone who keeps giving towards the food bank. It has been in high demand lately due to the petrol and food price increases, and we have had a couple of times when our cupboards have been emptied. Last year we had given 243 parcels at the end of June. This year we have given 264, and we still have all of June



to go yet. Please know that anything given is very gratefully received.

Foodbank

Our current needs are:

- Muesli Bars, coffee, tea bags, spreads, hot chocolate or Milo, 2 Min Noodles, spaghetti, baked beans, pasta, pasta sauce, canned veges, flour, potatoes or flakes, Weetbix, milk powder, oil.

