

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am MUP Prayer meeting in the Church House
TODAY	10am All-Ages Family Service
TONIGHT	6.30pm Prayer Service
Thu 16 th Oct	TOSS Garage Sale
TBC	Missions Breakfast



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 weekly at 2.30pm in the Church House. Contact Elaine Oates for more info.

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

‘Men’s Group’ – Meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7.30am, currently at Noel Dunn’s place. Contact John Hawksworth for more info.

‘Womens Lunch Study Group’ – Fortnightly on Thursdays at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch. Next meeting will be 9th October. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

Women’s ‘Growth Group’ – Fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm at Diane McLean’s. Next meeting will be 9th October. Contact Diane McLean for more info.

“If you are renewed by grace, and were to meet your old self, I am sure you would be very anxious to get out of his company.”
- Charles Spurgeon

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 October
Greeters	J Dyas, L McAra	J Phin, I McCoy
Ministry Team	E Oates	A Russell
Cups of Tea	D McLean, P Oram, J Paton	N Coffey, E & B Bowis
AV & Sound	D Russell / N Dunn	R Nelson / D Russell
Counters	N Coffey	A Radcliffe



Sunday 28th September 2025

10am: An All-Ages ‘Spring Family Service’

“The Sower & The Seed”
with special guests, ‘Jimmy’ and ‘Sally’

Leading: Stewart & Marilyn Patrick

Duty Elder: Al Clement

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Kidzspace (4-8yrs) and Matrix (9-14yrs) go out with Ali for a movie.

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

We celebrate 'Spring' this morning in our Family Service. We are reminded to hear and see God's hand and His ways, through creation, in this wonderful new-life season. In several different ways we will look at Jesus parable of the Sower & The Seeds, from Mark 4:1-20, with activities for the children and some fun and laughs with our special guests; Jimmy, Sally and Jenny. A key word from Jesus in this parable is to **listen**. So yes, we will 'Listen' to the word of the Lord, and 'Listen' for the Lord's word to us. There will be a special 'encouragement' for everyone this morning, who as Jesus says; comes with ears ready and prepared to 'listen'. - *Stewart*



Janet Burgess, "Taken Home To Glory" – It is with sadness, and joy, that we share that Janet went peacefully to be with Jesus on Tuesday afternoon. Shane and her sister in law were with her when she passed. Janet had been a faithful member of MUP for over 30 years, and was a wonderful woman of prayer and great Intercessor. **Her funeral will be held here at Mangapapa Church, on Monday 29th September at 2pm.**



For Prayer & Praise this week: -

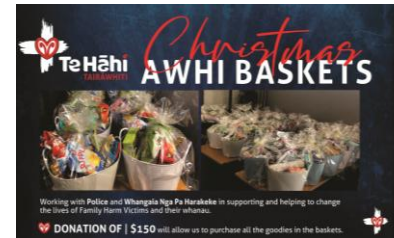
1. Pray for Janet's family and friends as they grieve her passing this week.
2. Pray for the teachers and students in their last week of school holidays. May it be a time of rest and refreshing, preparing them for the final term.
3. Congratulations to Zebrina Cowley for winning 2nd place in the Demi Character category at the recent Ballet Competitions. Well done Zebrina!

PCANZ Public Apology – In honour of people abused in Presbyterian Church care and as a commitment to change, a public apology to survivors of abuse will be delivered by the PCANZ Moderator, Right Rev Rose Luxford, this coming Saturday, 27th September in Dunedin and the following Saturday, 4th October in Auckland. More information is available on their website at [Honouring Survivors | Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand](#). An online video will be uploaded to this webpage following each in-person event.



Volunteer Needed for Gizzy Kai Pick Up – We have had someone volunteer to do the Gizzy Kai pick up every fortnight, so we are now looking for another person who would be able to do the alternate Thursdays. This involves picking up cartons of food and boxes of fruit/veges on a **Thursday morning around 10am**, and delivering them to the church. There is some heavy lifting involved. If this something you can help out with, please let the office know.

Sports Chaplaincy Workshop – Sports Chaplaincy are holding a workshop on **Saturday 22nd November**, and there are about 5 adult men who will be travelling to Gisborne to attend it. If anyone is able to accommodate and host one or two of these men for a couple of nights, please let Peren Mountfort know. Also, if you are interested in sports chaplaincy or possibly attending the workshop, go and have a talk to Peren.



Te Hahi Awhi Baskets – It is time to start collecting for the Te Hahi Christmas hampers. They cost \$150 each, and MUP has been encouraged to supply 10 baskets (if possible). These hampers will be distributed by the police Whangāia team to needy folk. Any donations towards these can be paid to the Mangapapa Church account (number is on the back of your newsletter) and will be included in your MUP end of year tax receipt. Please use 'Xmas Hamper' as the reference.

Next Thursday Open Shed Sale – 16th October – Any items you no longer need, we would gladly welcome them. Just drop them off to the office during week day mornings or bring along on Sunday.



Tairawhiti Positive Ageing Trust Morning Tea – In celebration of International Day of Older Persons there is a free morning tea at **10am Wednesday 1st October** at Kahutia Bowling Club. See the poster on the church noticeboard for more information.



Foodbank – Our current foodbank needs are: Weetbix, spreads, muesli bars, biscuits, UHT milk, milo/hot chocolate, tuna/salmon, canned corn, dishwash liq, washing powder, 2 Min Noodles.