

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep	10am Ladies Morning Tea at Kerry's Kafe, Lytton West
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	10am Combined MUP and Fijian Church Service
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Sep	10am Hymn-A-Long at Frank & Lorraine Darcy's
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Sep	10am Communion Service
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Sep	6.30pm Equipping Evening at AOG Church
Wed 20 Sep	7pm AGM



**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.

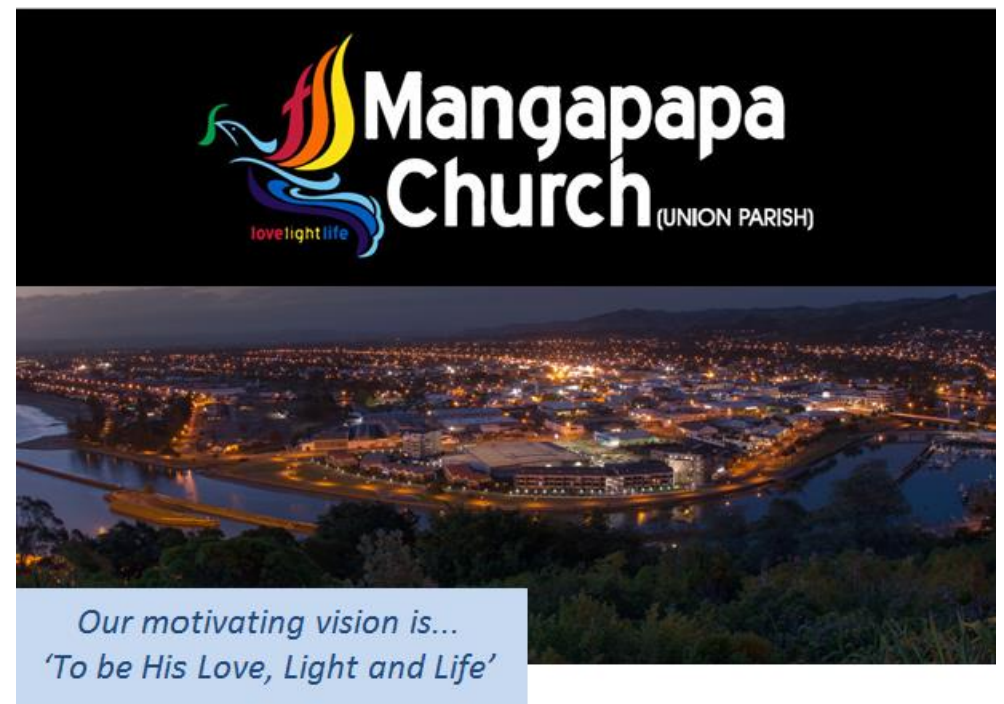
**'Men's Breakfast Group'** – Meets at 7am on Tuesdays. Contact John Hawksworth for more info.

**'Womens Lunch Group'** – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch. Next meeting, 7<sup>th</sup> September. 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.

**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 <sup>rd</sup> September
<b>Greeters</b>	M Raitaukala, <i>Volunteer</i>	M Wilson, J Phin
<b>Explorers Crèche</b>	Parents	Parents
<b>Ministry Team</b>	S Clement	TBC
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	N Aston, <i>Volunteer</i>	M Smith, A Walker
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	D Russell / A Russell	R Nelson / N Dunn
<b>Counters</b>	B Wheeler	G Stevenson



**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

**10am: "A House In Heaven"**

*2 Corinthians 5:4*

**Leading: Angela Paton**

**Preaching: Frank Darcy**

**Duty Elder: Andrew Russell**

**Church Office:** Dione Russell

**06 867-9604**

**9am – 12noon**

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*Children go out with Diane McLean and Raewyn Theobald.*

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

## Frank Darcy shares the message with us this morning. He writes ...

In my last message, I talked about Christ's coming as the "Parousia" (a state visit) of Christ coming to earth. Then we live with him forever in the Holy City, the New Jerusalem.

My title this morning is "A House in Heaven." In 2 Cor. 5:1-8, we learn what this "house" actually is.

In these verses, Paul treats the state between death and the resurrection as insignificant. He skips over it, concentrating instead on the more important issue of the resurrection.

What Paul does look forward to is Jesus' return, when he will be away from his present suffering (this mortal body), and at home with the (returned, triumphant, sovereign) Lord in his glorified body. That is the hope he describes in verse 8. That is our hope also.



**Mangapapa Ladies Morning Tea** – Ladies, if you would like some good fellowship over a cuppa then join us for morning tea at **10am next Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September** at **Kerry's Kafe** in the Lytton West shopping mall. We'd love to see you there!

**Combined Mangapapa and Fijian Church Service** – Next **Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September (Father's Day)** our Fijian brothers and sisters that meet at MUP on Sunday afternoons will be joining in the morning service with us. Come along and get to know them better.



A huge thank you to all those who prayed for us recently when I had to spend five weeks in hospital. Thanks to your prayers I have recovered fairly quickly. Also thanks to all of you who took time to visit me in hospital and to those who provided meals for Rodney while he was on his own and for both of us after I was discharged. They were very much appreciated and enjoyed. Val & Rod Judd.



### For Prayer This Week:

- **Pray for the New 'Church Leader' position advertised** – Please continue to pray that the Lord brings the person that He has chosen and called to come and serve at MUP.
- **Continue to pray for Al Clement** on his road to recovery.
- **Pray for those in our congregation** who are currently sick with covid and other illnesses.



**Our AGM – 7pm Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.**  
Please mark this on your calendar. We should have the reports out in the next week or so for you to read before the meeting.

**Volunteer Needed for Serving Morning Tea** – We are short a person in the kitchen this morning, and need a volunteer to help Nona with serving the morning tea. If you can help please let Nona know.

