

Dates to Remember	
Wed 21 Sep	7pm AGM
Sun 25 Sep	5.30pm Te Hahi Combined Churches meeting & dinner



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 at 1.30pm on Tuesdays in the Church House. Contact Maureen Wilson for more info.

'Men's Breakfast Group' – Meets at 7am on varying days at present, but Contact John Hawksworth for more info.

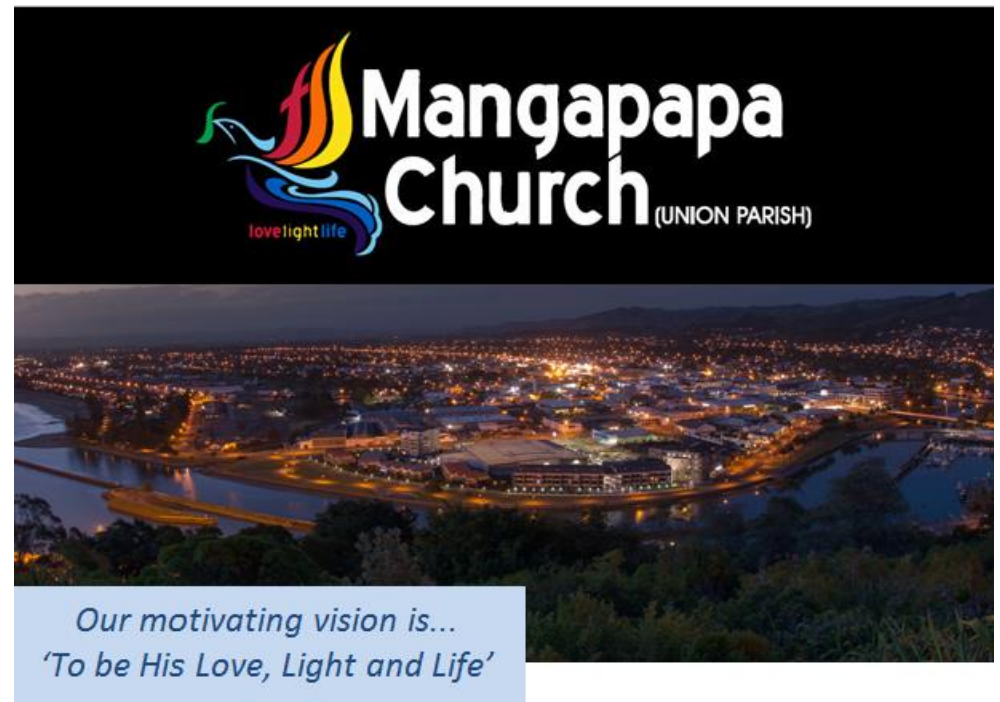
Thursday 'Womens Breakfast' – Meets at 7am on Thursdays in the Church House for Breakfast. For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

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

Newsletter Email Problem – We are currently experiencing problems with emailing out our newsletter. Those emailed to gmail addresses are 'bouncing back' because the server is classifying them as spam. We are currently working with Russell Holland to sort out a permanent solution, but it looks like the way we send out our newsletter will need some significant changes. In the meantime, you will be able to view the newsletter on our website, www.mup.org.nz. We have put a link on the home page that if you click on, will take you straight to the latest newsletter. The latest newsletter will be available to view on the website on Fridays.

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 14 th August
Greeters	L McAra, J Dyas	J & L Hawksworth
Explorers Crèche	R Theobald	Parents
Ministry Team	E Oates	A Clement
Cups of Tea	N Aston, M Smith	D McLean, I McCoy
Flowers	B Bowis	G Sharp
AV & Sound	J Russell / A Russell	D Russell / J Russell
Counters	A Radcliffe	A Radcliffe



Sunday 7th August 2022

10am: "What Is The Good News About Jesus?"

Mark 1:1-8

Leading: Stewart Patrick Preaching: Paul Madsen

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. Parents need to stay and supervise. School Holidays programme for 'Kidzspace' Primary & Intermediate age children.

