

PRAYER -Several opportunities to be involved through the week...

'Prayer Chain' – Urgent matters for confidential prayer support, can be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Joy McHardy or Val Judd.

'Prayer 4 U'– Mondays in the Church Library, 12:30pm to 1:30pm.

Tuesday, 'Prayer For the Nation' - 11am -12pm in the Church Prayer Room.

'Friday Revival Prayer'– Meets every Friday evening 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the Church auditorium, or if that is being used, we meet in the Church House. All welcome. Enquiries to Stewart Patrick contact 0210470795.



FOODBANK... Thankyou for your faithful giving to this ministry. At present we have large supplies of Jams, Pasta and baked beans **but the following are the things we would love help with: rice, noodles, canned spaghetti, sugar (smallest bags), long-life milk, toothpastes, cereals, margarines, dishwashing liquid and washing powder.** We realise some of these aren't food items but they are essential to living a healthy clean life.

Focus on Servanthood – This week we would like to acknowledge and thank the Youth Group leaders and drivers who travelled with our Youth to the Mystery Creek Easter Camp last weekend.

School Holiday Morning Craft Programme: Wed 26th & Thurs 27th April

Two helpers required for this coming week please. Also we would appreciate donations of the following items: winebottles, small picture frames, shoe boxes with lids. Does anyone have 'pokerwork irons' that we could borrow? Please see Marilyn if you can help out with any of these requests.



Beetham Village Worship Service – MUP is leading this one and will be held this Wednesday 26th April at the in the Village Lodge. The service will start at 10.30am, or come early for a cuppa at 10.00am. All welcome!

Tax Receipts for tithing and offerings as at 31 March 2017 are now available for collection from the auditorium table.

'Draft' Duty Roster is available for viewing on the auditorium table. Please let me know asap of necessary date changes. Thank-you, Sepoima

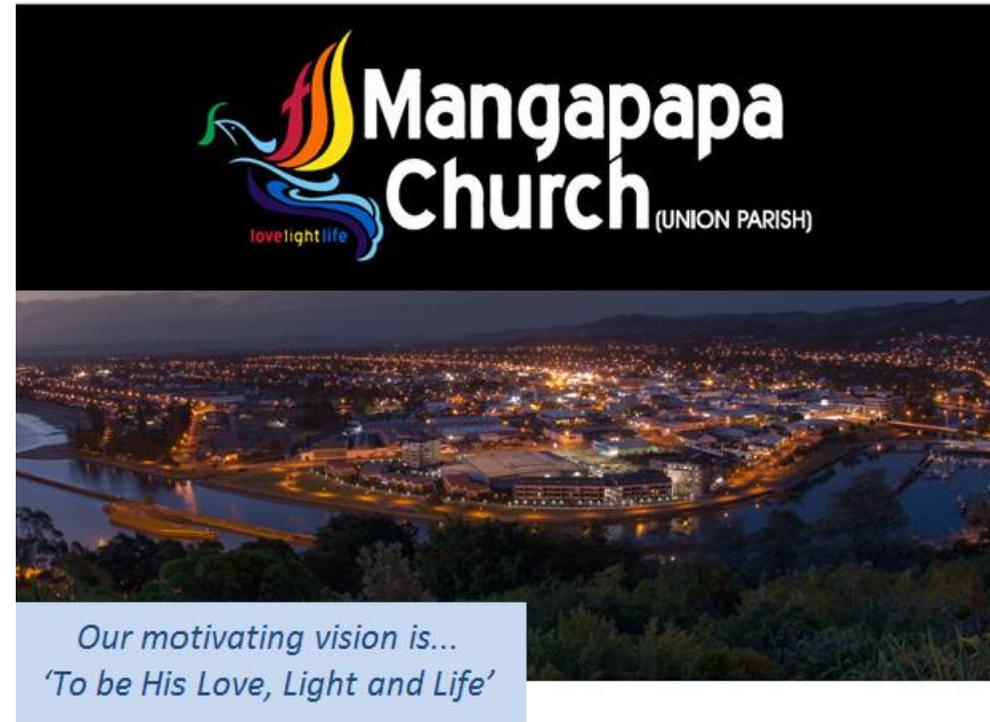


School Holidays

Tuesday 18 April – Friday 28 April



	Today Sunday 23 April	Next Sunday 30 April 2017
Greeters	D. Whibley, Volunteer	L Frampton, N Nelson
Explorers crèche	M Parker	H Churton
Ministry Team	P Burrows	J McHardy
Cups of Tea	2 Volunteers, A Lawton	E & B Bowis, L Hindle
Flowers	Amanda Lewis	Debbie Dobbie
AV & Sound	Rodney Nelson / Volunteer	Rodney Nelson / Volunteer
Counters	A McLean	A McLean



