

Dates to Remember	
Feb TBC	Te Hahi Combined Service
Tues 5 th Mar	10am CWCI North Island Summer Retreat - Gisborne



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 – Stopped for the holidays. Will commence again in February. For more info contact Elaine Oates.

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study – Stopped for the holidays. Will commence again in February. For more info contact Maureen Wilson.

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

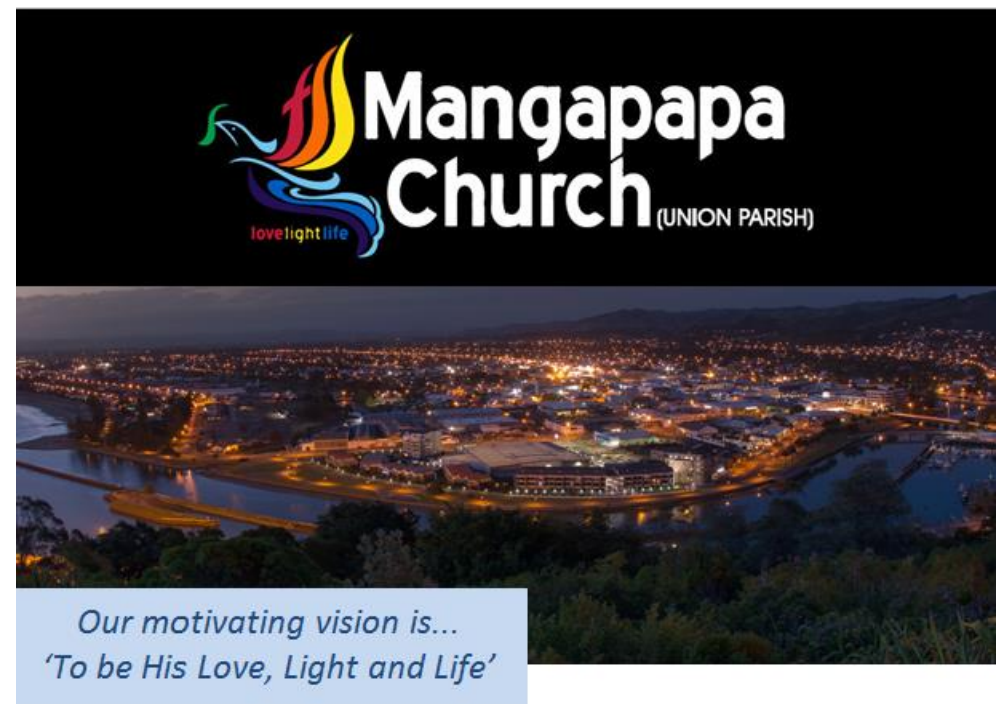
‘Womens Lunch Group’ – Stopped for the holidays. Will commence again end of January. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

Women’s ‘Growth Group’ – Stopped for the holidays. Will commence again in February. Contact Elaine Oates or Diane McLean for more info.

“Is prayer your steering wheel, or your spare tyre?”
- Corrie ten Boom

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 th February
Greeters	N Aston, I McCoy	J Dyas, L McAra
Creche	Parents	Parents
Ministry Team	M Freeman	E Oates
Cups of Tea	N Coffey, A Tyler	D McLean, I McCoy
AV & Sound	D Russell / A Russell	R Nelson / D Russell
Counters	N Coffey	N Coffey



10am Sunday 28th January 2024

‘Joseph’s Faith – Looking Beyond Our Circumstances’

Leading & Preaching: Stewart Patrick

Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick

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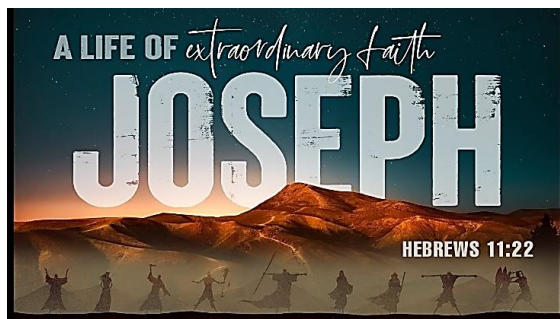
Elders Team

