

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, '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.



We have a good supply of most foodbank items, however **we would love help with the following items:** jams/spreads, breakfast cereals, rice, pasta, canned spaghetti, sugar, noodles, pasta sauce, laundry powder and toothbrushes.

Focus on Servanthood - A huge 'Thank You' to Andrew, for being the facilitator of Sunday's meeting regarding our potential new Church leader. He has had a lot extra on recently and in the preceding months, culminating in the meeting last Sunday. We value you Andrew and pray God's richest blessings over you and your family.

Monday Evening Home Group – suitable for new believers and/or anyone else who may be interested ; will start @ 6:30pm at Joy McHardy' s home - 266B Ormond Road. Contact Joy or Elaine Oates for more info. Come and join us!

Pastoral Care Meeting will convene this Thursday 15 March @ 9.30am in the church house lounge. All welcome.



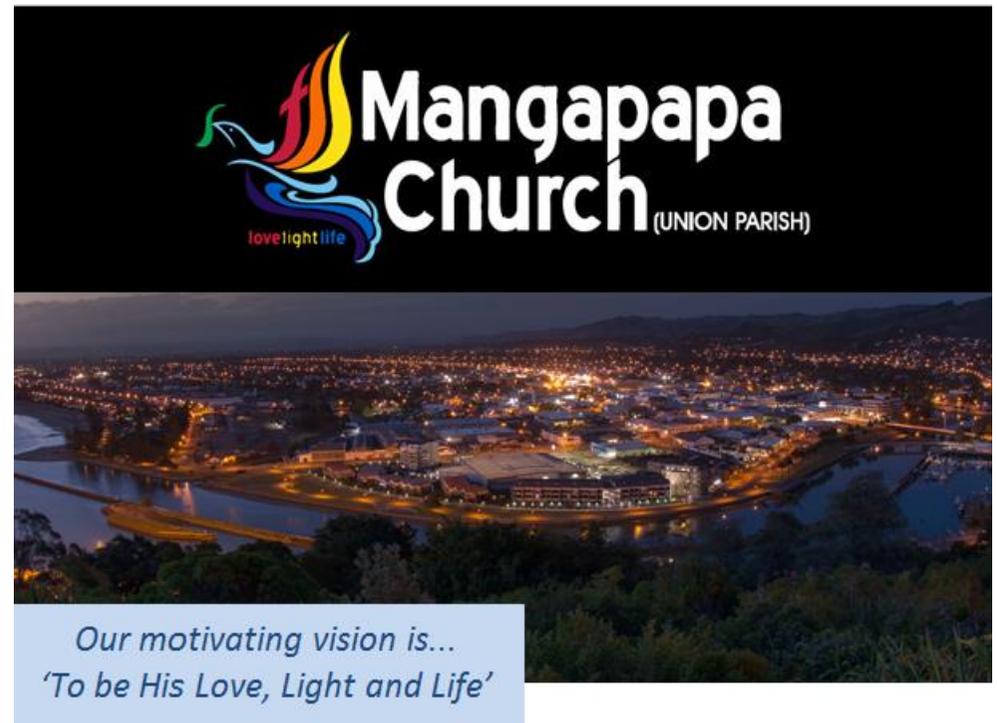
2019 New Wine's Summer Festivals 'Family in the presence of God'. Registrations are now open for the January 2019 summer festival events at Kapiti & Warkworth at www.newwine.org.nz/summer-festivals/



Youth Group – Friday 16 March
'Couch Race'
Check our YG Facebook page for more info



	Today 11 March 2018	Next Sunday 18 March 2018
Greeters	M Wilson, L McAra	D Whibley, A Clement
Explorers crèche	M Parker	E Fuchs
Ministry Team	J McHardy	J Newman
Cups of Tea	N & C Coffey, 1 volunteer	3 volunteers please
Flowers	G Sharp	A Lewis
AV & Sound	D Russell, G O'Neill	P Oram, G O'Neill
Counters	A McLean	A McLean



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

Sunday 11 March 2018

10am: "Old Wine Always Tastes Better"
Luke 5:39

Leading: Elaine Oates Preaching: Llew Paul

Duty Elder: Llew Paul

6:30pm – 'Fellowship Gathering'

Elders Team

Andrew Russell: 027 815-1635 Rodney Judd 863 2400 Llew Paul: 022 052 8297

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*Explorers' crèche is operating and available for 1-4 yrs.
'Kidzspace' Primary age children head out when directed.
'Matrix' Intermediates - no class today. Remain in or head out to Kidzspace.*

Congregational Meeting Report:

Thank you to all who stayed last week for our congregational meeting. It was pleasing to hear many thoughts and points of view that, even though sometimes opposing, were shared in a mature and loving way. I appreciate that there are always more discussions to be had and that times of change raise issues that take time to talk through and I believe that we will continue to work through this process together.