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

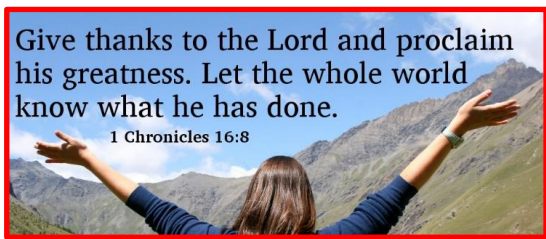
Paul writes ... Mark 1:1-8 – “The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, [a] the Son of God, ...”

This is in a sense the first sentence of the New Testament, Mark being widely accepted as the first of the gospels to be written. Sometimes we rush over the beginnings of books in our eagerness to get to the heart of a book. Today we are going to unpack the first passage of Mark, and see what Mark wrote about the beginning of the gospel of Jesus the Christ, and John who announced Him.



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

A Reminder: You are free to wear a mask or to 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 and flu time, where folk have varying degrees of risk assessment in large gatherings. For those who desire more space/distancing, there is usually plenty of that in seats closer to the front of the auditorium.



Think and pray about that in your life, which may encourage others and let Stewart know today, or give him a call this week on 02 1047 0795, if you wish to share.

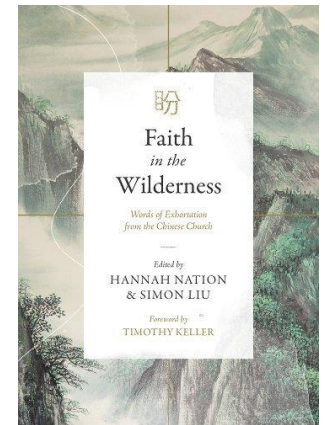
Please note: We will not be recording nor 'Livestreaming' the Testimony Service, as there can be personal items shared that are best kept off wider media platforms, eg, Stewart will be sharing testimony from a missionary friend that he caught up with in Christchurch last month, which is sensitive in the region he worked in.

'Testimony Service'
10am Sunday 14th August
Scripture encourages us that we all have something to share, so every 3 months we give opportunity for anyone to share brief testimony of what the Lord is doing/has done or revealed to you, in recent times.

You can read this excerpt from a New Book we will get for the Church Library – 'Faith In The Wilderness', Words of Exhortation from the Chinese Church.

Are Humans Naturally Good or Evil? A Chinese house church pastor urges Christians not to shy away from what communism, fascism, pandemics and persecution reveal about human nature. By Yang Xibo, 28 July 2022, “Sin is sly and will hide itself. If we ask why there is so much injustice in the world – massacres, war, corruption, and bribery – many people will answer without hesitation, “Generally people are good except for a handful of scumbags.” Consequently, they take away judgment...”

[Click on the link to read more...](#)



For Prayer this week: Pray for those in Hospital who have need to receive one of our free 'Hospital Care Bags' – It's been 16 years since Anne Russell and many helpers, sewers of the bags, started up our 'Hospital Care Emergency Bags' and well over 3,000 have been produced and given out in that time!

We supply to the Wards and Hospital staff to give to those who arrive with nothing.



Our Next AGM - 7pm Wednesday 21st September
Please note this in your diaries now. Hope you will all come. Ministry and Home/Small group leaders should have received an email last week regarding their ministry reports. These are due in to the office by **Friday 26th August**. Thanks.

Envelope Giving – If you are making cash donations to Mangapapa Church and want to give anonymously, please use a plain envelope. However, if you would like to claim a third of your tax back at the end of the financial year, please use one of our Tithing Envelopes. These will have a number allocated to you on it so that we know what to make your receipt out to at the end of the year. See Jenny Phin if you would like some Tithing Envelopes.



Male Flatmate Wanted

For house in Kaiti with 3 other quiet, dependable young tane. Please phone Angela Paton on 021 216 8446 or Te Hira on 027 499 8207.