

Dates to Remember	
15 <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** – 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.

**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.

**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 15 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Greeters</b>	M Raitaukala, N Aston	L McAra, J Dyas
<b>Explorers Crèche</b>	R Theobald	Parents
<b>Ministry Team</b>	E Oates	S Clement
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	A Alder, I McCoy	M Patrick, N Aston
<b>Flowers</b>	B Bowis	B Bowis
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	D Russell / J Russell	R Nelson / A Russell
<b>Counters</b>	A Radcliffe	B Wheeler

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



**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**10am: "The Steadfast Love of the Lord"**

*Guest Speaker*

**Leading: Stewart Patrick    Preaching: Jamie Cox**  
**Duty Elder: Al Clement**

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**Elders Team**  
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*'Explorers' creche is available for 1-4 years.  
'Kidzspace' Primary & Intermediate age children go out at 10.30am.*

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.

## Today @ MUP – Guest preacher: Jamie Cox

For the past 15 years or so, MUP has had a significant connection with St Andrews Parish Church in Wairoa. Stewart leads and preaches there every 2-3 months and several other MUP leaders and preachers have been down over the years. So it is a delight to have Jamie come up to us today from St Andrews to share testimony and a word. Jamie grew up in Wairoa, is a dedicated Boxing Coach and loves Jesus Christ. Welcome Jamie!



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

## Next Sunday 15<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 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 time, where folk have varying degrees risk assessment in large gatherings. Please be careful with any Covid symptoms in your decisions about attending MUP gatherings, Services or small groups.

**Box For Ruel Children's Home** – Angela Paton is putting together another Balakbyan box for Ruel Children's Home in the Philippines. The last one was received with grateful thanks 😊. Any cotton single sheets, towels, pillow cases, safe toys, soft toys, stationery, and kitchen items willingly accepted. There are 3 homes now which all need our help. (Sheets, towels, clothes don't last long in the high humidity). You can drop items to the office during office hours. Please label them 'Philippines'. Many thanks.



Although we are no longer operating a CAP Debt Centre there are still people in Gisborne on their journey out of debt. This week Nicola Hawkins heard that a person became debt free. Nicola spoke to her on Thursday and the person said, "It is a wonderful feeling being debt free". She is very thankful to CAP and Mangapapa Church for helping her.

## **A Significant Proposal is coming from your MUP Leadership Team**

**'LAY LEADERSHIP ASSISTANT'** – At our LT meeting on Wednesday, we discussed a proposal and Job Description for a '**Lay Leadership Assistant**', **part-time paid position 16hrs per week**. A Motion was moved and passed unanimously, to proceed to the next step of seeking the right person and drafting up a 12 month Employment Contract. We advise that we are in conversation with interested people, but before any appointment is made, we will bring this proposal and a name of the person selected before a Church Family Meeting where clear support for the proposal from the body will be sought before proceeding. Any questions now please feel free to ask them of Elders/LT members.

The key aims of this position are;

- 1) To have certain specific ministry and tasks fulfilled that are priorities over the next 9-12 months. It has been a difficult time for us and for all churches everywhere, and things just need to settle. We do not feel it is the right time to start the process of looking for another Church Leader at this stage.
- 2) Have the right person in the position, working under the direction of Elders/LT.
- 3) To develop more 'Lay Church Leadership', which has been a successful part of MUP's story over the past 40 years or more.

## **For Prayer This Week: Mission News** **Ken & Alison McFarlane Returning to Thailand.**

Ken and Alison have just received their Thai visas, so this means that the last piece is in place for them to return to Thailand and their cross-border Medical Training mission with 'Partners Relief & Development'. They share; *"We will leave Gisborne on 14<sup>th</sup> June and fly to Western Australia to spend some time with Chris and Jenna and our grandson Toby. On the 25<sup>th</sup> June we fly on to Chiangmai. We cannot cross the border into Loi Tai Leng yet, but are hopeful that once we arrive negotiations can take place to allow us to cross the border. We are not planning on having any visiting teachers this year, because it will complicate the border issues, so we will be doing all the teaching ourselves – along with Katie – another NZ'er and full time Partners staff member – who teaches the mental health programme to the medic 2 class. It's exciting*



*anticipating getting back to what God has called us to do. But we have also been excited to be working at Puhī Kaiti and helping the medical centre develop in new ways, and know that God has been using us there as well."* We will get Ken and Alison up to share in June before they go, and to pray for them as a congregation. MUP financially supports this Mission, pioneered by Ken & Alison.