

Church Office Hours: 9am -12noon, Mon - Fri (excluding public holidays).

'Prayer Chain' – Urgent matters for confidential prayer support, can be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Joy McHardy or Val Judd.

Tuesday 'Prayer For the Nation'-11am–12noon in Church prayer room. For more info contact Janet Burgess.

Tuesday Bible Study – Meeting at 1.30pm in the Church House for duration of The Prayer Course. For more info contact Val Hawkins.

Wednesday 'Mens Breakfast'- Meets at 6:45am - 7:50am in the Church house lounge. Starting The Prayer Course. For more info contact Paul Cosson.

Friday 'Revival Prayer'– every Friday evening 6:30pm-7:30pm at Joy McHardy's home.

Volunteers Needed: Thinking of the year ahead ... we would love some more help in most areas: Explorers, Kidzspace, Matrix, Youth Group, Greeters, Musicians, Morning Tea, Worship leading, AV, Sound desk ... If you feel God prompting you to volunteer in an area, please let Paula or Dione know.

Pick Your Own – Ballarat Apples – Anne & David Russell have a tree laden with Ballarat apples. Great cooking apples. If anyone would like some they are welcome to bring a bag and pick their own off the tree. 78b Atkinson St – in the back garden. If no one is home, please help yourself.

Closing Up - We have had a lot of lights left on and windows left open recently, so just a reminder to those using the church to make sure everything is turned off and closed/locked when you leave. As there are so many windows to check after the service, if you open a window during church could you please make sure that you close it again after the service. No one else may realise it is open. Thank you.



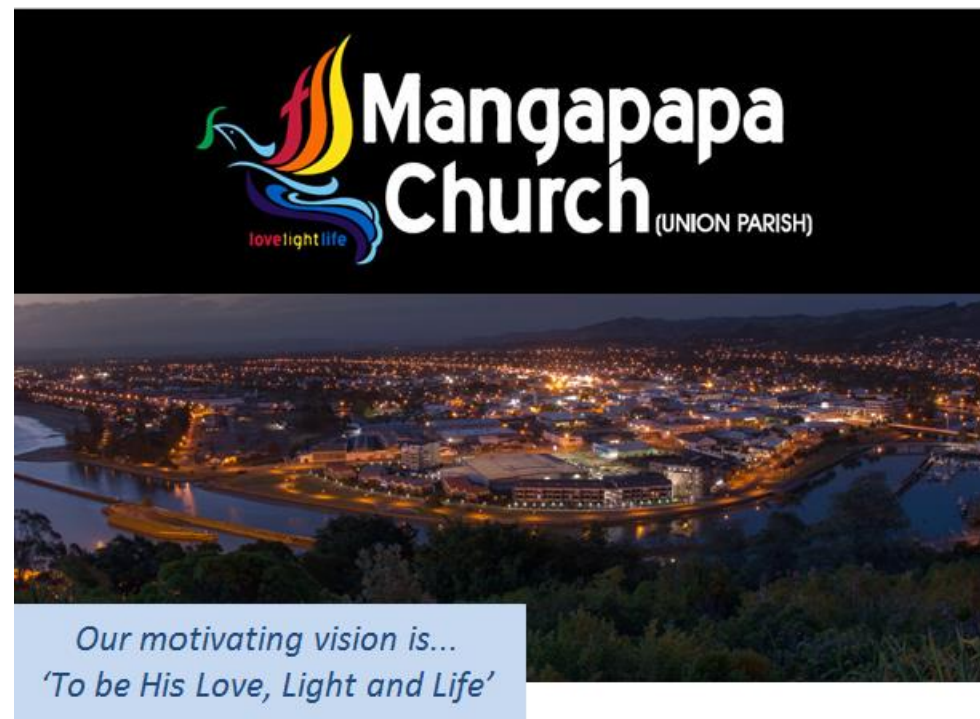
Friday 15th March – “Gifted Hands”

Movie night at the church. 6.45pm – 9pm
Bring \$3

See YG Facebook Page or Paula for more info.



