

Dates to Remember	
Fri 26 Aug	AGM Ministry Reports due to office
Sat 27 Aug	10am Presbytery Central Get Together at St Andrews
Wed 21 Sep	7pm AGM
Sun 25 Sep	5.30pm Te Hahi Combined Churches meeting & dinner



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h 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.



Reliever Cleaner Wanted
 This is a paid position to clean the church and house when our regular cleaner is on leave. 5.5 hours per week to be done on a Friday or Saturday. If interested, please contact the office for more details.

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 28 th August
Greeters	J Phin, M Raitaukala	M Wilson, A Clement
Explorers Crèche	Parents	Parents
Ministry Team	M Freeman	S Clement
Cups of Tea	J Dyas, W Carstens	M Patrick, P Oram
Flowers	G Sharp	A Lewis
AV & Sound	J Russell / N Dunn	R Nelson / A Russell
Counters	N Coffey	B Wheeler



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

Sunday 21st August 2022

10am: "Before I Formed You, I Knew You - God"

Jeremiah 1:5

Leading: Dione Russell Preaching: Stewart Patrick

Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick

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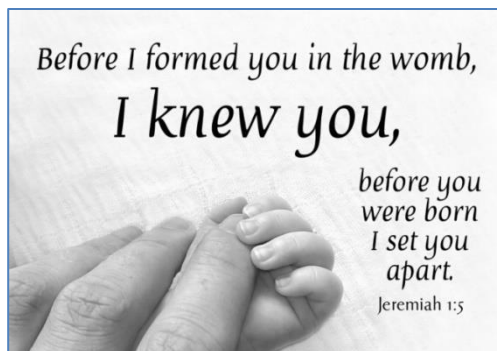
Elders Team

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.
'Kidzspace' Primary & Intermediate age children go out during service.*

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

Stewart writes – Today our message comes from the Lectionary Scripture Reading; **Jeremiah 1:4-10**, and my text (pictured) is verse 5. Three weeks ago we looked at the prophet **Hosea** whom God raised up to prophecy to 'Israel', meaning the 10 tribes that comprised the northern kingdom. **Jeremiah** is the prophet raised up to prophecy to 'Judah', meaning the southern kingdom comprising the two tribes of Judah and Benjamin. What a time of history this is. The kingdom of Israel has fallen and is destroyed and now Jeremiah is to prophecy for 40 years to the people of Judah, and to other nations too. The darkness of the times is described as, *"It was Jeremiah's lot to prophesy at a time when all things in Judah were rushing down to the final and mournful catastrophe; when political excitement was at its height; when the worst passions swayed the various parties; and the most fatal counsels prevailed...Jeremiah would see his own people, whom he loved with deep tenderness, plunge over the precipice, to lie in blood soaked ruin. (Wilbur M Smith).* Jeremiah's message is timeless and he is described as the prophet more like Christ than any other. Now let us look at his call and his preparation by the Father, to encourage us in our time. This thought is where we will end today;



Gaze at Jesus and just glance at men and you will always be an optimist.
Gaze at men and glance at Jesus and you will be a pessimist.
Gaze at Jesus, glance at yourself and circumstances,
and the peace that passes understanding will always be yours.
Glance at Jesus, gaze at yourself and your circumstances,
and you will surrender to decay.

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.



Pots For Plants - To grow to sell for Philippine orphanage. Please leave in box by outside table on Sunday or contact Marilyn Patrick.

Meetings with 'Catalyst Presbytery Team' 25-27 August – Our Leadership Team meets with this team on Thursday 25th August 10am -12pm and then there is this opportunity for anyone interested, on Saturday 27th August, 10am @ St Andrews Hall. Presbytery 'Catalyst' seek to assist and enable Churches with their projects and vision. Rev Stuart Simpson and Youth Enabler, Kyle Hastelow are coming to us for this purpose.



For Prayer this week: John Hill is in Waikato Hospital this weekend after suffering a mild heart attack mid-week. He will be there for assessment and of course we pray for the best procedure to correct the cause of this, and bring him back well to Jenny, his family and MUP family. **Colleen Clements** and **Evan Bowis** have had cataract operations recently and we pray for their recovery.



Our Next AGM - 7pm Wednesday 21st September
 Please note this in your diaries now. Hope you will all come.
A reminder to Ministry and Home/Small group leaders:
Your reports are due in to the office this Friday 26th August.

Ruel Philippines - 68 Ruel children, over 3 Philippine Islands, are about to start their new school year shortly. Fundraising is starting to raise money for new school shoes, books, bags and uniforms! More to follow soon. If you would like to contribute please do so online either through MUP or Ruel or label an envelope and add to the Sunday service giving. Thanks so much. Contact Angela Paton 021 216 8446 for more info.