

Dates to Remember	
Wednesday	12.30pm 'Praise' service - No Vaccine Pass required



**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 Joy McHardy or Val Judd.

**Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study** – Has postponed starting until further notice. Contact Maureen Wilson for more info.

**Wednesday 'Mens Breakfast'** - Has recommenced. Meets at 6.45am in the Church House for breakfast. Contact Paul Cosson for more info.

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

**Women's 'Growth Group'** – Will resume on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 1pm in the Church House. Contact is Nicola Hawkins.

**All Small/Home Groups - Please remember all MUP Small Groups, gatherings and meetings need to adhere to the Covid 19 Health protocols. Signing in, masks, one metre spacing, well ventilated area and hygiene care.**

### Operating Under The Traffic Light System – 'RED' Level

- Signing In/Scanning In is required at all Services/gatherings/groups @ MUP.
- Vaccine Passes need to be shown for Services/gatherings that require them.
- People to be seated 1 metre apart at all gatherings unless part of the same 'bubble'. If you move your seat to sit next to your spouse/family, please move it back to the original position after the Service.
- Maximum of 25 people at 'Without Vax Pass' gatherings and 100 at 'With Vax Pass' gatherings.
- Masks need to be worn by everyone at all services and group meetings.

**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 13 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Greeters</b>	A Clement, J Phin	M Raitaukala, <i>Volunteer</i>
<b>Explorers Crèche</b>	Parents	Parents
<b>Ministry Team</b>	A Clement	
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	<i>No Morning Tea</i>	<i>No Morning Tea</i>
<b>Flowers</b>	E Oates	A Lewis
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	R Nelson / A Russell	D Russell / M Patrick
<b>Counters</b>	N Coffey	N Coffey

**Mangapapa Church** (UNION PARISH)

Our motivating vision is...  
*'To be His Love, Light and Life'*

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**10am: "Rongo Pai & the Treaty of Waitangi"**

*Stories to celebrate that MUP has links to.*

**Leading: Janice Langford**

**Preaching: Stewart Patrick**

**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

*'Explorers' creche is available for 1-4 years, but parents need to stay and supervise.*

If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, stay home and call your doctor or Healthline on 0800 358 5453 for advice about getting tested. By getting a test, you are helping keep your community safe.

**'Rongo Pai and the Treaty of Waitangi' – Incredible stories to celebrate that MUP has links to.** For our Waitangi weekend Service today we will be celebrating the wonderful influence of the **'Gospel Good News' – 'Te**



Figure 1 - The Mission Flag 'RONGOPAI' was flown on Sunday so Maori would know it was Ra Tapu (sacred day). Here it is at the Waimate North Mission Station.

**Rongo Pai'** – that the early missionaries brought to Aotearoa NZ, and was a major reason why the Treaty of Waitangi came about. The true story you are going to hear today of Joseph & Mary Matthews and their founding of the Kaitiaki Mission is, sadly, not one that will be shared widely outside of Church circles. But today you will have it and will be able to share it wider, to your children and grandchildren and beyond. I am very excited to be able to share this and I have a keen sense that **'RONGO PAI' ('GOOD NEWS')** – is going to be a key word for Mangapapa Church in the future. (Stewart)

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

make a decision to close the Services to avoid any spread. As we are set up for live streaming, it is possible to run a service solely with the speaker and musicians.

- 6) **What is your plan if you are required to 'self-isolate' at home?** – If you do not have family or someone close you can call on should you need help for any reason, please let us know. Speak to one of the Elders or contact the Church office.

**'Testimony Sunday' 13<sup>th</sup> February** – Your opportunity next Sunday morning to share a 5-7 minute recent testimony, of what the Lord has done or something encouraging that the Lord has revealed to you. If you have something to share, it would be helpful if you let Stewart know that you wish to share. Contact Stewart @ 021 047 0795 or [stewabide@gmail.com](mailto:stewabide@gmail.com)

**'PRAISE' Service - 12:30pm-1.10pm Wednesdays @ MUP** – Our 'mixed' gathering (no vaccine pass required) meditative Service & Communion. This mid-week Service follows the same mandates for Sunday Services, of signing in, mask wearing, 1 metre spacing, but with a maximum of 25 attending.

**Caring for each other in these difficult times:** Remember; "we all can *'step up' a bit more in ensuring encouragement and care for each other does take place.*" It may be a call, a coffee, a visit, a card, a word. The Lord will lead you as you ask Him, "Who Lord, can I encourage today?"



**Foodbank** – If you want to donate to the food bank then the following are items that we get low on: Flour, sugar, milo, toothpaste, cooking oil, cans of tuna/salmon, canned veges, mashed potatoes, muesli bars, biscuits, UHT milk, rubbish stickers.

**A Reminder of our current Service attendance requirements from this Sunday** – NZ is under **RED**, due to Omicron spreading. We are warned that there will be difficult weeks ahead, so **what changes are required for our Sunday Services over the next 2 months?**

- 1) **Masks** – Masks will be compulsory at our Services from this Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. (Note: Worship Team, leaders and preachers when at the front, are not required to wear their masks).
- 2) **Morning Tea** – Although we are still legally able to serve tea and coffee at Services under **RED**, we decided that once we started getting confirmed cases in the Gisborne region then we won't be having morning tea/coffee. That has happened, so **no Morning Teas for a while.**
- 3) **Offerings** – These will be received at the door where folk can drop them into a bucket/basket when entering. Greeters will oversee the offering.
- 4) **Communion** – Cups are all disposable, and if servers have gloves and masks then serving is easy with the seating spaced 1 metre apart. Collecting of used cups will be done by the servers to avoid excess handling.
- 5) **Closing Services, Live Streaming only** – We are doing this every Sunday now, and **if we find Omicron is progressing rapidly in the community, we will**

**Attention Church Gardeners** – We have had a request for the seeds of the agapanthas in the carpark. As these will not be ready to harvest for another 2-3 weeks, could you please leave them and not cut the heads off prematurely. Thanks heaps.



**Bible In Schools** – There is an opportunity for a volunteer to take on the Bible in School (now known as Launchpad) teaching at Muriwai School. These children are a wonderful enthusiastic group split into junior and senior classes. In the past they have been very open to Launchpad and the staff are very supportive. Lessons are taken on a weekly basis, half an hour per class. All resources and training are provided. Volunteers must be police vetted; we can facilitate this. Due to government regulations, any volunteer entering a school must be covid vaccinated. If anyone is interested please contact the Regional Advisor, Esther Henderson on 867 8845 or email [doonhill@farmside.co.nz](mailto:doonhill@farmside.co.nz)