

Dates to Remember	
TODAY	Matrix/Kidzspace Fun Family Event
4 th Dec	Pot Luck Dinner Celebration for Paula Levy
2 nd Dec	TOSS Garage sale
12 th Dec	Ney's Farewell Service



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 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 – Booking for services is very helpful for the greeters who just need to tick off your name when you arrive. We still have a 100 person limit so 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.

House Sit Required - A young retired couple, friends of Nicola Hawkins, are looking to house sit for some or all off Dec 26th to Jan 13th. They are great with animals and gardens. Please contact Nicola on 863 2580 or 022 131 9171 if you know of an opportunity.

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 5 th December
Greeters	E & B Bowis	J & L Hawksworth
Explorers Crèche	A Lawton	Parents
Matrix	B Wheeler	
Ministry Team	I McCoy	I McCoy
Cups of Tea	A Alder, M Smith, <i>Volunteer</i>	P & A Walker, J Dyas
Flowers	G Sharp	B Bowis
AV & Sound	D Russell / P Walker	J Russell / S Patrick
Counters	C Robinson	C Robinson



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



Sunday 28th November 2021

10am: "Testimony Service"

Leading: Neil Smoker

Duty Elder: Andrew Russell

Church Office: Dione Russell 06 867-9604 9am – 12noon
E-mail office@mup.org.nz Website: www.mup.org.nz
Mangapapa Church, P.O. Box 2146 Gisborne 4040

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 will need to stay and supervise.
'Kidzspace' Primary age children go out at 10.30am.



Church Services Under the new Covid Traffic Light System

From Friday 3 December, NZ moves to this new Covid Alert Level strategy, when the Auckland border will reopen to the rest of NZ. **This will mean changes to numbers who can attend Church Services/activities and those numbers vary depending on whether it is 1) a mixed vaccinated & unvaccinated persons gathering, or ... 2) a solely vaccinated persons gathering.** Not until Monday evening will we know for sure where Gisborne/Tairāwhiti district will start in this system, but Gisborne Herald reports suggest it may be the **RED Level** that we commence on, because of our district's low vaccination rates. Your Elders and Leadership Team will be meeting 7pm on Wednesday 1st December to work through how we will operate under these new conditions. Just today we have received comprehensive 'Covid 19 Protection Framework Guidelines' from our oversite (Presbyterian Church of NZ), to assist us in this process. We will let you know on Thursday morning by email and on the [MUP Facebook Page](#), and in next week's Newsletter out on Friday, what has been decided. A slim chance that 'outdoor mixed gatherings' may be allowed with greater numbers attending ... but there are no guarantees. Whatever Government decides on Monday around 'gatherings/events', we will need to be and will seek to be, creative and flexible with our Worship Services, whatever level we are in, while still adhering to the Pandemic mandates. This is a time of heightened stress for all, knowing that Covid 19 will inevitably be in our District soon and working with these temporary pandemic restrictions. Let us all keep our peace, trusting in Him... *from your Elders Team.*



Patrick & Kate Ney Family – Farewell Blessing/Prayer – It has been a joy to have had this family at MUP over the past 10 years, and we will 'pray them out with blessing' at our **10am service on 12th December**, as they are returning to Canada in January to live this next stage of their adventurous lives. We are so grateful for their contribution here in the community, Church, youth, and of course that amazing Uganda mission experience for our youth in 2018.

Presbyterian Church Day Of Prayer – Sunday 5th December

Around the country, in our churches and homes, you are invited to pray for our nation. Let us pray:

- For our nation as we move to the 'traffic light' Covid-19 Protection Framework
- For those leading the national response to the pandemic
- For people on the front line of the response
- For churches as they work out how to operate in the new situation
- For compassion towards one another
- For those who have been, and will be, most affected
- For those who cannot be with friends and family
- For those who are anxious, sick or suffering at this time
- For courage, empathy, hope and grace



Important Outcomes from the AGM ...

- 1) **Elders – Andrew Russell** has stepped down from the Elders Team after 20yrs serving and being the 'Senior Elder' and **Stewart Patrick** (former elder & Church Leader) will take up the 'Senior Elder' position on the team.
- 2) **MUP Leadership Team – Paul Madsen** has been voted onto the team and we are delighted to have him on board.

TOSS Garage Sale: Thursday 2nd December – Before restrictions we will open our shed up for TOSS, hoping to raise enough money to pay for a big nativity scene picture board on the corner of Atkinson Street. We welcome more things to sell if you have any. Can be dropped off Monday-Wednesday between 11am and 12noon.



Paintings in Foyer – If you would like to have a painting, remove it from the stand and place your donation in an envelope marked CLP. All proceeds will go to the cost of the surgeries for the children with clefts of the lip and palate in the islands in the Pacific. If it helps with your budgeting, spread the donation over a number of weeks.

Matrix & Kidzspace Fun Families Event



Pot Luck lunch after church, followed by

Fun Water Play Fight

At McIntyre's farm: 576 Taurau Valley Road, RD2, Gisborne.

See Deb Viljoen, Rachal McIntyre or Debbie Dobbie for more info.

TODAY!!

Paula's Thank You Dinner

On: Saturday 4th December

Where: Mangapapa Church **At:** 5.30pm – Dinner at 6pm

A Pot Luck B'BQ on the deck outside the Kidzspace room. Meat and drinks will be provided, but please contribute a salad or dessert. **Please RSVP to the office** if you are coming **AND** say if you are bringing a salad or dessert please to help with catering. **For more information contact Debora Dobbie.**

NEXT WEEK!

Te Hahi Christmas Hampers – Last year we provided Te Hahi with gift boxes for children whose parents were in prison. This year Te Hahi is asking if each church could provide 5 Christmas Hampers for families that Whangaia have been working with over the year. These are to be filled with Christmas goodies rather than children's gifts, as due to privacy issues they are unable to tell us who the baskets are going to or whether there are children involved. If you would like to donate to this please label your money or items 'Te Hahi' and drop them in the food basket. **There is a list of items to purchase for the Hampers on the back table.**

