

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 – We would like to acknowledge and thank Marilyn for organising the very successful 'School Holiday Craft Mornings' over these last two weeks. It was such a joy seeing the children so excited and happy with their accomplished crafts. Thank-you also to Marilyn's team of helpers, whose presence and guidance contributed immensely to the success of the Craft programme.



Home-Help Wanted – Nancy Nelson is looking for someone to clean her house for 2 hours every fortnight. Interested?? See Nancy after church or ring her at home.

Evacuation Fire Drill – If you missed Neil's notice at church last week, please be aware that an 'Evacuation Fire Drill' will be conducted sometime within the next few weeks. Therefore, please note the designated emergency exits doors and our assembly point as indicated on the walls, over the doors and on the 'Welcome' PowerPoint slides.

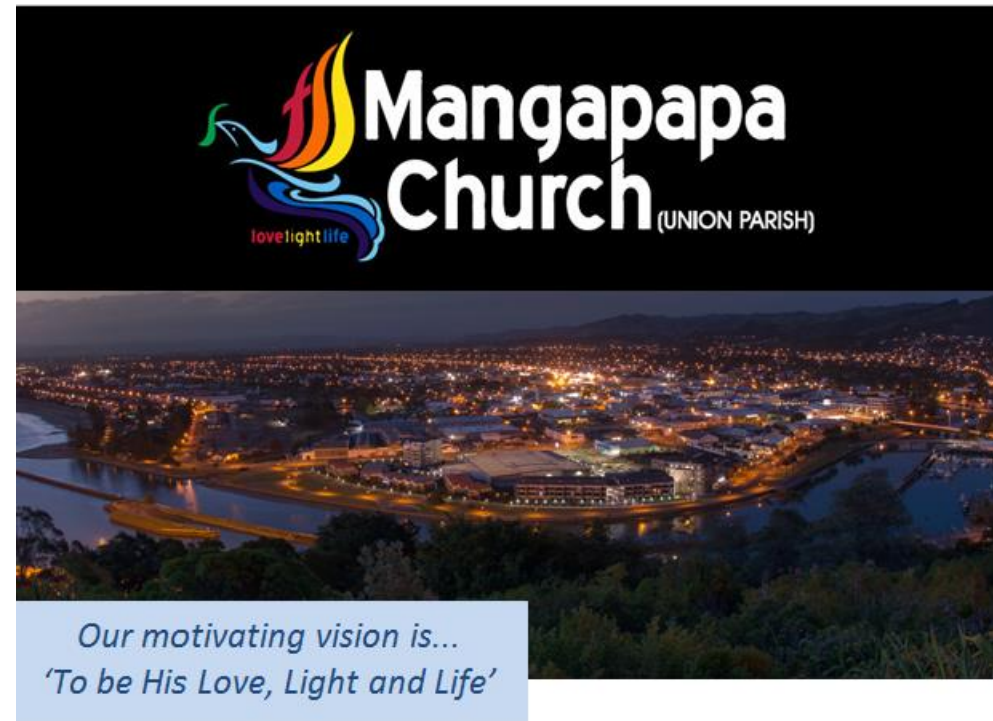
Tax Receipts for tithing and offerings as at 31 March 2017 are now available for collection from the table in the Church foyer.



Friday 5th May
Meet at Mangapapa Church
7pm - 9pm
Come along with \$3



| | Today Sunday 30 April | Next Sunday 7 May 2017 |
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| Greeters | L Frampton, N Nelson | N,C,S Hawkins |
| Explorers crèche | H Churton | M Parker |
| Ministry Team | J McHardy | Jan Newman |
| Cups of Tea | E & B Bowis, L Hindle | B & A Hall, G Shanks |
| Flowers | Debbie Dobbie | Debbie Dobbie |
| AV & Sound | Rodney Nelson / Volunteer | Rodney Nelson / Volunteer |
| Counters | A McLean | N Coffey |



Sunday 30 April 2017

10am: 'A Time of Waiting'

Leading: Leigh McGurk Preaching: Frank Darcy
Duty Elder: Andrew Russell

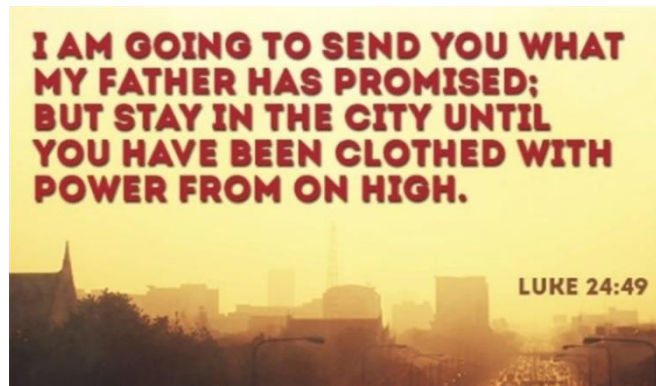
6.30pm: "The Agape Road" Part 8
'Becoming a Father-Pleaser'