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

Sunday 23 April 2017

10am: 'Baptism in the Holy Spirit'

Leading Andrew Russell Preaching: Dione Russell

Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick

**6.30pm: "The Agape Road" Part 7
'Focusing on the Father'**

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*'Explorers' crèche is operating and available for 1-4 yrs.
'Kidzspace' Primary age children and 'Matrix' Intermediates go out during
the message time for their holiday movie time.*

Stewart writes... 2017 Easter celebrations and Easter Camps are over and now from a Church calendar perspective, our thoughts turn to the 'Ascension of Jesus Christ, followed 10 days later by 'The Day of Pentecost' (4 June) – the coming of the Holy Spirit on all believers. So in that context, Dione shares the message this morning...

John 1:29-33 (NIV) *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"³⁰ This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'³¹ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."³² Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him."³³ And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'*

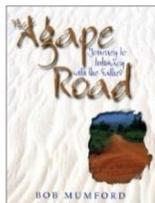


Many of us are familiar with Jesus as the 'Lamb of God', but how many of us know Him as the 'Baptizer in the Holy Spirit'? In today's teaching I want to look at three questions: 1) What does it mean to be baptized in the Holy Spirit? 2) Do we need to be baptized in the Holy Spirit? 3) How can we be baptized in the Holy Spirit?"

A tongue interpretation / message – Elders affirm this word from the Lord that came in 3 ways in our Service 2 weeks ago. First the spoken tongue (Janice), then the interpretation (Stewart) – ***"You have welcomed Me, now keep the door open. You have welcomed Me, now keep the door open."*** Then Al Clement our preacher shared how he had written down at the beginning of the Service, before the tongue & interpretation given – *"God welcomes us here, He welcomes us here. And the door, when you walk through that door, it is an act of worship. So just turning up is an act of worship and He welcomes you here, and there is a blessing involved in that"*. In two weeks' time I want to share more on this vital theme of being a gathered church in worship, with expectation of the 'Haere mai welcome' of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, with an open door to all who enter. AMEN!

6:30pm Sunday evening – 'The Agape Road' Journey to Intimacy with The Father. Pt. 7: 'Focusing on the Father' by Bob Mumford.

Bob shares how 'abiding in Christ' is a skill learned over a lifetime that doesn't allow us to be easily moved out of relationship with the Father. Learning to abide leads to fruitfulness, Father's glory revealed in the earth, and an increased confidence in God so we are not swept off into changing doctrine or easily provoked. We are becoming unshakable as members of Christ's body. Bob's personal testimony of coming to this revelation, <http://lifechangers.org/teachings/abiding/>



There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.

For Prayer & Praise this week...

- **Monica & David Stevenson send us 'Easter Greetings'** *"As previous members of the church, "exiled" home to the UK, we really appreciate receiving the newsletter. We are particularly moved to see so many of our friends at the Cross on Friday and send our love and HALLELUJHS, He is risen indeed. See you next year!"*
- **Wonderful to see so many out to our Easter Services**, many new folk, and great to have Bruce & Pat Hall here who really wanted to come. Special stuff. Here's the contrast of the Good Friday Cross shroud and Easter Sunday...



'School Holidays Craft Mornings' – Week 1 Here's some pics of the creative action over two mornings this week. (From left, Phil Viljoen; Wendy with Emma Fuchs; Olivia Viljoen). Week 2 is fully booked too. Thanks goes to coordinator Marilyn & her helpers, Anita, Nicola, Diane & Wendy.



New 'Parenting Small Group' Commencing in the 2nd term!

Ralph & Eunice Fuchs and Aaron & Rebekah Martin are forming this new Small Group. It will run every 2-3 weeks on Sunday evenings, 4:30pm – 6pm, commencing Sunday 7 May. The objective is to provide an open forum for MUP members and visitors alike, who are engaged in parenting responsibilities, to connect with one another, equip themselves, and transform their parenting journey. 'Connecting' is a key emphasis. See the invite and signup sheets on the auditorium table today.



Coming Up @ MUP! – 1) 'EXCEL' Performing Arts Touring Team Team, 19- 26 June. We co-host this team in Gisborne and Billets will be required.