

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
Sun 25 th Feb	5.30pm Te Hahi Combined Service at Alive Church
Tues 5 th Mar	10am CWCI North Island Summer Retreat - Gisborne
Sun 31 st 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.

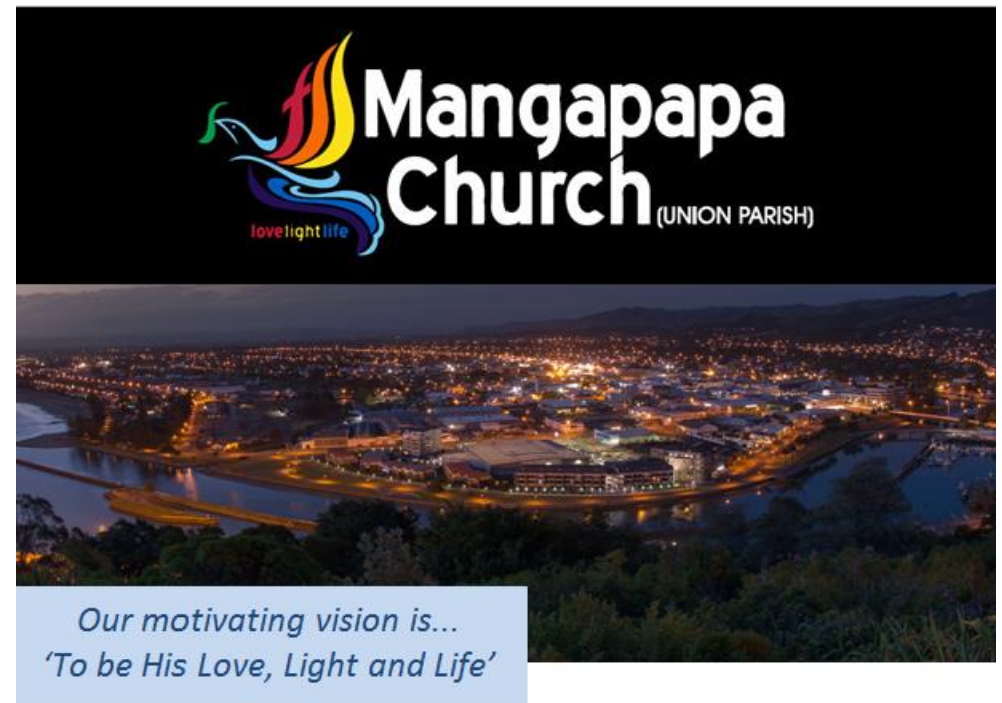
'Womens Lunch Study Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 12noon. Bring your lunch. Next meeting Thursday 7th March. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm in the Church House. Next meeting Thursday 29th February. Contact Elaine Oates or Diane McLean for more info.

"God is interested in spiritual fruit, not religious nuts."
- Vladimir Savchuk

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 3 rd March
Greeters	J & L Hawksworth	L McAra, J Dyas
Creche	Parents	Parents
Ministry Team	M Freeman	E Oates
Cups of Tea	J Dyas, A Tyler	I McCoy, N Coffey
AV & Sound	P Madsen / N Dunn	TBC
Counters	B Wheeler	N Coffey



Sunday 25th February 2024

10am: 'My Faith Crisis and My Belief System'

Romans 1:17

Leading: Dione Russell Preaching: Stewart Patrick and (the late) Bruce Mounsey

Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick

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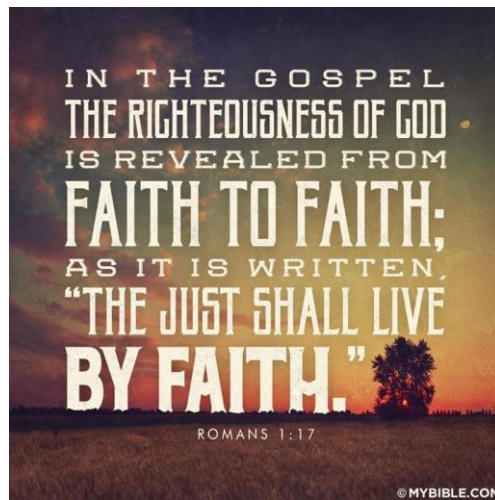
Kids go out with Marilyn Patrick and Raewyn Theobald this morning.

