

| Dates to Remember          |                                                      |
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| Thursdays                  | 7am MUP Prayer meeting in the Church House           |
| TONIGHT                    | 5.30pm 'God Is Pro-Life' Youth Rally at Alive Church |
| Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct   | Leadership Away Day                                  |
| Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct | TOSS Garage sale                                     |
| Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Sonrise School Presence - Praise & Worship night     |
| Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct   | 8am Men's Breakfast                                  |
| Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct   | 6.30pm Light Party Volunteers meeting                |
| Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct   | Light Party @ MUP                                    |
| 20-22 Nov                  | MUP Men's Weekend away                               |



### Church Office Hours: 9am - 12noon, Mon - Fri

Mon-Fri 28 Sept – 2 October 9am – 11.30am (first week of 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 on Mondays in the church house. See Elaine Oates for more info.

**Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study** – Meets weekly at 1.30pm in the Church House (but not in school holidays). Contact Maureen Wilson for more info.

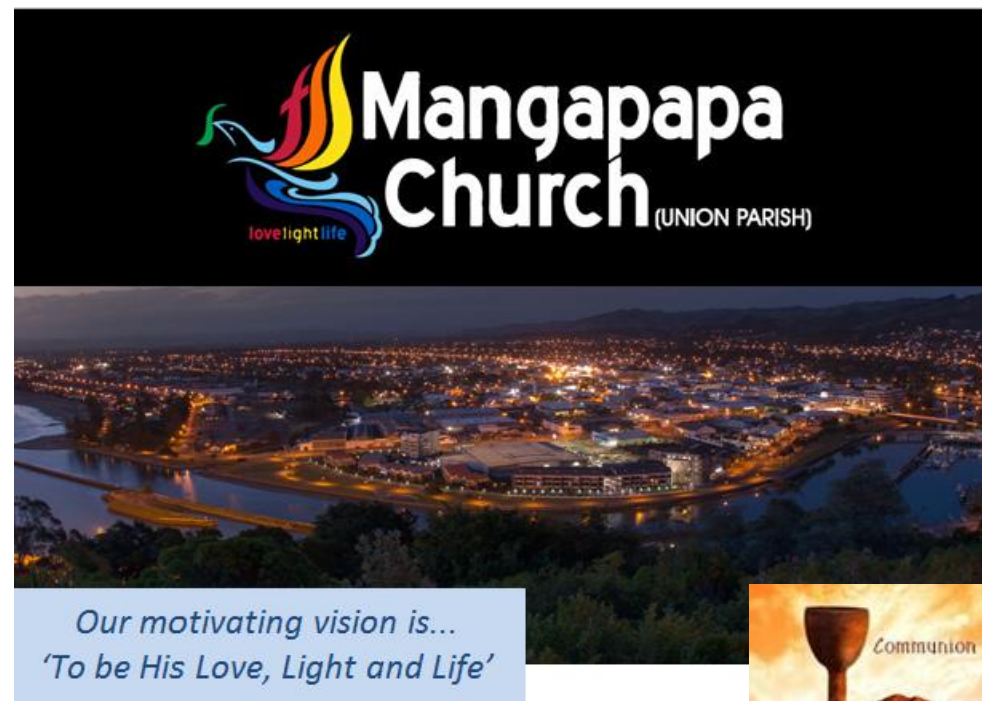
**'Men's Group'** – Meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7.30am, currently at Noel Dunn's place. Contact John Hawksworth for more info.

**'Womens Lunch Study Group'** – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch. Next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> October. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

**Women's 'Growth Group'** – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm at Diane McLean's. Next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> October. Contact Diane McLean for more info.