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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... We are reflecting on that period of 'waiting' that the first believers were instructed to do by the resurrected Jesus Christ. "Stay and wait for the promise of the Father." The Holy Spirit is to be poured out on the Day of Pentecost, 50 days after the Resurrection of Christ, 10 days after Christ's Ascension to the Father. **Do we have to 'wait' today for the filling of the Holy Spirit?** Well, 'No & Yes' are both correct answers. 'No' - we do not confuse the command to those first believers to "stay and wait" as they did for that historic first moment of the Holy Spirit, with the command to us today - "be filled with the Holy Spirit" (Eph.5:18). Now that He is given, all may be filled - and filled *now*. And it literally means "be being filled" –not once, not occasionally, but that we be filled continuously. In another way that Frank will explain, 'Yes' – we are in a time of waiting for the Holy Spirit, who will do a mighty work in a day of the Lord that is yet to come.



'Is it Greed or is it Need?'

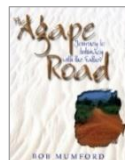
This was a revealing statement by BNZ Bank Manager, Christine McHardy, who last week addressed a meeting here of around 30 church folk re, 'Being Scam Savvy'. Christine explained that they are dealing with many folks in our region who get caught up in 'money laundering', whereby they are asked by someone to filter/pass on money (often drug money), through their personal bank accounts, to a third party. When the Bank suspects this is happening, they find this is motivated by either 'Greed' or 'Need'.

Greed – "I want more money, easy money for myself, for some pleasures"
Need – "I need more money just to survive, to feed my kids"

I got thinking about this, and conclude that, as Believers in Christ, we too can/do get deceived through either Greed or Need, but God gives revelation through it.

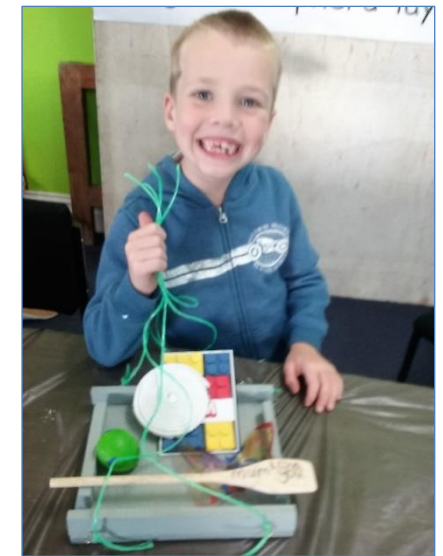
- Believers will get deceived by deceiving people or false teachers if the heart is false, in greed. If it happens (and it does), receive the revelation of your heart, acknowledge your flesh, have a move in the Spirit, and see God in it.
- Believers will get deceived when they lose focus on Christ and God's responsibility to provide for them. "Lord, You have said You desire to give me my daily bread. I will believe and continue to trust in You, despite my present circumstances". You will in the end have a testimony of His provision.

6:30pm this Sunday evening – 'The Agape Road' Journey to Intimacy with The Father. Final Session - Part 8: 'Becoming a Father-Pleaser' by Bob Mumford.



There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.

School Hols Craft Programme – another great 2 days on Wednesday & Thursday this past week with 15 'crafty kids' each day, with a choice of 15 different craft projects to choose from. Thanks to all the adult helpers who worked one on one with these young ones this week – Marilyn (co-ordinator), Anita, Joan Radcliffe & daughter Sarah, Marie, Wendy, Barbara, Nicola, Diane, Sepoima, Vanessa & Stewart. *Pictured is Thomas Churton, with just his Wednesday creations – A Bird Feeder, Hacky Sack, Mother's Day Card & Personalised wooden spoon for mum, a Butterfly Fridge magnet, a decorated Coaster. What a busy boy and back for more on Thursday. Well done Thomas!*



(Left) Olivia Viljoen with her stunning Cross she made. (Below) Zoe & Jade Robinson card making.



(Above) Izzy Arthur with Anita Hall, Card making.

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, every 2-3 weeks, 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. 'Youth Lead the Service', 10am 21 May
2. CAP Service & training, with Katie Ieriko from CAPNZ, Sunday 28 May
3. 40 Hour Famine, Friday 9 - Sunday 11 June.
4. 'EXCEL' Performing Arts Touring Team, 19-26 June. We are co-hosting this team in Gisborne and Billets will be required.
5. Missions Service Sunday 2 July – Stuart & Ruth Corlett