

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays 2 nd Mar	7am MUP Prayer meeting in the Church House Wheeler Garden Gathering



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 Val Judd or Elaine Oates.

Monday Bible Study – Commences at 2.30pm tomorrow, 3rd February 2025, in the House/Office. Contact Elaine Oates for more info.

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study – Commences this Tuesday, 4th February 2025, in the House/Office lounge.

'Men's Group' – Commencing Tuesday 11th February, 7.30am – 8.30am. Contact John Hawksworth for more info.

'Womens Lunch Study Group' – Commencing Thursday 13th February 2025, in the House/Office lounge. Bring your lunch. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Commencing with lunch at the Museum's Exhibit Café on 13th February 2025. Then meeting fortnightly at Diane McLean's place from 27th February at 1pm.

*"Some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers."
- Garth Brooks*

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 9 th February
Greeters	J & L Hawksworth	L McAra, N Aston
Ministry Team	E Oates	M Freeman
Cups of Tea	M Smith, I McCoy	W Carstens, N Coffey
AV & Sound	D Russell / A Russell	R Nelson / N Dunn
Counters	B Wheeler	N Coffey

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

Sunday 2nd February 2025

10am: "Love Hurts"

Ruth 1; Mark 2:3-7

Leading: Sally-Ann Clement

Preaching: Shane Roche

Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick

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Kids go out to the Blue Room for Part 2 of Pilgrim's Progress movie.

If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home and don't share them.

Shane shares the message with us this morning. He writes...

We all know that love is far more than just an emotion. It's a verb, a 'doing' word. This Sunday, we are going to be exploring what it means to truly 'love one another' as Jesus commands us to. We'll see that the bible gives us some amazing examples to show us that true love often requires great sacrifice and hard work. Sometimes, love really hurts ...



information is available on the Church Noticeboard on the Sound Desk at the back.

Just a reminder that on **Mondays from 8pm-9pm** you have the opportunity to join, through Zoom, with Christians from around the nation in prayer for the spiritual wellbeing of Aotearoa NZ. More

Duty Rosters – The duty rosters are in the process of being done up for March, April and May. If you currently don't serve in church and would like to, please let Dione in the office know. There are many different areas you can serve in: Morning Tea, Greeter, Prayer Team, Sound Desk, AV computer, Musician, Singer, Stats Counter, Kidzspace Teacher, Kidzspace helper, Creche.



For Prayer & Praise this Week:

- 1) Pray for the situation in Israel; the Israelites holidaying here in NZ; and against the anti-semitism rising up around the world.
- 2) Pray for Andrew Russell, Raewyn Theobald, Mark Langford, Janice Langford, and all the other teachers and people involved in the education of our young ones, who were back at school this week.
- 3) Pray for the kids, who have started a new school year.
- 4) Pray for the Home/Small groups who are starting up this week (see the back of the newsletter for days/times).



Jenny Phin is no longer able to drive and is on the hunt for a mobility scooter to borrow or buy. If you have one, or know anyone who has one, please contact Jenny on 027 201 5625.



Thursday Morning Prayer Meeting started up last week. Held in the Church House/Office, it goes from 7am – 7:45am every Thursday. Come and join us in prayer for MUP and our community. We would love to see you there.



Foodbank – Our current foodbank needs are:

Weetbix, 500ml Canola Oil, spreads, muesli bars, biscuits, UHT milk, coffee, milo/hot chocolate, tuna/salmon, corn/peas, spaghetti, baked beans, flour, 2 Min Noodles, dishwash liq, washing powder, rubbish stickers.

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance.

And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.

And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

Romans 5:3-5 NLT

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.