	Today	Next Sunday 17 th March
Greeters	J & L Hawksworth	H Hockey, <i>volunteer</i>
Explorers Crèche	M Schnuriger	R Fuchs
Matrix	L Smoker	N Hawkins
Ministry Team	E Oates	J McHardy
Cups of Tea	N&C Coffey, J Dyas, B Corlett	P & A Walker, A Alder
Flowers	A Lewis	D Dobbie
AV & Sound	J Russell, P Cosson	P Oram, G O'Neil
Counters	N Coffey	A Radcliffe



Sunday 10th March 2019

10am: “Prayer that Intercedes for Others”

Leading: Janice Langford Preaching: Stewart Patrick
Duty Elder: Andrew Russell

6:30pm - Evening Fellowship Gathering

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'Explorers' creche is operating and available for 1-4 years.

'Kidzspace' Primary age children head out when directed.

'Matrix' Intermediates meet during the message time, over in the house

Paula writes....

Depending on where you are up to with The Prayer Course – this week’s focus has been on Petition – praying for our needs. And we have been encouraged to Keep it simple, Keep it real and Keep it up! To break-down our big prayers into small steps – and then pray consistently for those steps. We have also been encouraged to do this at set times during the day – to help us form regular rhythms of prayer. Continuing to use the Lord’s Prayer as a framework is another helpful tool here. It was moving last week to hear the Lord’s Prayer in at least 4 languages – and I hope we will hear more yet.



From looking at our own needs we will move on to Intercession - which Stewart will be looking at with us at today. This is praying on behalf of others, crying out for the things of God where we see brokenness in our world. Sometimes this can be overwhelming – where do we start?

Frank challenged us last Sunday – to be praying for the Leaders of our city and nation, and gave an example where their prayer to “improve or remove” occurred the same week as a Prime minister resigned! When we consider politics - it is easy to point the finger and complain – but when we start praying, sometimes instead we develop empathy and a passion to be a part of making a difference.

Maybe your heart is more toward some of the brokenness we see in our society – broken families, poverty, violence, addictions, or even the flip side – greed, pride, lack of concern for others and selfish gain. Let’s find ways we can pray specifically into the needs and challenges of our communities: for justice, healing, reconciliation, generosity and concern for others. And let’s do this consistently and specifically.

Then moving further afield - there are lot of resources around for helping us pray for our world. Maybe God has put a particular issue or country on your heart. Go with this and pray into this area. There’s a wonderful resource called Operation World which helps us pray for the world. In it there is information on every country of the world and the church there, different religions, statistics and challenges facing that nation. Then it helps with specifics about how to pray for that nation and our brothers and sisters in Christ in that place...

I am sure from this there are several places or ways we can be growing in our prayers. I look forward to hearing more stories about how God is answering.

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.

Our family are away this weekend at a wedding. Thanks to those looking after the service today.

Blessings as you grow in prayer and grow in loving Jesus this week. See who you can encourage in their journey too.Paula

Stewart shares on his message this morning ... This week in the 'Alpha Prayer Course', our small groups, will be considering and learning what it means to 'intercede' in prayer for another or others. No question that this is challenging for us, but we are never alone in this, as our key verse in Romans 8:26 says, "We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans." In all our petition and interceding prayers, our hearts must seek "Your will be done". We will explore this some more this morning, but if you are over say 25yrs old, here is a little related exercise I would love you to do...

At age 25, this is everything I thought I would receive in life...	Now at age (?) This is what I have actually received, to date...

Now, ask yourself, which list is larger? Were your hopes and objectives in life as good as the Lord’s plan?



Mangapapa Church is on-call for Te Hahi this week. Please pray for Sepoima who is manning the phone.

Looking For – Two Co-ordinators

- 1) Working Bee Co-ordinator – Someone willing to organise the list of things to be done at a working bee and assign tasks on the day.
- 2) Stillborn Baskets Co-ordinator – We have been asked by Gisborne Hospital if we could do up some baskets/packs specifically for those who are grieving a stillborn birth. This would be a separate ministry to the Baby Packs that are currently being done and we are looking for someone who would be interested to take on this ministry.

If you are interested in either of these roles, or want more information – please see Paula or Dione.

Needed: Some new, soft toys to put in the Baby Packs. They need to be small ones, no bigger than 15-20cm high as they are for newborns.



CAPtion - We have had 3 people sign up for Debt help so far this term. Please pray for supportive working relationships to develop between us and them and for the successful collection of paperwork.