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

Two brief messages from 2 preachers this morning, on the theme of our 'Faith' & 'Our Crises of Faith'.

1) By (the late) Bruce Mounsey - who videoed this 9 minute message, 'What would Jesus say if He attended our funerals in person?' Bruce shares 5 great thoughts of what Jesus might say, and one of which is, 'Don't forget Me' (Jesus) - our faith can grow or it can die.

2) By Stewart Patrick – a 12-15 minute message – 'Faith Crises & Prayer for Healing'. We will all face times of 'Faith Crisis' in our lives – when events in our lives are bigger than our belief system can handle. Which would we rather God do or permit? – That I shrink the situation to fit my belief system? Or, enable my faith in Him and my belief system to expand through this situation?



Stewart writes ... Recently I attended a 'Te Hahi' combined Churches meeting called to discuss 'Youth Work / Youth Groups' in the Churches. The consensus is that Church Youth Work is difficult for us all at this point in time for a variety of reasons, but we want to work together to ensure there is sound and safe Christian Youth activities in Gisborne, for the Intermediate and Teen age groups. It may be the different Churches will take turns in hosting a Youth event where youth from all churches gather, say monthly or every 6 weeks? More to be worked out on this, but MUP Church will definitely support this too.

Assets & Finance Team Meeting news – At our meeting last week, we were encouraged by the Financial position of the church, to be able to proceed with the final stage of Re-roofing of our Church Complex - 335 square metres. This being the back area of the complex - the entrance/foyer, rear auditorium, kitchen, hallways, rear rooms, toilets and Creche. We do receive back 15% of the cost of the project in GST Refund (which was \$17,000 for Stage 1), and we believe it best to complete the work while we are not paying a Leaders Salary. This final Stage will cost \$41,600 (ex GST) and likely commence in mid-March.



Exterior Painting – Last week the Church entrance received two coats of 'Alabaster' semi-gloss and we will gradually get more on the walls as we progress, just doing it ourselves. The fibre cement wallboards are very easy to paint, which is nice!



'HOPE FOR ALL' Booklets – pre Easter delivery to Mangapapa area. Every Easter we have the opportunity to deliver these excellent booklets with wonderful testimonies and stories of HOPE, to letterboxes in our Mangapapa area. If you have done a delivery area before for us, Stewart would love to hear from you if you are able to deliver that area again, or if someone wants to deliver for the first time, great, we will give you an area to do. It is great to do and pray as you go!



For Prayer this Week:

- 1) We pray for those seeking accommodation or a place to rent. (This morning through Te Hahi network we learned of an extreme case requiring urgent short-term accommodation. Let Stewart or Dione know of any accommodation opening up).
- 2) We continue to pray for those who have lost loved ones recently. Some travelling this past week to a loved ones funeral too.
- 3) We pray for those recovering from extensive treatment / surgery.
- 4) We pray for Shane & Ali Roche – Shane preaching here at MUP on Easter Sunday 10am 31st March, along with Ali and the family at the Church BBQ Lunch that will follow the Service. We also pray for their preparations for their 3 week holiday and visit here, 25th March to 14th April.



Te Hahi Combined Service – 5.30pm TONIGHT

25th February. There will be a shared dinner and worship. The Guest speaker Jon McKensie, Frontline Policeman from Whakatane. There will also be the opportunity to acknowledge and thank Sam Aberahama for his dedication to Te Hahi. *More info on noticeboard.*

Sandra Sellmer-Kersten Ministry – Sandra and her team will be in Gisborne for two weeks in March. Ministry options are as below:

- **Tues 5th March 7pm-9pm** - A special ministry meeting at Alive Church in Leith St. There will be a love offering taken at this meeting, to bless them.
- **Tues 12th March, 58 Russell St at 6.30pm–8.00pm** – A youth 'Kai & Korero'. It is a chance for our youth to have the opportunity to korero with Sandra about life and queries on life/challenges. RSVP by 8th Mar for BBQ purposes.
- **Fri 15th March 6.30pm & Sat 9.30am-5.30pm** – 'Healing Shame, Restoring Glory Seminar'. At AOG Church in Grey Street. You will need to register for this by emailing aoggisborne@gmail.com Seminar costs \$35.



Sandra will also be doing One-On-One sessions on the other days, and these are filling up fast. If you would like to book a session, please contact Michelle Whitley michellebwhitley@live.com or Jennifer Boyd aoggisborne@gmail.com