

Church Office Hours: 9am -12noon

'Prayer Chain' – Urgent matters for, Mon - Fri (excluding public holidays). confidential prayer support, can be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Joy McHardy or Val Judd.

Tuesday 'Prayer For the Nation'-11am–12noon in Church prayer room.

Wednesday, 'Mens Breakfast'- meets every Wednesday morning 6:45am - 7:50am in the Church house lounge. For more info contact Paul Cosson.

Friday Revival Prayer'– every Friday evening 6:30pm-7:30pm at Joy McHardy's home.



FOODBANK...Thank you for your faithful giving to this ministry. Our foodbank is reasonably well stocked, however we would greatly appreciate help with the following items: **tinned spaghetti, sugar, rice, toilet paper, soap and dishwashing liquid.**

Focus on Servanthood: A big thankyou to everyone who helped make the Combined Service Celebration of Churches, co-operating with the Police, 'Te Hahi' be such a success! We thank the Lord for this initiative that takes care of deeper needs of the hurting and lost.



Angel Tree Cards - Yes, some of the cards have arrived and will be available to collect today. **NB: Gifts need to be back by next Sunday 2 Dec. Wrapping night** will be on **Friday 7 December 6pm - 8pm**, in the Kids Space room at church. Alternatively you are invited to make a donation of

\$25.00 for each gift - via envelope for tithing bag or via online banking into our MUP church account with reference "Angel Tree". Thank you! Raewyn.

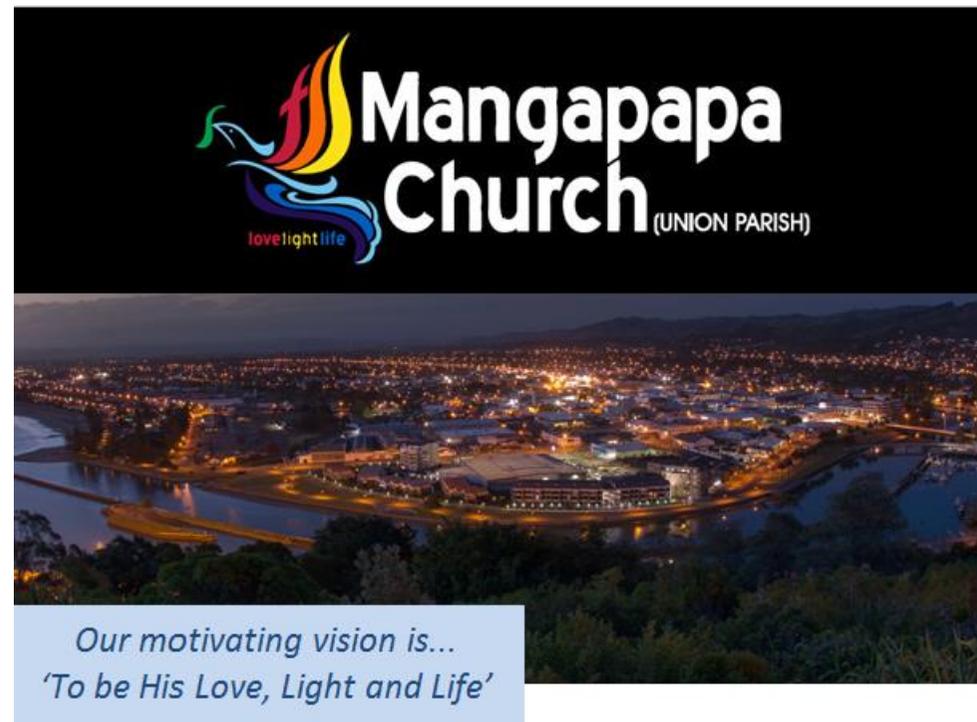
Volunteer Please – Can anyone help Phil Viljoen out by setting up the church chairs on Fridays during the summer months? This is Phil's busiest time for work, so he would greatly appreciate it if someone could do the chairs for him. Contact Phil or the church office if you can help him out.

Double Buggy Needed – A young mother is in need of a double buggy for her two young children. Contact the office if you/someone you know has one plse.



CAPtion – Last weekend I was interviewed by Stewart on Turanga FM. I was thankful for this opportunity to share about CAP work. Please pray that from this and other promotional work, more people sign up - Nicola.

