

Dates to Remember	
1 st -3 rd July	40 Hour Famine
3 rd July	Media Prayer Day



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.

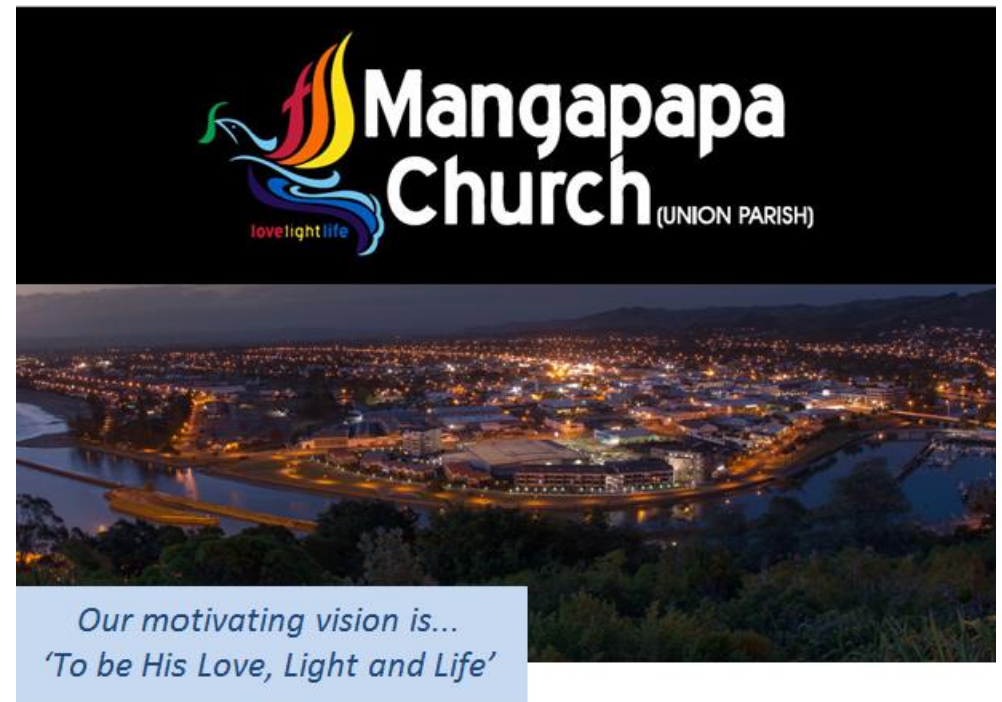


Media Prayer Day: Sunday 3rd July

It's easy to criticize the media – but how often do we stop and pray for them? Sometimes we're called to re-orientate our posture and see things through a new lens. The media is made up of fellow Kiwis with hopes and dreams, struggles and stresses – at work, with family and so on – just like us. They work under the glare of constant public scrutiny, while make decisions that help shape the ideas and values of our culture, setting the tone of our national conversations. **So ... let's pray for them!**

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 3 rd July
Greeters	J Phin, A Clement	M Wilson, M Raitaukala
Explorers Crèche	Parents	R Theobald
Ministry Team	A Clement	S Clement
Cups of Tea	J Dyas, M Patrick	N Aston, W Carstens
Flowers	B Bowis	G Sharp
AV & Sound	R Nelson / J Russell	J Russell / S Patrick
Counters	N Coffey	N Coffey



Sunday 26th June 2022

10am: "Christ's Return"

Titus 2:12-13

Leading: Dione Russell Preaching: Frank Darcy

Duty Elder: Al Clement

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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.

Frank Darcy shares with us this morning on Christ's Return:

*“It will be worth it all
When we see Jesus.
Life’s trials will seem so small
When we see Christ.
One glimpse of his dear face
All sorrow will erase.
So bravely run the race
Till we see Christ.”*

Titus 2:12-13: “We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, will be revealed.”

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.

MATARIKI’: Dave Mann at ‘The Hope Project’ has produced some very good material on this new annual celebration and public holiday. [Click here](#) for his full webpage on Matariki.



IT’S A COMMON EXPERIENCE to gaze up at the stars and to feel a sense of ‘awe’ and ‘wonder’. With the arrival of Matariki as a national holiday here in Aotearoa New Zealand, let’s explore some of what this brings to us. As a family of stars, we may consider what it means to be ‘community’ together – with two thoughts coming from Te reo Māori being...“Matariki ahunga nui” (Matariki brings us together) and “Matariki whiria te tangata” (Matariki weave the people together).

But Matariki also invites us to reflect on the past year, to celebrate the present, and to plan for the year ahead, as a New Year celebration. All-the-while to carry a sense of hope. There’s a Bible verse that reflects on this ... “When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?... Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” Psalm 8:3-4/9.

Jade Hohaia has created a lovely 4 minute video with Lorinda Pereira, an amazing Māori leader in Northland, explaining what Matariki means to her in her hapu, and as a Christian. [Click here to view.](#)



For Prayer this week: Some of our folk have been unwell this past week. You will know of certain ones you are praying for. The ‘Pastoral Care’ Group has also met this week too with Paul, who coordinates now, and this was a very positive time.

MUP ‘GREENFINGERS GROUP’ - For the attention of people who love gardens, gardening and growing, you are invited to a muster, to first of all meet and talk about where we go with this? Bring along a piece from your garden that someone else would/could love. If you are interested, could you please let Marilyn Patrick know a time that would suit you for a first muster/gathering - morning, afternoon or evening? We will work out a time that suits best.



Debbie Dobbie is resigning from the Flower Roster and we thank her for her many years of producing beautiful arrangements. We would welcome new Flower Roster personnel. If this is something you would like to do as an offering to God and the church, please contact Elaine Oates.

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. 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.