

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
TODAY	5.30pm Te Hahi Combined Service & Pot Luck Dinner



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 Lunch Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch. Next meeting, 5th October. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

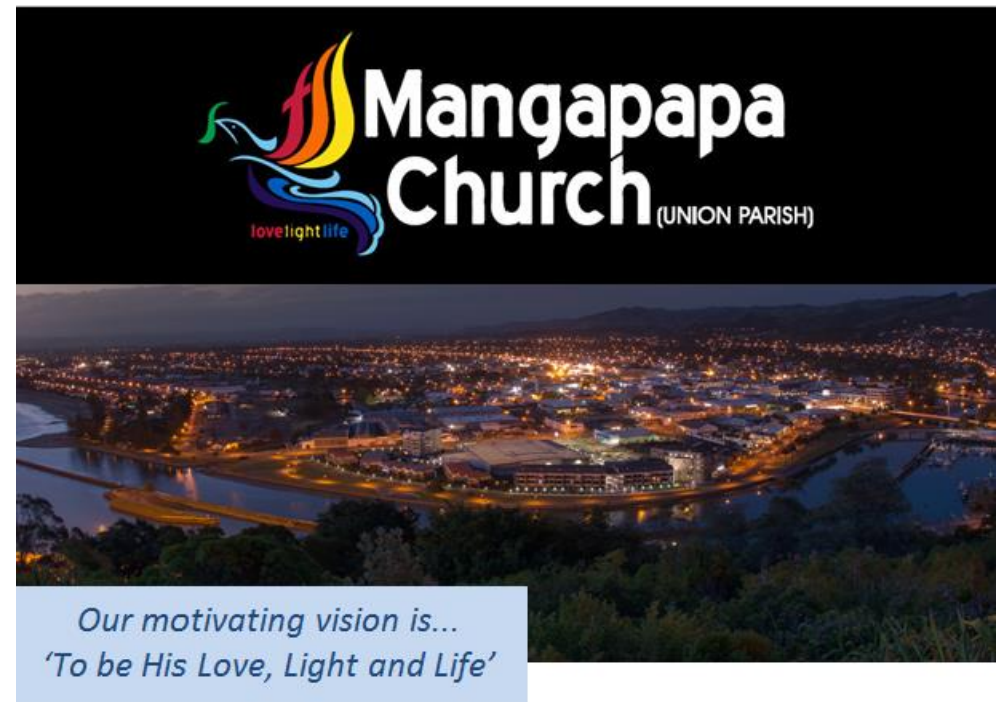
Women's 'Growth Group' – Meets fortnightly on alternate Thursdays to Women's Group, at 1pm in the Church House. Contact Elaine Oates or Diane McLean for more info.



Family First Voter Guide - Family First have put out a **Voter Guide** to help you make informed choices in the upcoming General Election by voting for candidates and parties aligned with your values. The Guide allows voters to see where each party stands – and how each current or past MP seeking re-election has voted – on important social issues. **Copies available on the table at the back.**

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 1 st Oct
Greeters	M Raitaukala, N Aston	M Wilson, J Phin
Explorers Crèche	Parents	School Holidays
Ministry Team	S Clement	M Freeman
Cups of Tea	W Carstens, J Dyas	I McCoy, A Tyler
AV & Sound	D Russell / P Walker	R Nelson / N Dunn
Counters	N Coffey	A Radcliffe



Sunday 24th September 2023

10am: "At God's Right Hand"

Psalm 110:1

Leading: Angela Paton

Preaching: Frank Darcy

Duty Elder: Paul Madsen

Church Office: Dione Russell 06 867-9604 9am – 12noon

E-mail: office@mup.org.nz **Website:** www.mup.org.nz

Mangapapa Church, P.O. Box 2146 Gisborne 4040

Elders Team

Stewart Patrick: 021 047 0795 Rodney Judd: 06 863-2400 Al Clement: 027 855 5949
Paul Madsen: 027 511 4769

School Holidays programme for children.

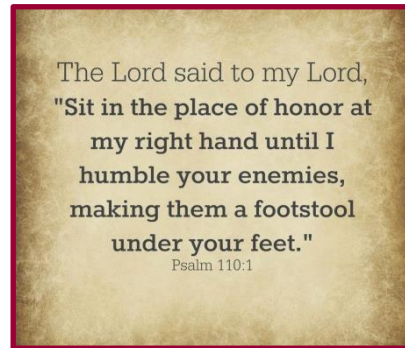
If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home and don't share them.