At this point we are submitting the minutes from this meeting, past leadership meetings, and the results from our vote (*Below*) to the Presbytery Leadership Work Group Convener and wait to hear back from them on how we move forward. As I understand it, from the clear balance of the votes below we are now calling Paula Levy to the role as Mangapapa Church Leader and I will keep you informed as I am updated with how things go from here - Andrew.

Mangapapa Church Voting Paper

4th March 2018

Result Sheet

That our Church Leadership Team recommends that a call be considered for the Rev. Paula Levy to be the minister of Mangapapa Union Church, Gisborne; the position being 90% of full-time with standard terms of call.

Church Member (In our Phone Directory)	93		
I agree to calling Paula Levy as the new Leader of Mangapapa Church.			
Agree	76	Disagree	17

Associate Member (not in our phone Directory)	3		
I agree to calling Paula Levy as the new Leader of Mangapapa Church.			
Agree	3	Disagree	

NOTE: 1 invalid vote.

Summary:

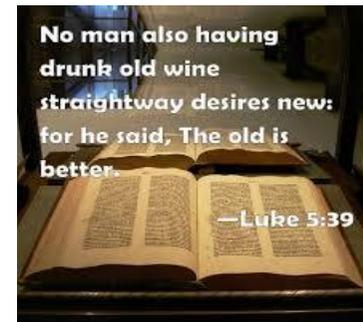
Of the 160 church members 103 attended the Congregational meeting
This equates to 60% of the congregation at the meeting.

Of the 103 who attended the meeting we received 96 valid votes
Of the 96 votes 79 agreed to call Paula Levy

This equates to 50% of all church members and **82% of the total vote agreeing** to Paula being called.
While 10.5% of all church members (**18% of the total vote**) voted No.

Llew writes..."Old Wine [Always] Tastes Better."

To even amateur connoisseurs this is true. Here's an expert's opinion when asked, "What do you call old wine?" *"During the course of aging, a wine may slip into a "dumb phase" where its aromas and flavours are very muted. In Bordeaux, this phase is called the 'age ingrat' or "difficult age", and is likened to a teenager going through adolescence."* My own personal musings; "Could this be what Jesus had in mind when making the remarks he did in Luke 5:39?"



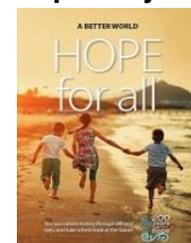
Angela's Update from Ruel Orphanage, in the Philippines –

"Hello church family. It's hot and sticky over here, and thankfully the kids and babies are all well! The photo shows some of the kids in their new t shirts some of you gave me to bring. They love them as they're so much cooler. We're back into cross stitch and knitting with a vengeance and this week, saying goodbye to a two and half year old boy being adopted by a Philippine couple.

Pauline heard this week that Ruel Foundation Give A Smile, has been awarded by the Government of Philippines a national award for excellence to an NGO. This includes recognition for the wonderful work Pauline also does managing cleft lip and palate repair outreaches over this island. (Last week they operated on 28 babies, kids and teens in a faraway place) - More will be on Facebook. Thanks again for the donations towards the pneumococcal vaccines. We are waiting for the paediatrician to receive her supply. Many blessings." - Angela Paton.

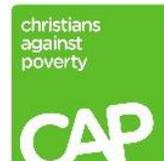


Hope Project's 2018 'A Better World' booklets have arrived and can be



uplifted from both the church foyer and auditorium tables. This is the fourth 'HOPE for all' annual Easter booklet released, with the first (The Invitation) coinciding with the 2014 commemoration of 200 years of the Christian message in Aotearoa. The second booklet (The Hidden Power) extended the story in 2015. And the third booklet (The Jesus Connection) concludes by looking at the central figure to it all. Contact the church office if you would like more copies.

CAPtion – Support Friends urgently required! For me to visit the new clients already booked, I need people to come with me as a "support friend". This involves coming to each appointment, which generally occurs in school hours, and then supporting the person through their journey out of debt. This can be very rewarding as you see God at work in their lives and get to help them make positive changes. Please see/ring Nicola Hawkins for more information.



There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.