

Dates to Remember	
Wednesday	12.30pm 'Praise' service - No Vaccine Pass required



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 – Will recommence at 1.30pm on 1st February 2022, in the Church House. Contact Maureen Wilson for more info.

Wednesday 'Mens Breakfast' - Will recommence at 6.45am on 2nd February 2022, in the Church House. Contact Paul Cosson for more info.

Thursday 'Womens Breakfast' – Will recommence at 7am on 3rd February at the Church House for breakfast. For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Will resume in February 2022. Contact is Nicola Hawkins.

All Small/Home Groups - Please remember all MUP Small Groups, gatherings and meetings need to adhere to the Covid 19 Health protocols. Signing in, masks, one metre spacing, well ventilated area and hygiene care.

Operating Under The Traffic Light System – 'RED' Level

- Signing In/Scanning In is required at all Services/gatherings/groups @ MUP.
- Vaccine Passes need to be shown for Services/gatherings that require them.
- People to be seated 1 metre apart at all gatherings unless part of the same 'bubble'. If you move your seat to sit next to your spouse/family, please move it back to the original position after the Service.
- Maximum of 25 people at 'Without Vax Pass' gatherings and 100 at 'With Vax Pass' gatherings.
- Masks need to be worn by everyone at all services and group meetings.

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 6 th February
Greeters	L McAra, J Dyas	A Clement, J Phin
Explorers Crèche	R Theobald	Parents
Ministry Team	E Oates	A Clement
Cups of Tea	N & C Coffey, M Smith	L Hindle, N Aston, <i>Volunteer</i>
Flowers	E Oates	E Oates
AV & Sound	None / M Patrick	R Nelson / A Russell
Counters	B Wheeler	N Coffey



Sunday 30th January 2022

10am: "Where In The World Are We Going?"

Matthew 6:25-34

Leading: Stewart Patrick

Preaching: George Bryant

Duty Elder: Al Clement

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

School holiday programmes in effect.

If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, stay home and call your doctor or Healthline on 0800 358 5453 for advice about getting tested. By getting a test, you are helping keep your community safe.

We welcome back to the pulpit this morning a good friend of MUP, **George Bryant**. George & Joan are here this long weekend staying with daughter Julia's family. George has had an incredibly varied background in education, ministry, politics, publishing and numerous community service leadership roles. He was awarded the Queen's Service Medal in the 2019 New Year Honours for his services to publishing



and the community. An ordained Methodist Minister, he was Chaplain of Wesley College (1995-98), has pastored Presbyterian Churches in Tauranga since 1999, and is now honorary assistant pastor of St Enoch's Church in Tauranga. George is bringing a message titled, **'Where in the World Are We Going?'** Matthew 6:25-34.



From Leadership Team Meeting this week – We brought forward this meeting by a week to discuss a proposal that would see us hold 'Vaccine Pass' Services and mixed 'Without Vaccine Pass' Services, on alternate weeks. **However, now NZ is under RED, due to Omicron spreading**, this will not be feasible as only 25 could attend. It was agreed that we want to try and implement a mixed Service of up to 50 attending fortnightly, when we get back to the **ORANGE** Traffic Light setting. We are warned that there will be difficult weeks ahead, so **what changes are required for our Sunday Services over the next 2 months?**

- 1) **Masks** – Masks will be compulsory at our Services from next Sunday 7th Feb. This Sunday we do strongly recommend you wear one. (Worship Team when at the front are not required to wear their masks).
- 2) **Morning Tea** – We are still legally able to serve tea and coffee at Services under **RED**, however we decided that once we start getting confirmed cases in the Gisborne region then we won't be having morning tea/coffee. That has happened, so **no Morning Teas for a while**.
- 3) **Offerings** – These will be received at the door where folk can drop them into a bucket/basket when entering. Greeters will oversee the offering.
- 4) **Communion** – Cups are all disposable, and if servers have gloves and masks then serving is easy with the seating spaced 1 metre apart. Collecting of used cups will be done by the servers.
- 5) **Closing Services, Live Streaming only** – It was decided that **if Omicron is progressing** in the community in 2-3 weeks time, then we should close the Services to avoid any spread. We are set up for live streaming, so is possible to run a service solely with the speaker and musicians.

- 6) **What is your plan if you are required to 'self-isolate' at home?** – If you do not have family or someone close you can call on should you need help for any reason, please let us know. Speak to one of the Elders or contact the Church office.

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

'PRAISE' Service - 12:30pm Wednesdays @ MUP – Our 'mixed' gathering (no vaccine pass required) meditative Service & Communion, will follow the same mandates of signing in, mask wearing, 1 metre spacing and maximum of 25 attending.

Caring for each other in these difficult times: After our Newsletter item last week on this, we are delighted to share that 10 of the **'Beetham Village folk' got together** for a lovely time to support each other. Thank you Maureen Wilson for organising this. Remember; *"we all can 'step up' a bit more in ensuring encouragement and care for each other does take place."* It may be a call, a coffee, a visit, a card, a word. The Lord will lead you as you ask Him, *"Who Lord, can I encourage today?"*



Large older style suitcase to store TOSS Christmas things in till next year. If you have one that you do not want please let Marilyn Patrick know. Thanks.

Nicola Hawkins is entering her second year of training to become a Spiritual Director. **She is looking for a person willing to meet with her once per month for an hour of Spiritual Direction.** This person must be keen to speak about their spiritual life/relationship with God and ideally be keen to grow in this relationship. For more information email nicandbruce@yahoo.com or ring Nicola on 063 2580 or 022 131 9171.



Foodbank – We are starting to see an increase in the number of food parcel requests as people begin to feel the pinch after Christmas spending, and we expect that will continue as we head back into starting the school year and all the expenses that go along with that. If you want to donate to the food bank then the following are items that we get low on:

Flour, sugar, milo, toothpaste, cooking oil, cans of tuna/salmon, canned veges, mashed potatoes, muesli bars, biscuits, UHT milk, rubbish stickers.