

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6.30pm Pray Big Prayers Service (Persecuted Church)
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10am Hymn Sing-A-Long at Frank & Lorraine Darcy's
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	TOSS Garage Sale



**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 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

**Women's 'Growth Group'** – Meets fortnightly on alternate Thursdays to Women's Lunch Group, at 1pm in the Church House. Contact Elaine Oates or Diane McLean for more info.

"The older I get, the better I used to be."  
- Lee Trevino

**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 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Greeters</b>	M Wilson, N Aston	J Dyas, L McAra
<b>Explorers Crèche</b>	Parents	Parents
<b>Ministry Team</b>	M Freeman	E Oates
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	W Carstens, N Coffey	I McCoy, L Hindle
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	P Madsen / N Dunn	D Russell / A Russell
<b>Counters</b>	N Coffey	A Radcliffe



**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**10am: "God Uses Everything, And I Mean Everything!"**

*Romans 8:28*

**Leading: Stewart Patrick**

**Preaching: Marilyn Patrick**

**Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick**

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**Elders Team**

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Paul Madsen: 027 511 4769

*Children go out with Ashley Mountfort and Raewyn Theobald this morning.*

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

## Marilyn's theme this morning ...

If we could pull back the curtain of Heaven  
We would see His hand on everything  
Every hour, every minute  
Every second, He's always been in it  
Don't let a shadow of a doubt take hold (Take hold). Hold on to what you already know

He's the **peace** in the madness  
That you can't explain  
He's the **hope** in the heartbreak  
The **rest** in the suffering  
He's closer than the air you breathe

(From the song 'Reason', by Unspoken)



**Stewart writes...** Elders met this week and a significant item on our agenda is the planning of our Services over December, January and February, including the Advent/Christmas events. It's a lovely time to plan for, but a busy time too. Dione at the Church Office will also be asking folk for their availability too, for serving on the Rosters for the many tasks done each week over these summer months. We are so grateful, but do ask that you please look to help where you can, knowing everyone needs a break at some part of the summer holidays.

## 'Working Bee POSTPONED TO SATURDAY 4

**NOVEMBER**, due to cold snap forecast for tomorrow.

Paint cannot be applied in such temperatures & too cold for Gardeners. There will be 'Wet & Forget' mould hose spray of walls and Skylight roofing, some painting to be done as we match up our new roof colour scheme with the roof trim in places, along with gardens, and other Spring tasks to tackle.



## For Prayer this Week:



- **Happy Birthdays!** – Claire Murton, Andrew Russell & Amanda Lewis all celebrate their birthdays, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October.
- **Pray for the Elders & Search Team** as we work through many more details of the New Church Leader process. **Pray for Shane & Ali Roche** – undertaking the several application processes, to

emigrate to NZ, and for Ali to work as a Midwife here.

- **Pray for those unwell, receiving treatment or recovering.** Bill Wheeler recovering from a whole new knee operation. Cannot drive for 6 weeks.
- **Pray** "...petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (1 Timothy 2)
- **"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem".** (Psalm 122)

**On 5<sup>th</sup> November at the 10am Service** we will be acknowledging saints of the church past and present. I ask that you make a list of the names of the people who have been instrumental in your coming to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour, and to bring that list with you on the 5<sup>th</sup> where we will present them as a thank you to God. – Elaine Oates



## Open Doors

Serving persecuted **Christians** worldwide



## 6:30pm Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November - 'International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church'.

A special Service here at MUP to learn and to pray for the persecuted Church around the world. We join with Churches around the world on this day to pray "Big Prayers".

**Te Hahi Christmas Hampers** – It costs \$150 to make up one of these baskets, which will be given to Family Harm victims and their whanau. Donations can be made to MUP office or to our bank account (on back page) – put 'Hamper' or 'Te Hahi' in the reference. **Last day for donations is Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November.**



**The next Hymn Sing-A-Long** – Will be held at **10am on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**, at Frank & Lorraine Darcy's place. Come and join in a cuppa and singing some of your favourite hymns. **Final one for the year.**

## Matawhero Historic Church - Special Remembrance Service – 155<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 2pm Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

Remembering the events and those who lost their lives, 11 November 1868. Officiating – Rt Rev Rose Luxford, Moderator, Presbyterian Church Aotearoa New Zealand. All welcome. Contact Marie, 027 441 9424, Gisborne Presbyterian Parish



### Christmas Stars

We want to invite anyone who is interested, to create a Christmas Star, in the next 6 weeks, that can be displayed over the Christmas season, beginning Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. They can be any size.

We are making a large star to be lit up on the outside of the church also.



## Next Thursday Open Shed Sale – 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

Any items you no longer need we would gladly welcome them. Just drop off to office during week day mornings or bring along Sunday morning. No clothes or books please.

