

Dates to Remember	
TODAY	5.30pm Te Hahi Combined Service & Pot Luck dinner
5 <sup>th</sup> May	(or 12 <sup>th</sup> ) TOSS Garage Sale
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Testimony Service



**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** – Starting up again at 1.30pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, in the Church House. Contact Maureen Wilson for more info.

**Thursday 'Womens Breakfast'** – Meets at 7am on Thursdays in the Church House for Breakfast. For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

**Women's 'Growth Group'** – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm in the Church House.

**FOODBANK UPDATE** .... We are just so thankful for the amazing provision from Gizzy Kai of boxes of essential foods, both perishable and non-perishable. Here are a few things that we are short of at present: Dishwashing Detergent, Laundry Powder, Toothpaste, Oil, Pasta sauce and Margarine.



**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.

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.

	Today	Next Sunday 8 May
<b>Greeters</b>	J & L Hawksworth	M Raitaukala, N Aston
<b>Explorers Crèche</b>	Parents	Parents
<b>Ministry Team</b>	M Freeman	E Oates
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	J Dyas, L Hindle, M Smith	A Alder, I McCoy
<b>Flowers</b>	G Sharp	B Bowis
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	J Russell / N Dunn	D Russell / J Russell
<b>Counters</b>	G Stevenson	A Radcliffe



**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

**10am: "The Sower"**

Matthew 13:24-30 and 36-40

With Communion

**Leading: Dione Russell    Preaching: Leigh McGurk**

**Duty Elder: Al Clement**

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**Elders Team**

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No children's programme today, but Activity Sheets are on the table.

If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, stay home and get a R.A.T. Test.  
By getting a test, you are helping keep your community safe.

## Leigh McGurk shares the message this morning. She writes...

A friend recently asked me, "Have you ever thought about why plants take a lot of work, but weeds come up all by themselves and try to take over? For a plant you must: cultivate the soil, plant it, water it and then keep it safe from bugs and insects, whereas weeds just appear and look after themselves!"

I told my friend, "It sounds like there should be a sermon in that question," and she told me to use the question as I feel led. So here I am a month or so later. After spending time in scripture and in prayer, this is my revelation.



## Next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May – 'Testimony Sharing Service' – 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? If you wish to share please contact Stewart, ph. 0210470795 or email; [stewabide@gmail.com](mailto:stewabide@gmail.com)



## A Reminder: You are free to wear a mask or not wear a mask

in our Services. However, we continue to ask you to be wise and understanding of each other in this difficult Covid time, where folk have varying degrees of risk assessment in large gatherings. We are maintaining our current seating plan that provides for spacing, and also ask that you are careful with any Covid symptoms in your decisions about attending MUP gatherings. Services or small groups.

The 10am service is live streamed. To access – at 10am 'Ctrl + click' on the following Facebook link: [Mangapapa Union Parish](#)

**'Women's Movie Afternoon'** – Marilyn Patrick is going to see the new movie "Downton Abbey" this Tuesday 3rd May at 1:35pm at the ODEON. If you would like to join her please let her know by emailing her at [marilynpatrick54@gmail.com](mailto:marilynpatrick54@gmail.com) or phoning her on 021 158 1018.



## Combined Service & Pot Luck

5.30pm TODAY at 'Alive Church',

10 Leith St. There will be a pot luck dinner, if you can bring a salad/vegetables and a dessert. The dinner will be at 5.30pm and the dessert will be after the service.

**Elders/Leadership Team Meeting** – This Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May at 1:30pm in the Church Office lounge. If you have any item of business or questions you wish to bring before the Team, please feel to speak to one of the LT members and it will be placed on our agenda.



**For Prayer This Week** – Two of our folk are soon to head away for several weeks, to be with family in Europe. This will be the first time in over 2 years that this is possible and it is not without some apprehension that they go. Our prayers go with you for seeing His hand and wisdom in your steps along the way.

**Next 'TOSS Garage Sale'** – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> May. We have a shed full of things to sell, looking forward to seeing needs met, meeting new people, and at the same time making some \$ to help the church. Angela and Marilyn will be running this.



## Flower Ladies!

We hope you notice each week the beautiful flower arrangements that the ladies do, that bring warmth and colour to our services. Thank you, we are blessed.



**Volunteers Needed For Morning Tea on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> May** – We do not have anyone rostered for the last two Sundays in May, which are last two Sundays of the current roster. We need at least two volunteers for each Sunday. If you are happy to do this, please let the office know. A new roster will be done up from June.

**Ways You Can Help And Serve In This Church ...** We have many opportunities where you can serve in this church and if you would like to, please contact the office. Some of them are: *Serving cups of tea, welcoming people at the door, being a statistic counter, flower arranging, part of the music group, helping on the Sound Desk or AV Easy Worship, helping out in Explorers (creche) so a mother can stay in the service, tidying up some of the gardens, washing down outside of buildings .... And many more.*

Thank you to so many of you who already serve in so many ways... You are so appreciated.