

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
Sat 18 th May	7am Te Hahi Garage Sale at MUP
Coming up	Movie Night - Still Alice. Screening at MUP.



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.

'Abiding Life Course' – Meets at 3pm on Wednesdays in the Church House. Contact Stewart Patrick for more info.

'Womens Lunch Study Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch. Next meeting will be 2nd May. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm in the Church House. Next meeting Thursday 9th May. Contact Elaine Oates or Diane McLean for more info.

"Sometimes God will put a Goliath in your life, so that you can find the David within you." - Toby McKeehan

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 5 th May
Greeters	J Phin, M Wilson	L McAra, <i>Volunteer</i>
Ministry Team	A Clement	M Freeman
Cups of Tea	A Tyler, D McLean	N Coffey, W Carstens
AV & Sound	R Nelson / D Russell	D Russell / S Patrick
Counters	N Coffey	N Coffey



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

Sunday 28th April 2024

10am: "The Miracles Of Growth – Psalm 1"

An All Ages Family Service

Leading: Stewart & Marilyn Patrick

Duty Elder: Al Clement

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Kids stay in for the All Ages Family Service this week.

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

‘Miracles of Growth’ are all around us and we will see them / recognise them as we believe - *“For in Him was created the universe of things in heaven and on earth, things seen and things unseen, thrones, dominions, principedoms, powers--all were created, and exist through and for Him.”* (Colossians 1:16). Today we look into Psalm 1 for



wonderful insights and lessons in growth from rest and simply positioning ourselves to receive. *“They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.”* (Psalms 1:3)



Stewart writes... ANZAC DAY was commemorated on Thursday and for each of us it brings up different emotions and memories. For Marilyn and myself, we always express gratefulness that both of our fathers returned from Service overseas in WW2. It is sobering (and mindboggling) to reflect that we would not be here if they were killed in action, or if even one of them did not return, we would not be a married couple and our grandchildren would not exist! Our former Church Leader from 2018–2021, Rev Paula Levy, is now a NZ Defence Force Chaplain and was asked by the Presbyterian Moderator to share her thoughts on Anzac Day with the wider Church. This can be read online here [ANZAC DAY 2024](#) and there is a copy on the Church Noticeboard.




A lovely moment was shared on One News Sport, Wednesday night. **Alicia Hoskin** (John & Lyn Hawksworth’s grand-daughter), was honoured by her Olympic Canoe team mate Aimee Fisher at the announcement of the Olympic Team six-strong New Zealand women’s squad for Paris. [You can view this here](#), but basically Alicia and Lisa Carrington gave up the opportunity to race for a World Championship Title so Aimee could have another shot at qualifying for the Olympics. Aimee says, *“For Alicia, she didn’t have a (World Championship) title at that point. So for her to sacrifice that, for women’s sport, for the future paddlers I was in awe of that decision. That was a really big sacrifice and I think when you make sacrifices like that, it is fruitful. It will come back around.”* Alicia grew up here at MUP Church and we do pray for that ‘grace under pressure’ in her top level sport.



For Prayer this Week: Note – For **‘Prayer Chain’ Requests** for prayer from 3rd to 5th May, please direct to Val Judd.

- 1) Pray for **John & Angela Paton**, helping friends in Argentina.
- 2) **We pray for Shane & Ali Roche and family** – as they get over jetlag, go back to work, and help Alison, Shane’s sister, in the loss of her husband.

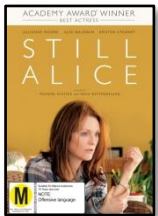
Te Hahi Garage Sale – Te Hahi is holding a garage sale at our church office area, **Tam on Saturday 18th May**. As our part, we will open up our shed and give 50% of proceeds to Te Hahi. If you have any goods you no longer need, please leave them at the office or let Marilyn know.



Coming Up!

Movie Night! ‘Still Alice’

The story of Alice, who receives a diagnosis of early-onset Alzheimers disease, and how she and her family handled it. To be screened at MUP.



Watch this space for further details.

End of Year Donation Receipts – These have now been done up and emailed out. For those whom we don’t have email addresses for – your receipt has been printed and you can collect it from the table in the church foyer.

2024 Church Directory – Last chance to put your details in the 2024 Church Directory. If you’re new and have decided MUP will be your home church for now, please put your contact details in there. The Church Directory is solely for the private use of the people listed in it, and it also helps ‘put a name to the face’ when we forget. There is a draft copy in the foyer and you can either email a photo to the office or catch Dione or Marilyn after church to take one for you.



Volunteers Needed – We are needing a Greeter to welcome people at the door next **Sunday 5th May** and also on **Sunday 12th May**. If you can help out here, please let Dione know in the office. Thanks.

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.