Stewart Patrick: 021 047 0795 Rodney Judd: 06 863 2400 Al Clement: 027 855 5949

Kids stay in today for the All-Ages Family Service

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

We continue our encouragement series of 'Faith in 2024' as today we receive encouragement in the the faith of Joseph and the purpose of God. From a vigorous, naive young man experiencing God-given dreams, to his final faith-filled words, Joseph's story is well known and loved. It is fascinating to children and youth, and becomes equally fascinating as the years pass for those of us in our senior years. *Hebrews 11:22, "By an act of faith, Joseph, while dying, prophesied the exodus of Israel, and made arrangements for his own burial."*

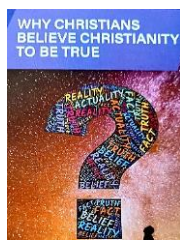


'Harvest Display' – 'Harvest' is the season we are in and it is a special part of Joseph's story too. We invite you to bring along on Sunday, any fruit or vegetables you would like to add to a display of 'thankfulness' for our wonderful Harvest season.



Stewart writes... Elders have their first meeting together in 2024 this Wednesday afternoon. If you have any matter you wish to have them consider, please pass on to Stewart, Al, Gretchen or Rodney.

Further to the item last week on **Home Groups / Study Groups commencing again**, I can confirm by request, that there will be a **new weekly Abiding Life Basic Seminar Small Group commencing in February**, led by Stewart & Marilyn. Venue and times will be advised next week, but it is likely to be a daytime group, approximately 1hr 15mins, on a specified weekday. The Seminar is divided into several topics that progress through, such as faith, holiness, denying self-life, the unique personality, marriage, growth, weakness, and more. Underlying the material is a desire to help disciples understand how they act and why they act that way, and to make clear the Way to victory. We have full Session Notes for participants to go with this series. **Contact Stewart or Marilyn if you would like to join this small group.**



'Why Christians Believe Christianity To Be True' - (Shining Lights Resources). This is a 7 Part series with 15 minute videos and Discussion Guides. Check it out here at: <https://whychristiansbelieve.nz/> This newly developed series is designed to suit both church and non-church audiences, youth and adult — to answer the question: *Why do Christians believe*

Christianity to be true? As believers we can know how to share in a "by the way..." non-threatening manner to that scepticism. **MUP has also purchased 10 sets of the Booklets that go with this series** too, which are a very helpful extra resource for participants doing this course of study. It is a very new resource, out this year.



For Prayer this Week:

- 1) **Pray for our MUP 'School Teachers' / 'Principal'** – Commencing a new school year in this coming week – Andrew Russell, (Principal of Sunrise Christian School), Mark Langford (Gisborne Girls High School), Raewyn Theobald (Sunrise School), Sonja van Wijk (Te Hapara School), Janice Langford (Specialist in several schools).
- 2) **Pray for Shane & Ali Roche** – the NZ Immigration Advisor to act on their behalf, and pray for Ali's acceptance into the NZ Midwifery Council.
- 3) **We pray those who have been unwell** over this Christmas / New Year time.

Sunday School Term 1 Help Required - Marilyn is looking for someone to teach the younger children 4-8yrs, just twice in Term 1. Please see Marilyn Patrick if you would be interested and can help.

A Date For Your Diary! Tuesday 5th March – Welcome to a Fellowship Day with Bible teaching from Beth Worley of Australia. Beth edits the 'Know Your Bible' studies and comes to us with CWCI – Connecting Women To Christ. The day starts with morning tea at 10am. Venue is Mission Hall, 707 Gladstone Road (near Mill Rd). *See the Church Noticeboard for more information, or for enquiries contact Diane McLean.*



Just a request from the Whangaia team in relation to a whanau whose house burnt down last year. They are needing:

- 3 x Dressing Tables
- A Super King bed base
- A lounge suite

If you are discarding any of the above or know of anyone who is, please let the MUP office know. They are also happy to look at anything that is reasonably priced, **occasionally** they have people donate to enable them to purchase furniture.

PRAYER PUPS By Jeffrey Smith