**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 11 <sup>th</sup> October |
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| <b>Greeters</b>       | Al Clement, L McAra  | J & L Hawksworth                     |
| <b>Ministry Team</b>  | E Oates              | D Russell                            |
| <b>Cups of Tea</b>    | L Hindle, N Coffey   | A Dehne-Walker, J Paton              |
| <b>AV &amp; Sound</b> | R Nelson / J Holland | E Oates, S Patrick                   |
| <b>Counters</b>       | B Wheeler            | B Wheeler                            |



**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

**10am:** 'Faith in Jesus, it's the Only Way to Truly Know God'  
John chapter 14

*With Communion*

**Leading: Rachal McIntyre      Preaching: John Hill**

**Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick**

**Church Leader:** Shane Roche      **E-mail:** shane@mup.org.nz

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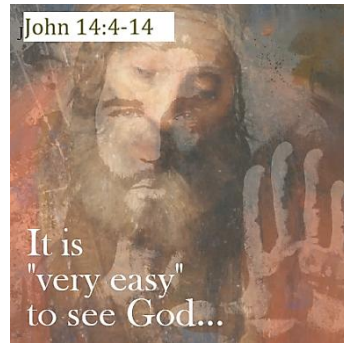
#### Elders Team

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A Russell: 027 815 1635      Clement: 027 855 5949

*Kids - School Holidays programme this morning.*

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

**John Hill shares the word this morning, on the vital theme of Faith in Jesus Christ.** He says...Many people know so much about God and Jesus, but they do not have a personal relationship with Him. You might know God and Jesus, come along to church occasionally, but do not have, does your heart truly desire, a personal relationship with Him? God loves us so much. He knows our every need, our worries, our pains. He cares for us and wants to comfort us. **John 14:5-9** Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" (6) Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (7) "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." (8) Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." (9) Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"



**Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus** - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)

### Leadership 'Away Day' Saturday

Next weekend the wider leadership team are heading off for an away day together. This is a time for reflection, envisioning and seeking the Lords directing for our church. It's a really valuable and significant day in our leadership calendar. We'd appreciate your prayers. Pray for wisdom and spiritual sensitivity to what God wants to say to the team. We'll be sure to feedback to you all soon. Thank you.  
Shane

### Prayer and Praise this week:



- Pray for Maureen Wilson in hospital again.
- Pray for Gill as she plans for home.
- Pray for the many others who are struggling with health concerns.
- Praise God that Jean is home from hospital. Let's continue to pray for her recovery!
- Praise for the donation of 45 packets of venison mince this week for the foodbank, for more toothpastes and toothbrushes and a large box of pasta.

If you have any prayer requests please let a member of our team know or contact the office. For more personal or private matters, our intercessor prayer group and prayer chain are also available. - 'When we pray, coincidences happen...'

### **'God Is Pro-Life' Youth Rally** - These October School



Holidays a team from Voice For Life is touring Hawkes Bay. If you are in high school, and have questions about pro-life issues, this event is for you! Pizza, games, quizzes – plenty of fun and learning.

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 5.30pm-8.30pm at Alive Church in Leith St.**

See poster on church noticeboard for more information.



**Thursday Open Shed Sale: 8.30am-12noon Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October** – Please feel free to pass on any items you no longer need. Just bring them to church or drop them in to the office during the week. **Just no books or clothing please.**



**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – We are hosting the Light Party again this year, with the help of some of the other churches around Gizzy. We will be needing volunteers to help with running stalls, bouncy castles, security etc, so if you would like to be involved come along to the **Volunteers Meeting at 6.30pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October, here at MUP.** All volunteers, from MUP and the other churches will be there and it will be a time for getting to know each other, getting instructions and answering questions.

### **MUP Men's Weekend – Friday to Sunday, 20-22 November**

Come on Mangapapa Men! Come away for a fun weekend relaxing together at Whanarua Bay. We've secured a second batch next to John and Lyn's place, so there's plenty of space available. It'll be a chance to enjoy some good company, food and time together. If you'd like to come along and book a place, please let **Shane or John** know.



**Foodbank** – Thank you to those who give to this ministry. Current needs are:

Pasta, 2 Min Noodles, coffee, 500ml cooking oil, canned peas, canned corn, toilet paper, canned fruit, pasta sauce, milk powder