

Dates to Remember	
5 th May	9am-11am Church gardening with others
11 th May	8.15am - Midday TOSS Garage Sale
16-18 Jun	40 Hour Famine

Church Office Hours: 9am - 12noon, Mon - Fri (excluding public holidays).

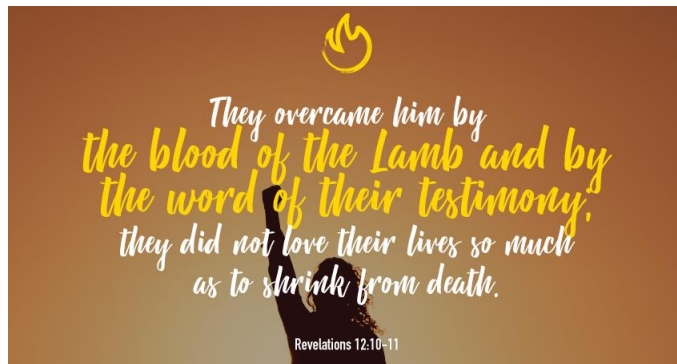
'Prayer Chain' – Any matters requiring confidential prayer support, can be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Val Judd or Elaine Oates.

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study – Meets 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.

Thursday 'Womens Breakfast' – Currently on hold. For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm in the Church House. Next meeting is due 27th April March.



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 7 th May
Greeters	A Clement, M Wilson	L McAra, J Dyas
Explorers Crèche	Parents	Parents
Ministry Team	A Clement	M Freeman
Cups of Tea	N Aston, M Potter	D McLean, N Coffey
AV & Sound	D Russell / A Russell	R Nelson / S Patrick
Counters	B Wheeler	G Stevenson



Sunday 30th April 2023

10am: Testimonies Service

Leading: Stewart Patrick

Preaching: Testimonies

Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick

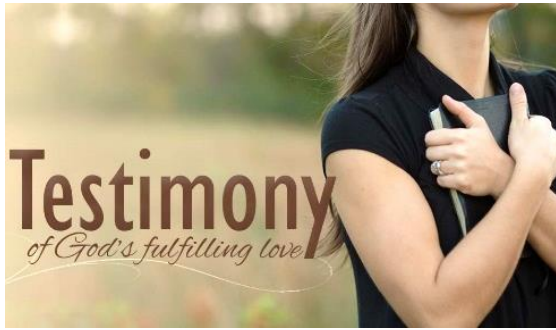
Church Office: Dione Russell 06 867-9604 9am – 12noon
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Elders Team

Stewart Patrick: 021 047 0795 Rodney Judd: 06 863-2400 Al Clement: 027 855 5949
 Paul Madsen: 027 511 4769

Kids are to go out with Marilyn and John during the service.

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



'Testimony Service' today.

Every 3 months we set aside one Sunday Service where MUP folk can share a testimony of what the Lord has been doing in their life. Maybe you received a specific Scripture or word from the Lord for a certain situation you were facing? Or perhaps an answer to prayer? Is there an encouragement you can bring to

others? At the time of writing there is still space in the Service for someone to share so **if you wish to share please contact Stewart on 021 047 0795 or email stewabide@gmail.com**

Stewart writes... This Thursday, 4th May our **MUP Leadership Team** meets at the Church Office. If you have any matter you would like to bring to our attention, let myself or Dione at the office know and it will be added to our agenda.

When in Wairoa leading the St Andrews service 2 weeks ago, I listened to another story of how people have been financially impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle. This person had travelled to Napier for major dental work in the week prior to Cyclone Gabrielle. Then in the days following the cyclone, the work done on their teeth was flaring up and they were advised to get back down to Napier as soon as possible, but how? The medical flights were unavailable to them, so they had to immediately book flights on Air NZ. Being Gisborne - Auckland - Napier and return. The flights cost them \$2,000! Like us, St Andrews has received monetary gifts for those affected by flooding, but this person never thought they might qualify for help from that. There are many different ways folk have been affected and how we can help.



Last Sunday the children enjoyed watching the remarkable story of missionary Amy Carmichael, and her work with children in India. Today I will refer to just a portion of that, with how it started – a little girl wrenching Amy's cross from her neck, knowing it spoke of freedom and life. We in Aotearoa NZ, also have a story of

unknown folk visiting our shores, and their cross wrenched from their neck, but it too would speak of life to those in darkness in the years that followed.

You can watch the ['Torchlighters Amy Carmichael' video at this link here](#) and the Tribute ['Hymn Sing Tribute to Amy Carmichael'](#) by Keith & Kristen Getty, [here](#).



For Prayer this Week:

- **Leadership Team meeting on Thursday** – Decisions being made in progressing our search for a new 'Church Leader'.
- **Flood affected home owners** – still big decisions needing to be made.
- **This Sunday morning we are praying for our Term 2 Sunday School teachers** – they are: Peren & Ashley Mountfort, Anna Alder, Raewyn Theobald, John Hill and Marilyn Patrick.



Next 'TOSS Garage Sale' – Thursday 11th May, 8:15am to midday.

Plants Sale has currently raised \$230 for the RUEL Philippines Orphanage

Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser last week either by providing plants to sell or buying some.

Some plants are still available for purchase: **Maple Trees & Fruit tree seedlings \$2; and Orchid Plants \$15.** See Marilyn about these.



Our Church Gardens – Our next Gardening Session is on Friday 5 May, 9am-11am. Love to see you there if you are free. Gardening with others is fun!



2023 Church Directory – This has been printed and you can pick up a copy from the table in the church foyer. There is one black & white copy per family. Colour copies are available for \$5. If you would like a colour copy, see Dione in the office.



so much to those who provided meals for people affected by the flooding, they were most appreciated. You can collect your dishes from the church foyer.

End Of Year Donation Receipts – These have been done and emailed out to those whom we have email addresses for. For who don't have email, your receipt has been printed and is available to collect from the table in the church foyer.