

Dates to Remember	
Tues 19 July	1.30pm .... Greenfingers Group muster
Sun 25 Sep	5.30pm Te Hahi Combined Churches meeting & dinner



**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.

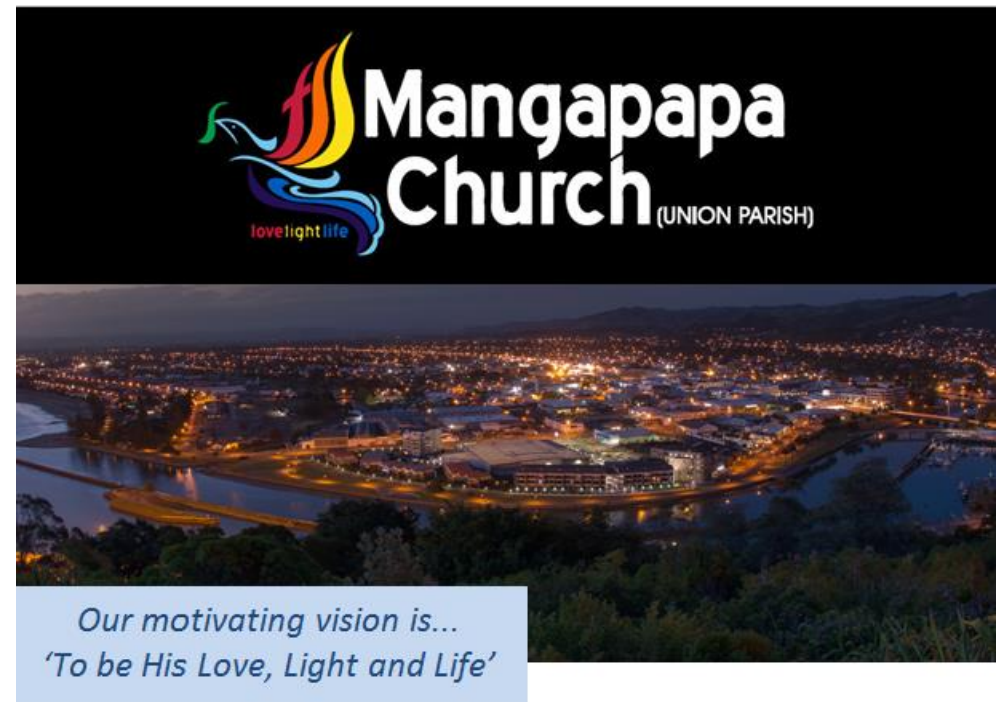
**Thursday 'Womens Breakfast'** – Meets at 7am on Thursdays in the Church House for Breakfast. For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

**Women's 'Growth Group'** – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm in the Church House.

**Newsletter Email Problem** – We are currently experiencing problems with emailing out our newsletter. Those emailed to gmail addresses are 'bouncing back' because the server is classifying them as spam. We are currently working with Russell Holland to sort out a permanent solution, but it looks like the way we send out our newsletter will need some significant changes. In the meantime, you will be able to view the newsletter on our website, [www.mup.org.nz](http://www.mup.org.nz). We have put a link on the home page that if you click on, will take you straight to the latest newsletter. The latest newsletter will be available to view on the website on Fridays.

**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 31 <sup>st</sup> July
<b>Greeters</b>	J Phin, M Raitaukala	M Wilson, A Clement
<b>Explorers Crèche</b>	Parents	Parents
<b>Ministry Team</b>	A Clement	S Clement
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	J Dyas, M Patrick	N Coffey, M Freeman
<b>Flowers</b>	A Lewis	B Bowis
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	D Russell, J Russell	R Nelson / N Dunn
<b>Counters</b>	C Robinson	C Robinson



**Sunday 24th July 2022**

**10am: "A Quick Word"**

**Leading: Andrew Russell**

**Preaching: Justin Dyas, Marilyn Patrick and Nona Aston**

**Duty Elder: Al Clement**

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**Elders Team**

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*'Explorers' creche is available for 1-4 years. Parents need to stay and supervise. School Holidays programme for 'Kidzspace' Primary & Intermediate age children.*

