

Dates to Remember	
25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	4pm Peter Shaw Concert at St Peter's Church
30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Prayer & Fasting Day for Mangapapa Church
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	7pm Prayer Night at Mangapapa Church
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Matrix/Kidzspace Fun Family Event. Details to follow.
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	7pm AGM
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Pot Luck Dinner Celebration for Paula Levy



**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 Afternoon Bible Study** – Meets at 1.30pm in the Church House. For more info contact Maureen Wilson.

**Wednesday 'Mens Breakfast'** – Meets for breakfast at 6.45am. Contact Paul Cosson for more info and venue.

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

**Women's 'Growth Group'** – Meets fortnightly at 1pm on Thursdays, in the Church House. Contact is Nicola Hawkins.

**PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE**

**Booking for Services** – As we continue to be limited in the amount of people who can attend Sunday services, please continue to book a seat if you are wanting to come. This is very helpful for the greeters who then just need to tick off your name when you arrive. Please do not be offended if you have not booked and are turned away because we have already reached the limit. **Book by emailing or ringing the office before 12pm Friday.** If you would like a permanent booking let the office know and we will automatically book you in each week. Then just let us know if you are NOT coming so that space can go to another.

**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 31st October
<b>Greeters</b>	M Raitaukala, L Frampton	J & L Hawkesworth
<b>Explorers Crèche</b>	R Theobald	A Lawton
<b>Matrix</b>	?	M van Wijk?
<b>Ministry Team</b>	E Oates	J Newman
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	N Aston, P Oram, L Hindle	W Carstens, M Smith, <i>Volunteer</i>
<b>Flowers</b>	B Bowis	B Bowis
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	D Russell, P Cosson	R Nelson, A Russell
<b>Counters</b>	C Robinson	N Coffey



**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**10am: 'Words We Speak'**

*Matthew 12:37*

**Leading: Rachel McIntyre**

**Preaching: Frank Darcy**

**Duty Elder: Al Clement**

**Church Office:** Dione Russell **06 867-9604** **9am – 12noon**  
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**Elders Team**

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*'Explorers' creche is operating and available for 1-4 years.  
 'Kidzspace' Primary age children go out at message time.*

## Frank Darcy writes ...

Each day, as part of my daily devotions, I read that day's devotional reading in a book written by David Crabtree. One day there was this reading about "words."

*"It took surgically-enforced silence to drive home the value of the spoken word...In the silence, I'm reassessing the value of words...encouraging words, uplifting words, thankful words and loving words. We should make words count. We should load them with meaning. We should use them with grace. We should speak them in tenderness. We should craft them with care, until our intentions are unmistakably clear. We should use them for the highest and best.*

*"Something precious is irretrievably lost when foolish words flow out of empty heads. Words reveal what the heart conceals."*



## A Word from the Elders ...

The Elders felt to fast and pray on Friday and Saturday (8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> October) and meet together on those mornings to seek the Lord about Mangapapa Church and the direction He wants us to take. It was an encouraging time. Here were 2 main words that came:-

- 1) That God was with us – Psalm 139:7-12, *"Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me, even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you."*

Romans 8:38-39, *"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

- 2) The word PURPOSE – That the Lord's purpose will prevail.

Praying and fasting was a response to what the Lord was telling us to do at the time. It was an encouragement and assurance. We believe that we are not to rush into anything and that God is saying to not be afraid, it is an adventure.

## Attention All Creative/Crafty People

– From 10am-1pm on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> November, weather permitting, we would love to have pre-Christmas stalls on the lawn, where you can sell the things you have made, with 10% of all money made going Ruel Philippines. So get those creative juices going! Now is the time to get growing, sewing, knotting, knitting, turning, mosaicking, preserving etc ... and baking nearer the time. Any questions, see Marilyn Patrick.



**Needed: Cotton Thread** – Do you have old rolls of thread left over from sewing projects? The ladies who sew the E-bags would appreciate any rolls that you would like to donate. Any colour. Please drop them in to the office or pop in the Foodbank container on Sunday.

**Prayer & Fasting Day** – We would like to call all church members to a day of prayer and fasting next **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October**, seeking the Lord for His direction and guidance regarding a new church leader. We will not be meeting together on this day, but we encourage you to do this from your own homes, praying throughout the day for Mangapapa Church, the direction God wants us to go in and the decisions the Elders and Leadership Team need to make. We also encourage you to fast on this day, as you pray and seek the Lord. Whether you choose to do a full fast or a partial fast – skipping one meal – or fast from other things, like Facebook or devices etc, however God leads you, you will be joining in the Spirit with others of MUP in lifting our current needs before the Lord.

**Prayer Night – 7pm Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – We will be having a prayer night, here at Mangapapa Church, praying for our church and the community. Hope to see you all there!



A date has been set for the AGM. It will held on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November** at 7pm. Reports will be ready for you to collect next Sunday (31<sup>st</sup>) so that you can read them prior to the meeting.

**Dinner For Paula - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – We will be having a pot luck dinner to honour Paula and thank her for her serving us as our church leader. Please mark it in your diaries now and RSVP to the office if you will be coming. More details available closer to the time.



**'Cancer Thanksgiving Dinner'** - Last Sunday night 12 church members gathered at Stewart & Marilyn's home for a special 'Thanksgiving Dinner'. They all had one thing in common – they or their partner had come through cancer surgeries and treatment, and all gave thanks for the extra years of life given them. There were incredible stories shared. Two had serious cancer in their 30's with young families, but are both now in their 80's & Great grandparents. One had cancer at 35, then again at 50 and again at 60! The recurring theme we all agreed, was this – having had cancer, it has changed us, but it has been for the better! (*It's that James ch.1 lesson - suffering, leading to patient endurance, and mature confident hope*). Perhaps the best illustration of this is that person who had cancer 3 times (Nona) went on (with others) to establish the 'Cancer Society' in Gisborne/Tairāwhiti. As I looked around the table at those gathered and what their lives represent, I thought, *"Lord, this is what your 'Church' is about, all my brothers & sisters in Christ, encouraging one another through trials, the younger ones able to see the older ones celebrating Your faithfulness, and get help and encouragement."* Build Your Church Lord, through trials & thanksgiving, through it all. Amen! (Stewart Patrick)