	Today	Next Sunday 2 December
Greeters	L McAra, <i>volunteer</i>	M Wilson, D Whibley
Explorers crèche	R Fuchs	R Theobald
Matrix	L Smoker	L Hindle
Ministry Team	J McHardy	A Clement
Cups of Tea	P & D Viljoen, M Smith	J Dyas & B Corlett, W Carstens
Flowers	G Sharp	B Bowis
AV & Sound	D Russell, S Patrick	P Oram, P Walker
Counters	D Welch	N Coffey



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

Sunday 25 November 2018

10am: "A Better Plan"
Jeremiah 29:11

Leading: Tirzah Russell **Preaching: Frank Darcy**
Duty Elder: Rodney Judd

6.30pm: Evening Fellowship Gathering

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'Explorers' creche is operating and available for 1-4 years.
'Kidzspace' Primary age children head out when directed.
'Matrix' Intermediates meet during the message time, over in the house

Paula writes... Firstly a big thanks to all who helped with the Te Hahi service last week. It was a wonderful, unified gathering of churches and the Police. Some hard stories were shared leading to an on-going commitment to bring hope and healing and practical support in places of deep need. Thanks so much to everyone who helped.

We also had an excellent Community meeting in the church house last Wednesday with 25 people from many different places sharing ideas and hopes and listening to each other. Ideas are still developing but there will be a Whanau Day in the Park in Atkinson Street on the 3rd of December where we will aim to develop further connections with a view to setting up something for the future.

Two other significant things coming up: In two weeks' time, on Sunday December 9, we are going to have a special Healing Service in the evening. This will involve a time of worship followed by opportunities to receive prayer for healing. Please be praying for this time now, and we welcome you to bring anyone along who would appreciate special prayer in this way.

Also, on Christmas Eve it has been a Mangapapa Church tradition to host Carols on our lawn. Although I have not attended one yet, I have heard that this is a wonderful community event where all are welcome and many of our neighbours look forward to this.

To make this run well and be a real success, we need a small team of people to oversee and organise things. We have lots of details from last year of how things ran and what needs to happen, but are also open to new ideas and developments as well. Please let me know or ring the office this week if you are willing to help make this happen. Closer to the time we will also need lots of helpers, but at this stage it is a small team to take responsibility and get things going. Look forward to hearing from you!

I have some other significant news to share. Sepoima has reached a decision, that God is calling her into some new things, so will be finishing as our Office Secretary as of the end of this year. Sepoima does a wonderful job in so many ways, and I know she has hugely helped in my transition into the role as Church Leader here. We will miss her greatly in this role, but need be advertising this position very soon. We ask you to be praying for someone with a great mix of character, and skills to fill this role. And we pray for Sepoima as she completes her time.

Finally, as Thanksgiving Day has passed this week, I encourage you to take a few moments to be thankful, for the people and opportunities in your life, and especially to God for His faithfulness in all things.

Blessings, Paula

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.

Frank shares briefly on his message this morning...

'A Better Plan' Jer. 29:11 – *"I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

Sometimes *things* happen and we wonder why God allows this or that to occur in our lives. But it eventually turns out, and we will eventually discover, that He knew what was best for us after all.

As His people, we have a wonderful promise in **Romans 8:28**. But there is a key part of that verse which we sometimes overlook. So I quote the verse and stress the part which we sometimes miss:

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to HIS purpose."

When we become Christians, we become part of a wonderful cosmic purpose. It is always God's purpose that is being worked out in our lives, and we will ultimately discover that His plan is better than ours would have been.

You're invited to...

✚ **Today!! For Matrix Intermediates and Year 6's in Kidzspace** - Fun Event straight after this morning's service, from 12 noon – 4pm **Pizza!** - **MiniGolf!** - **Games!**

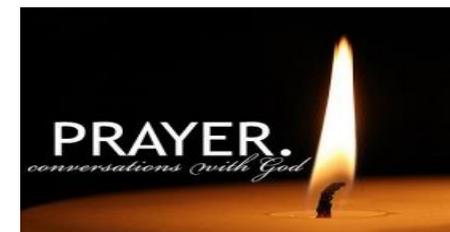
✚ **Spiritual Parenting Session 9: Sunday 2 Dec at 4:30pm @ The Hawkins home** –



Session 9 'The Environment of Love, Respect, of Knowing & Modelling'. This final session for

our parenting group will be held at Hawkins house and will conclude with a pot-luck meal – more details to be confirmed.

✚ **Evening Healing Service on Sunday 9 Dec @ 6.30 pm** - Please join us for a service of worship and prayer for healing, and invite anyone you know would especially appreciate prayer.



'Carols By Candlelight'

Christmas Eve
Monday 24 December



On the Mangapapa Church Lawn
71 Atkinson Street

Carols on the Lawn on Christmas Eve – We are

looking for a team to lead and run this wonderful community outreach. Please let Paula know if you are keen.