

Dates to Remember	
Fri 4 th Nov	5.30pm Te Hahi Combined Church Meeting. Dinner to start.



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.

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study – Meets at 1.30pm on Tuesdays in the Church House. Contact Maureen Wilson for more info.

'Men's Breakfast Group' – Meets at 7am on Tuesdays. Contact John Hawksworth for more info.

Thursday 'Womens Breakfast' – Meets at 7am on Thursdays in the Church House for Breakfast. For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm in the Church House.

Info For Migrants Seminar – 7pm Wednesday 28 September 2022.

Citizens Advice Bureau will be holding a free information session for migrants, here at Mangapapa Church. See Nona Aston for more details.



We have 4 frilly-tailed black Goldfish to give away. Suitable for an outside pond. See Marilyn or Stewart, Ph: 021 047 0795

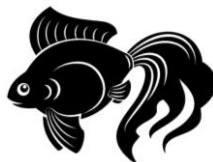


Table and Chairs – Needed for a family. Please contact Marilyn Patrick if you have one that is surplus to your requirements.

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 2 nd October
Greeters	I McCoy, M Raitaukala	J & L Hawksworth
Explorers Crèche	M Patrick	R Theobald
Ministry Team	M Freeman	E Oates
Cups of Tea	J Dyas, M Patrick	L Hindle, A Alder
Flowers	G Sharp	G Sharp
AV & Sound	R Nelson / J Russell	D Russell / R Levy
Counters	A Radcliffe	N Coffey



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

Sunday 25th September 2022

10am: "Christ, Supreme Over All"

Colossians 1:15-17

Leading: Dione Russell

Preaching: Frank Darcy

Duty Elder: Gretchen Norman

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Elders Team

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*'Explorers' creche is available for 1-4 years.
'Kidzspace' Primary & Intermediate age children go out during service.*

If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home and get a R.A.T. Test.

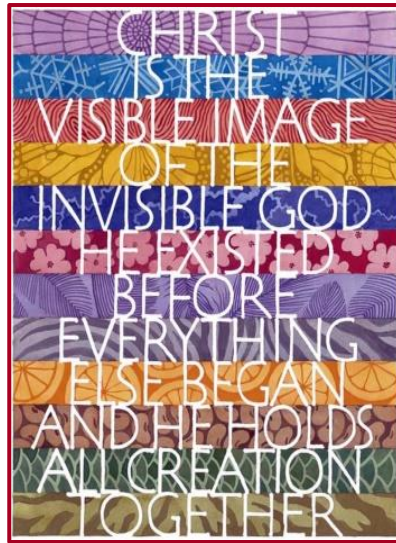
Frank writes Colossians 1:15-17

"These verses speak about the centrality and supremacy of Jesus Christ... There are two things which they point us to about Him and about what God has done in and through Him.

"First, it's by looking at Jesus that we discover who God is. He is 'the image of God, the invisible one'. Nobody has ever seen God, but in Jesus He has come near to us and has become one of us...

"Second, Jesus Christ is the one through whom and for whom the whole creation was made in the first place. It was His idea, His workmanship. It is beautiful, powerful, and sweet because He made it like that. When the lavish and generous beauty of the world makes you catch your breath, remember that it is like that because of Jesus.

"The living God has now acted to heal the world of the wickedness and corruption which have so radically infected it. And He's done so through the same one through whom it was made in the first place." - Tom Wright



The 10am service is live streamed. To access – at 10am 'Ctrl click' on the following Facebook link: [Mangapapa Union Parish](#)

From the MUP AGM on Wednesday – There was an overwhelming sense of 'thankfulness' and expressions of 'personal and corporate growth' shared at the AGM on Wednesday evening. Our devotion from Romans 5:3, "*we know how troubles can develop passionate patience in us,*" spoke to our past year and our growth within through it. We gave thanks for our solid financial position despite the uncertainties experienced in the year past and we approved the budget for the coming year. Several folk have volunteered their services and 'stepped up' over the past year and they were acknowledged. The roles needing to be filled were spoken to and are for prayer. Check out the list on the Whiteboard in the auditorium. We want to separate out again the current Children & Intermediate youth ministries on Sunday mornings so we pray for more leaders to be able to do this. Skilled musicians needed too. Now we have the church back on a stable course, we will be progressing the search for a new Church Leader. Jody Wheeler was thanked for her many years of service on Assets & Finance Team. Dione Russell was unanimously voted back onto Leadership Team for another 3 year term. Stewart and Marilyn were thanked for their voluntary leadership work in this interim time.

'The Importance of a Funeral' – "You learn more at a funeral than at a feast. After all, that's where we'll end up. We might discover something from it." (Ecclesiastes



7:2). In this past week I officiated at a 'Memorial Service' for Pat Hall last Saturday here @ MUP, and then I was one of billions of people around the world watching the largest funeral of our lifetime, that of Queen Elizabeth. The memory of the love, service and witness to faith that these two women shared, had a profound impact upon the mourners present at their respective Services. Pat's Memorial Service was very special as family had to wait for 2.5 years to mourn and find closure, due to Covid Border restrictions. I mention all this as I have had a number of folk say to me, "I don't want a funeral when I die, I don't want a fuss." I think the problems of a pandemic heightened that thought too. Well, back in June the Lord spoke to me about this and I wrote this in my devotional Journal: **'Funerals are important! Believers should not, not have one as they speak to the hearts of the living and perhaps they will discover wisdom, Jesus'**. – Stewart.



Storm Damage Fence Restoration – A huge 'thank you' to Mike Tombleson for rebuilding the Church Carpark fence which was flattened in the storm a few weeks ago. This was a tricky job and Mike has been a blessing in taking it on. He has also done some other great work around the carpark access, taking out tree stumps and more. Assets & Finance Team salute you Mike!



Ken & Alison McFarlane Update – The latest newsletter from Ken and Alison is available to be viewed on the Mission noticeboard at the back of the church.



For Prayer this week: Kelvin & Avery Tyler – Thank you Lord, Kelvin is home again after his most difficult diagnosis in hospital last week. We pray for blessed times with his family.