

Dates to Remember	
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	8am-12noon TOSS Garage Sale
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Voting after service for Paul to join Elders Team
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Family Service / BBQ Lunch / Farewell Vanuatu
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	8:15pm Carols By Candlelight



**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.



**Foodbank** – Thank you to those who have been giving to the foodbank. We have noticed that recently there have been items donated that are well past their expiry date. Just a friendly reminder that if you are clearing out your cupboards, please do not pass on to the Foodbank any items that have expired. Thanks.

**Te Hahi Christmas Hampers** - In conjunction with the Te Hahi Police Whangaia Unit, we will be putting together special hampers for families in need this Christmas. If you wish to give to this over the next few weeks, there is a list of items needed for the hampers on the back noticeboard. Please put any food items for them in the regular collection basket – but label them 'for Te Hahi'.

**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 4 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Greeters</b>	N Aston, M Potter	J & L Hawksworth
<b>Explorers Crèche</b>	Parents	Parents
<b>Ministry Team</b>	E Oates	S Clement
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	J Dyas, <i>Volunteer</i>	W Carstens, L Hindle
<b>Flowers</b>	A Lewis	B Bowis
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	D Russell / A Russell	P Madsen / R Levy
<b>Counters</b>	N Coffey	B Wheeler

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



**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**10am: "God's Great Care"**

*Psalms 139*

**Leading: Elaine Oates**

**Preaching: Frank Darcy**

**Duty Elder: Al Clement**

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

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*Children 4-8 years go out with Marilyn. 9+ years to go out with John.*

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

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

This morning, we will be looking at **Psalm 139**, a psalm which expresses God's great care and concern, reminding us that as His people, we are the very centre of His care and attention. David was so appreciative of God's shepherding care.

**Psalm 6**, by way of contrast, is a psalm written while David is on the run trying to escape from Absalom. Short of food and water, he and his men had for three days fought their way through shockingly difficult terrain making their way toward the Jordan.

It is a psalm filled with anxiety. One great Bible teacher writes these words: "God does not mistake the voice of fear for the voice of impiety. It is all very well for preachers to comment with prim disapproval on 'the sin of anxiety'. But God does not regard fear, depression, deep worry, or solicitude as sin, provided they are brought in frankness to His feet and placed in His creative hands." – Professor Blaiklock

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

## Stewart's bits & pieces... When you come to Church this Sunday morning,

you will immediately know it is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of 'Advent', as the auditorium is decorated and displaying all the joy of 'Christ in Christmas'. Don't just sit down, but please have a stroll around and enjoy what folk have put together. Here is just sample of what is there; **1) The centrepiece 'Light of the World'** was created by Noel Dunn, following the pattern of a vision/inspiration which Nona received & shared with Noel. Wait till you see it lit up on Sunday. **2) Is Marilyn's Beach Driftwood Nativity**

display, all from what she found in just 15 minutes on Loisel's Beach last week. She too felt the Lord's inspiration – "Go down to the beach and find what you need for your Nativity scene". **3) Is Mary Freeman's handmade Nativity** which she made for a display here at MUP over 20yrs ago.

This morning I am out at St John's Church, Te Karaka, to lead and preach at their 10am Service. I was very encouraged at St Andrews in Wairoa last Sunday, as it was the largest gathering I have seen there in all the years I have been assisting there.



**For Prayer this Week:** - Pray for Ken & Alison McFarlane, with 'Partners' Medical Training Mission in Myanmar / Thailand. They have had extra challenges there on this stay, as covid has been spreading actively there too, and one student was seriously ill with it, but they were able to help him.



Let's pray for our witness to Jesus Christ in this 'Advent Christmas Season', to our community - Advent displays, 'Christmas Family Service & BBQ Lunch', 'Community Carols by Candlelight', Christmas Day Service.

Next Sunday after the 10am Service, we will vote on this recommendation to the congregation – 'That Paul Madsen be appointed an Elder to the MUP Elders Team'. With such appointments we seek ratification by a congregational vote. Please note that if you wish to vote but cannot be here next Sunday, you may email in your vote, to Dione at the office - [office@mup.org.nz](mailto:office@mup.org.nz)



**Volunteer needed to help with Morning Tea today.**



**Ginger Rice Salad Recipe** – Last Sunday someone brought the most delicious ginger rice salad to the lunch. There are several ladies who would love the recipe, but don't know who made it. If you brought this delicious salad, would you please let Angela Paton know.



**TOSS Garage Sale: 8am-midday, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December** - Marilyn will be opening the TOSS Garage for this final sale of the year, weather permitting.



**'Christmas Family Service', BBQ Lunch, & Farewell to Vanuatu Men - 10am Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - This will be a special morning with several folk contributing to the Service and a big lunch to follow. The Vanuatu men who have been with us for the past 2 months, will be heading home for Christmas after 2yrs in NZ, working in orchards in Hawkes Bay and now Gisborne. *To help us with catering, please indicate on the sheet provided if you will be staying for the lunch and whether you could bring a salad or dessert.*



**8:15pm Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

It has been 2 or 3 years since we have been able to hold one of these Community events, and all going well, we will do so this year.