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

Psalm 110:1 – “Yahweh said to my Master,
‘Sit in honour until I humble your enemies...’”

This verse is the most-often quoted verse in the New Testament (18 times). The apostles saw in Christ’s death, resurrection and ascension the fulfilment of all God’s claims to ultimate universal victory over His enemies. Our risen Lord is now seated at the place of prestige and authority waiting until the day for His triumphant return in glory. Therefore, believers need never forget that enemies are defeated foes – it is only a matter of time until they will be routed.

It is good to know who wins in the end. It’s even better to know you’re on his side.”
– Stuart Brisco



Stewart writes... Last Sunday at MUP was a special Service for Marilyn and myself, from the perspective of being able to share our hearts with you, but even more so, the presence of the Lord by the Spirit was so evident in many confirming ways. We both spoke to this at the AGM on Wednesday night, and I attach here the ppt. slide of the 3 interpretations of Peter’s ‘tongues’ message from the Service. As Elders, both Al Clement and myself sensed immediately, all 3 words spoken in response, were complimentary and connected, to all within that Service and message.

10am Sunday 17 Sept. @ MUP ‘Tongues’

- 1) “STOP... LOOK... LISTEN”**
- 2) “I AM here, I AM here, I AM here”**
- 3) “No matter how hard it gets, never doubt, have faith”.**

MUP AGM – Highlights... Always encouraging to hear stories of connections made into our Community, and this past year has seen the **Hospital ‘E-Bags’, Baby Packs & Blankets’** ministry being so appreciated once again. Our **Foodbank** is facing new challenges right now, with an unexpected surge in need due to Cyclone Gabriel families’ displacement. Where there was one family living in a home there are now two or more, resulting in doubling the size of many food parcels. Schools are also contacting us now for food parcels. We are to seek further Grant funding for this need, and channel Flood Relief funds towards this.

An update was shared on the search for a New Church Leader. This is what we are able to share at this point...

- We have had some applications but they were unsuitable.
- There is one strong prospect to date that we are following up.
- They are a UK Church Leader. (Couple with young family)

- Elders & Search Team members are meeting with them for the first time, via ZOOM connection at 8:30am this Saturday morning, 23rd Sept.
- Stewart & Marilyn have met with them, in the UK.

A Card to Mangapapa Church Family, from Colleen Mounsey;

“Dear Mangapapa Church family,
Thank you so much for your prayers, love and expressions of sympathy since Bruce died. The Lord has wonderfully upheld me and walked with me through the shock and trauma of that very rapid deterioration of Bruce’s strength and health. I am very grateful for your generous gift of \$600 put into our account. Bruce is rejoicing with Jesus, and He has chosen that I continue walking here on earth with Him. Pray that I continue to honour Him faithfully.



With love and thanks to God for you. Every Blessing, Colleen



For Prayer this Week:

- **Pray for the Elders and Search Team this weekend** (refer to the update in this Newsletter) - Continue to pray that the Lord ‘stirs up’ desire and call in the right person to come and serve at MUP.
- **Pray for those unwell, receiving treatment or recovering.**
- **Pray for Colleen Mounsey – Refer to her card message in this Newsletter.**

MUP Land Story - At the AGM last week, people asked if they could read the Church Land Story. I have put a link to this on our website, just under the Job Advert for a church leader. Just click the link to open it. It is still a draft, but is 99% done – I just have to clarify a couple of things and it will be finished. Any questions feel free to ask me. – Paul Madsen



dishwashing liquid,
muesli bars.

Foodbank – We have been receiving regular requests for food parcels, usually for large families and are now low on many items: weetbix, baked beans, canola oil, pasta sauce, rice, spreads (jam, peanut butter etc) 2 Min Noodles, soap, washing powder,

TE HAHĪ TE TAIRĀWHITI
COMBINED SERVICE
WELCOMES
SANDRA SELLMER-KERSTENS
SUNDAY 24 SEPT
ALIVE CHURCH | LEITH STREET | GISBORNE
DINNER 5.30PM
PLEASE BRING A SALAD & SWEET FOR DINNER
WE WILL BE TAKING UP AN OFFERING FOR OUR TE HAHĪ FOODBANK
TODAY!