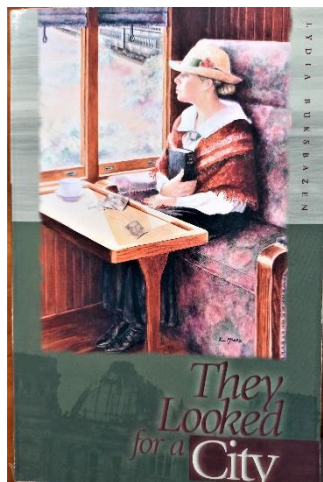
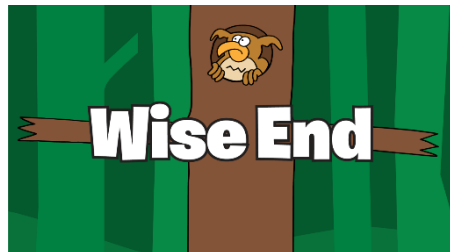
**If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home and get a R.A.T. Test.**

Stewart writes ...

### 3 Preachers today, with short encouraging messages you will enjoy!

#### 1) Justin Dyas – ‘Getting Wise’.

Where does wisdom come from? How does a young man become wise? Does it come from a book? The internet? Well Justin will share how an accident and a Proverb from Scripture led him on the journey to finding wisdom in the Book of Proverbs, and ultimately wisdom is the Lord Jesus.



#### 2) Marilyn Patrick – ‘They Looked For a City’.

How precious is our personal relationship with the Lord. It is a privilege and we each have a story. Marilyn shares how this book, which she found in a box of many books given to the church library recently, encouraged her as she read their story and the powerful impact on this Orthodox Jewish Family that getting to know Jesus Christ made. It wasn't all easy for them, but our God was faithful.

#### 3) Nona Aston - ‘Understanding God’s Ways’

Isaiah 55:9, "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." Being offended with God is easy for non-believers and questions such as, "If God is real, why does God permit so much suffering?", are used to justify unbelief in Jesus. But

we have His Holy Spirit in us and He will give His wisdom if we ask and seek it. Nona, this morning, relates her experience of earnest seeking in the night hours, and the Lord's answer to her, in the shower, Amen! – I wonder how many of you have received the Lord's wisdom in the shower or bath? I have! Nona's message also just happens to be a prelude to next Sunday's Lectionary Readings and message from Hosea.

**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.

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

**‘Testimony Service’- 10am Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August** - Every 3 months we give opportunity for anyone to share brief testimony of what the Lord is doing/has done or revealed to you, in recent times. Think and pray about that in your life, which may encourage others and let Stewart know if you wish to share.

**Tear Fund Quiz Night** – This was tentatively planned for Saturday night, 21 August, but we will not proceed with this at this time, with so much illness around.

#### **For Prayer this week:**

**We pray for Brian Bound and family, on the passing of June Bound last Sunday.** June's funeral was held here @ MUP on Thursday afternoon, and it was not without some difficulties, as family coming had to travel many more hours by detours, due to SH2 being closed on Wednesday night and Thursday. With a 30 minute delay to the commencement of the funeral, everyone managed to make it, and it was a lovely time, with great support and love for Brian. June had been an active pray-er / Intercessor here @ MUP and her Grandchildren testified to those prayers for them. The last years of June's life were difficult for June and Brian as health issues required more intensive care. Now absent from the body and present with the Lord. Thank you June.



**MUP ‘Greenfingers Group’** – Four folk met together on Tuesday to commence this new group. They are planning to visit a garden followed by a Garden Tour in Spring. Details will be advised in the Newsletter closer to the time.

**Alan & Joan Radcliffe’s ‘Leper Village experience’** – ‘Leprosy’ was a theme in 2 Services this month and it sparked this memory for Alan and Joan – “Our friend Sonam in India took us to a colony in Dehradun where people with leprosy can live. He and his people visit there at times, give food and special shoes, and lead a Christian Worship Service there. We were privileged to be allowed to visit, the people accepted us, and some showed happiness towards us. I can tell you, leprosy untreated for years is a terrible thing. The people were often shunned by the people "outside", but they were stoic, bearing their burdens quietly with dignity.”



**Flower Roster** - We are looking for more people to join the Flower Roster. If this is a skill that you have and you would be keen to serve the Lord by joining the team and blessing the congregation with your floral creations, please contact Elaine Oates.