

Dates to Remember	
Wednesday 13 th March	12.30pm 'Praise' service - No Vaccine Pass required Paula's Thank You/Farewell 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 – Postponed until further notice. Contact Maureen Wilson for more info.

Wednesday 'Mens Breakfast' - Postponed until further notice.

Thursday 'Womens Breakfast' – Postponed until further notice. For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

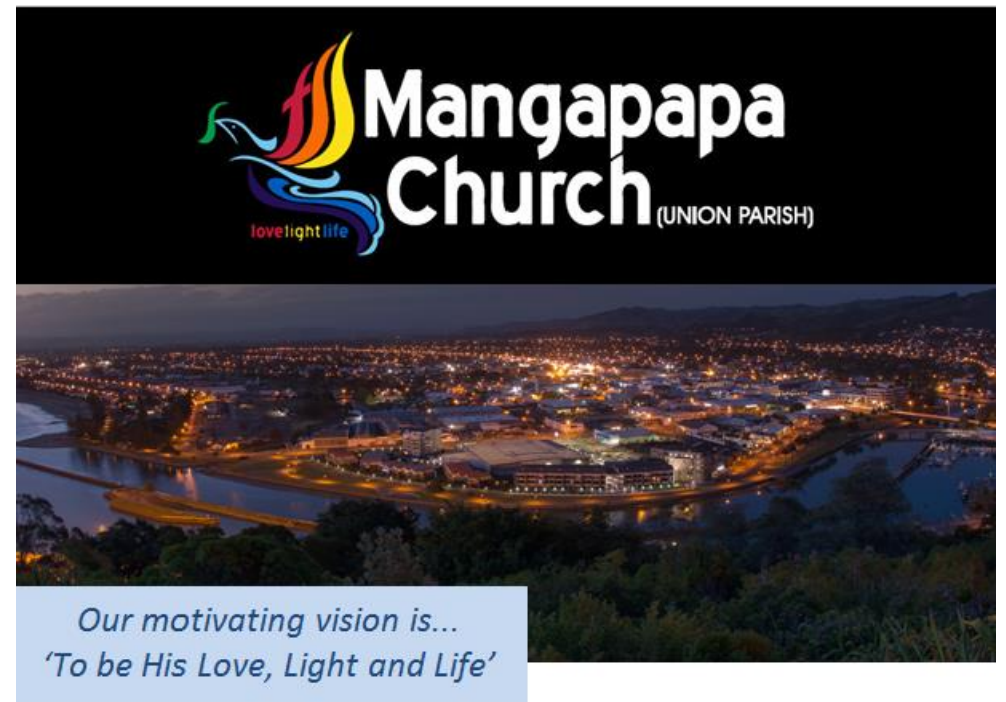
Women's 'Growth Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm in the Church House. Contact is Nicola Hawkins.

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 to be worn by everyone at all services and gatherings held at church. Face mask rules don't need to be applied to gatherings meeting in homes.

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 th March
Greeters	A Clement, J Phin	M Raitaukala, N Aston
Explorers Crèche	R Theobald	No Explorers
Ministry Team	A Clement	E Oates
Cups of Tea	No Morning Tea	No Morning Tea
Flowers	G Sharp	D Dobbie
AV & Sound	R Nelson / A Russell	J Russell / N Dunn
Counters	Not Needed	N Coffey



Sunday 6th March 2022

10am: "Through It All"

Leading: Stewart Patrick

Preaching: James Carstens

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. Kidzspace (Primary) and Matrix (Intermediate) will stay in during service.

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.

‘Through It All’ – James Carstens brings to us one of the deepest truths we all have to experience rather than ‘learn’. Scripture is packed full of examples and testimony to this truth - that we can trust our Lord Jesus and the Father in everything that comes our way. The classic song by Andre Crouch says;

*I've had many tears and sorrows,
I've had questions for tomorrow,
there's been times I didn't know right from wrong.
But in every situation,
God gave me blessed consolation,
that my trials come to only make me strong.
Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to trust in Jesus,
I've learned to trust in God.
Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to depend upon His Word.*



From Abiding Life Ministries this week, comes this important reminder of what is also our consistent focus here @ MUP....

"After a seminar in a church (eastern Europe), several people came up to say the same thing: they were so discouraged with the oppressive government, inflation, and the uncertainty of the future that they had not realized how much they needed encouragement. They recognized that there was hope when Jesus was the focus. Later I was sitting in a home listening to a couple talk of crime, unemployment, the fear of death, and reprisals from a government apparently pitted against the citizenry. I thought to myself, I want to mention Jesus and see if the serious mood changes. I said, "An African, Andrew Murray, stressed the verse, 'I will keep him in perfect peace whose eyes are stayed on Me.' There is no peace when eyes are on government, the thief, the murderer, or the future. Peace arrives when our eyes are on Him. God deals with man's trouble spot, the heart: 'Let not your heart be troubled.'"

I watched as everyone smiled, the mood changed, and lightness was in the air. God dealt with the most precious thing to Abraham, that being Isaac, knowing that if Isaac were dealt with, all lesser things could be laid aside. God deals with our Isaacs; mine is any prolonged looking to anything other than Christ. Even in the worst situation, turning to Him, dwelling on Him, and looking at His goodness brings light." - Michael Wells, 'Untold Stories, Unknown Saints', pages 316, 317. It's in the Church Library to borrow.

MUP Services Have Changed For The Covid Omicron Peak

MUP Elders and Leadership Team have decided to prioritise 'Live Streaming' of our 10am Sunday Service and restrict attendance to just 25, with pre-booking and vaccine pass required. **This will be in place from this Sunday 6th March, and will last until we get over the peak of this Covid outbreak, which is expected to take up to 6 weeks.** Our primary aim in doing this is to protect our senior folk



and those immunocompromised at this time. We are advised that many of us will catch this virus and recover without major health issues, but we do not want our Church Services and activities to be a source of significant spread. Note too, we will not be serving Communion over this time. Please note we are not closing down attendance at the 10am Services, in fact we want up to 25 there to help our leaders and speakers by having a live congregation present. Our seating area will be wider spaced and the Livestream video will be from a tripod closer to the front, so that it will give a much clearer view of the screen and of those leading/preaching/sharing. The sound should be much improved too.

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

‘PRAISE’ Service - 12:30pm-1.10pm Wednesdays @ MUP – Our ‘mixed’ gathering (no vaccine pass required) meditative Service & Communion. This will continue over this Covid Omicron peak time, but will be a ‘small group’, with signing in, mask wearing, increased spacing to 2 metres and reduced to a maximum of 10 attending.

Paula’s Farewell/Thank You – Sunday 13th March – Under the restrictions and difficulties of the Covid pandemic, we have not been able to do a meaningful farewell for Paula as Leader of Mangapapa Church. Paula will be officiating Lynne Barker’s wedding next Saturday 12th March, and can be with us next **Sunday 10am 13th March**, so we are going to take that opportunity in the Service to celebrate Paula’s time with us.



Hair Cuts – We would like it to be known that Anne Walker is starting up a registered Hairdressing business from home. For inquiries and appointments please phone Anne on 021 150 6531 ☺

Debbie Dobbie writes... As some of you may know I have been stood down from my job as Children’s Ministry Coordinator due to Mangapapa Union Parish’s choice to comply with the government covid mandates for the unvaccinated. It has been a privilege to serve God in this ministry for 17 years, 12 years of which were in a paid position. I am encouraged to see God providing a way for our children and families in this interim time, with the Langford family choosing to have a fun faith building time together in Kidzspace, with other children and leaders joining them.