

Dates to Remember	
Wednesday	12.30pm 'Praise' service - No Vaccine Pass required



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 27 th March
Greeters	L McAra, J Dyas	J & L Hawksworth
Explorers Crèche	No Explorers	No Explorers
Ministry Team	S Clement	M Freeman
Cups of Tea	No Morning Tea	No Morning Tea
Flowers	No Flowers	No Flowers
AV & Sound	D Russell / S Patrick	D Russell / S Patrick
Counters	No Counters	No Counters

Mangapapa Church (UNION PARISH)

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

Sunday 20th March 2022

10am: "Are You Inside Out?"

Leading: Angela Paton Preaching: Marilyn Patrick
Duty Elder: Al Clement

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Elders Team

Stewart Patrick: 021 047 0795 Rodney Judd: 06 863-2400 Al Clement: 027 855 5949

No children's programmes for the next 5 weeks or so while live streaming services are prioritised and there is a limit of 25 people in the congregation.

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.

'Are You Inside Out?'

Marilyn brings a message to us today with this intriguing title. She says... "God can speak to us anywhere and at any time if we have open ears. Today I take you on my beach journey, where God spoke to me very clearly about many things, and I really want to share them with you. Jesus is closer than you realise, knows everything about you. You can hide things from others but not from the Lord. He knows you inside out."



MUP Livestream Service

Well done Elaine (Service Leader) and Diane (preacher) last Sunday, in their first experience of fronting the Livestream Service. Special thanks to Gretchen Norman too, who shared heartfelt thoughts in the 'Thank You' and Gift giving to Paula, who also shared some special parting words with us. Later as I reflected on this Service, I thought how special it is to be part of a Church where you hear personal testimony of the Lord's working in folk you know personally and you know their joys and sorrows, and their real faith in it all. I do hope and pray those of us @ MUP who can only watch online, sense a 'belonging' in this too... Stewart.



Remember we want up to 25 folk attending and you can book online by phoning or emailing the church office before 12noon on Friday. office@mup.org.nz
Prioritised 'Live Streaming' of our 10am Sunday Service and restricted attendance to just 25, with pre-booking and vaccine pass required, will last until we get over the peak of this Covid outbreak. Our primary aim in doing this is to protect our senior folk and those immunocompromised at this time.

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

'PRAISE' - 12:30pm-1.10pm Wednesdays @ MUP

Our 'mixed' gathering (no vaccine pass required, but masks please) meditative Service and Communion. We are following through this 40 day season of 'Lent' leading up to Easter, with the theme, '**Gathered Up In Jesus**'. This week our meditation is Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32. The Prodigal Son is a familiar story to many, yet it bears retelling. The message of grace and acceptance no matter how far one falls is one we need to hear again and again. But we consider reflecting on the 'older brother' as we worship this week. His story might come closer to ours than that of the younger prodigal son – particularly if we are trying to emphasize radical hospitality?



For our Prayers this week – Those who are currently unwell with Covid, recovering from it, or isolating away for 7 days because of being a close contact of someone with it. 'Lemons' for hot lemon drinks have been sought by two families with children/adults suffering with very sore throats, so we have sourced some and can deliver to your home if needed.

Prayers for Ukraine and Russian Christian believers – May they know the Lord GOD is their sanctuary and place of refuge wherever they find themselves to be in this horrible time – Lord, we pray You fulfil this promise for them... (Ezekiel 11:16, "Therefore, tell the exiles, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Although I have scattered you in the countries of the world, I will be a sanctuary to you during your time in exile.'")

To the kind knitters from Mangapapa Church,
Thank you so much for your donation of blankets. We know the families really appreciate them.
You are all very kind,
Much appreciated,
Deb McKay,
Clinical Nurse Manager, Planet Sunshine

