

Dates to Remember	
25 <sup>th</sup> May	10.15am 1 <sup>st</sup> Myanmar Morning Tea fundraiser
1 <sup>st</sup> June	10.15am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Myanmar Morning Tea fundraiser



**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.

**Foodbank Update** .... We are just so thankful for the amazing provision from



Gizzy Kai of boxes of essential foods, both perishable and non-perishable. Here are a few things that we are short of at present: Dishwashing Detergent, Laundry Powder, Toothpaste, Oil, Pasta sauce and Margarine.

**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 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
<b>Greeters</b>	L McAra, J Dyas	J & L Hawksworth
<b>Explorers Crèche</b>	Parents	Parents
<b>Ministry Team</b>	S Clement	M Freeman
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	M Patrick, N Aston	2 Volunteers
<b>Flowers</b>	B Bowis	A Lewis
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	R Nelson / A Russell	J Russell / S Patrick
<b>Counters</b>	B Wheeler	N Coffey



Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022

10am: "Testimony Service"

Leading: Stewart Patrick

Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick

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**Elders Team**

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'Explorers' creche is available for 1-4 years. Parents need to stay and supervise.  
 '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.

## 'Testimony Sharing Service'

Today is a Sunday Service where MUP folk can share a testimony of what the Lord has been doing in their life. **It would be really helpful if you could let Stewart know before the Service if you wish to share.** So please contact Stewart, ph 0210 470 795 or email [stewabide@gmail.com](mailto:stewabide@gmail.com) There should be opportunity for one or two from the floor, but it is preferred if you let us know prior. What might you share? Maybe you received a specific Scripture or word from the Lord for a certain situation you were/are facing? Or perhaps an answer to prayer? Is there an encouragement you can bring to others? Let us share in the same humility as the angel says in Revelation 19:10b, *"I am a fellow servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."*



**Please Note: There is no 'Livestream' of the Service this morning, so as to keep aspects of testimonies private to those gathered.**



**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 of risk assessment in large gatherings. Please be careful with any Covid symptoms in your decisions about attending MUP gatherings, Services or small groups.

### **For Prayer This Week:**

- 1) Four different folk from MUP have already, or are this week, heading away to Europe or the UK to visit close family members.
- 2) Covid is still very much in the community and a few church folk are recovering from it or isolating with other family members this week.



**Fundraiser For Myanmar** - We are organising two Myanmar morning tea events, to raise money for the McFarlanes to take with them in June. The first will be at **10.15am on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May**, followed by another on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June**. There will be a charge of no less than \$5 per head. We would value your support for this. Angela Paton & Marilyn Patrick

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

**'LAY LEADERSHIP ASSISTANT'** – At our last LT meeting, 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's has been a difficult time for us and for all churches everywhere, and things just need to settle. We still do not feel it is the 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.



**Goods For Te Hahi** – This week we were able to give a few boxes of our more useful items from the shed to Te Hahi to have 'on hand' when urgent needs arise. Thank you to those who have given their 'not now needed' goods.

**Box For Ruel Children's Home** – Angela Paton is putting together another Balakbayan 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.

**Volunteers Needed For Morning Tea for Next 2 Weeks - 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> May** – We do not have anyone rostered for these last two Sundays in May. 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.