

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
Sun 9 th June	5.30pm Te Hahi Combined Churches Service, Alive Church
Sat 29 th June	9am Te Hahi Women's Fellowship Brekky, at Alive Church



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 – Meets at 2pm in the Church House. For more info contact Elaine Oates.

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study – Meets at 1.30pm in the Church House. For more info contact Maureen Wilson.

‘Men’s Fellowship Breakfast Group’ – Meets at 7am on Tuesdays. Contact John Hawksworth for more info.

‘Abiding Life Course’ – Meets at 3pm on Wednesdays in the Church House. Contact Stewart Patrick for more info.

‘Womens Lunch Study Group’ – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch. Next meeting will be 13th June. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

Women’s ‘Growth Group’ – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm, at Diane McLean’s house. Next meeting will be 13th June. Contact Elaine Oates or Diane McLean for more info.

“God will wreck your plans, when He sees your plans are about to wreck you.” - Unknown

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 June
Greeters	L McAra, J Phin	M Wilson, I McCoy
Ministry Team	S Clement	E Oates
Cups of Tea	D McLean, M Smith	N Coffey, L Hindle
AV & Sound	R Nelson / D Russell	P Madsen / N Dunn
Counters	Volunteer	N Coffey

Mangapapa Church

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

Sunday 2nd June 2024

10am: “Turning Around”

With Communion

Leading: Angela Paton

Preachers: Drs Ken & Alison McFarlane

Duty Elder: Al Clement

Church Office: Dione Russell **06 867-9604** **9am – 12noon**
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Elders Team

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Kids go out for a King’s Birthday movie in the Blue Room this morning.

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



Ken & Alison McFarlane – share with us today before heading back next week to the ‘Partners’ Thailand/ Myanmar Medical Training Mission for the next 7 months. Alison will be sharing their heart for this mission over the past 10 years where they have trained hundreds of young Myanmar Med Students in an isolated village



of that troubled nation. MUP Church financially supports this ‘Partners’ mission every month as part of our regular Missions giving. Ken has been walking the ‘Te Araroa Trail’ for the past 4 months, as we reported 2 weeks ago in this Newsletter, and finished at Cape Reinga 3 weeks ago. He spent weeks walking in isolated mountain ranges and forests, and meditated on the Lord in creation. **Ken will share some of those insights and images with us. He writes ...**

“In 2021 I walked from near Taupo to Bluff following much of the Te Araroa Trail. This year I turned around and followed the trail the other way walking from Bluff to Cape Reinga. A thorough hike like the Te Araroa trail has amazing parallels to our Christian walk. I plan to share some different reflections on these parallels. Some key verses: Genesis 1:26 – “Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image...” Matthew 4:17 - Jesus says “Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” Mathew 5:21-22 - “...If you call someone an idiot ...”



Stewart writes... Our hearts and prayers go out to **Jenny Phin & family on the loss of Jenny’s son and Diane Holland’s brother, Ian**, after a period of illness. Jenny and Diane flew over to Ian and his family where they live on the Gold Coast Australia, two days before his passing. There was joy as well as grief for Jenny & family in this past week, as grand-daughter Ashley had her 1st baby a great-grandchild for Jenny, born on the day of Ian’s passing. Congrats to new grandparents Diane & Russell Holland who will be meeting their new grandchild this week.

More progress for **Shane & Ali** in this past week in their faith journey to NZ & MUP. Ali has now received her Contract in hand, for her position as a ‘Midwife’ at Gisborne Hospital. This was a requirement before they could book in the full Medical Tests for the whole family. Shane says, “We are really excited! Lots to do over the next few months.” It is looking like a date in ‘September’ for their arrival here. Let’s keep praying for them in each part of the journey.



Marilyn and I had 2 nights away camping on Sunday and Monday at Torere in the Bay of Plenty. We found the owners of the small camping area where we stayed are lovely Christian folk who lead a small church fellowship in Opotiki. It was great to encourage each other in the Lord and I will continue to encourage with some of our resources. The fishing was delightful too!



For Prayer this Week:

- 1) Pray for **Lorraine Darcy** – Lorraine was well enough after treatment in Waikato Hospital to be transferred back to Gisborne Hospital earlier this week. We are grateful for that. We pray His wisdom for the decisions ahead.
- 2) We pray for **Jenny Phin & family** on the loss of her son Ian.
- 3) We pray for **several folk** who are recovering from particular ailments, and winter illnesses.
- 4) Pray for **Shane & Ali Roche and family** - for their **Medical Tests** and visa applications that can now proceed to the next stage.
- 5) Pray for **Ken & Alison McFarlane** – as they journey back to Thailand/ Myanmar this week for their next 7 months Medical Training Semester there.
- 6) Pray for those travelling away over the **Kings Holiday Weekend**.



Next Sunday at 5.30pm - Te Hahi Combined Churches Service – Sunday 9th June at Alive Church in Leith Street. There

will be kai first, so please bring a Salad or Vege dish, and dessert, ready to serve. They can heat up a dish but do not want to do any cooking etc. Te Hahi will provide the meat. Dessert and hot drinks will be after the service which will promptly start at 6.30pm.

‘Te Hahi Women’s Fellowship Brekky’ on Saturday 29th June 2024 at Alive Church, looking to start at 9am, cost is \$20 p/head. All proceeds will go to Te Hahi. Michelle Whitley says, “We will give you a bit more detail as the time gets nearer, we will have a few bits and pieces for sale, but its more about the fellowship, get a group together and let’s have some fun again. **Fear not, we haven’t forgotten the males, we will have to work out what/how/when for you all.**”



Someone Willing To Teach our older group of Children (aged 9-15 years) once every four weeks. This works out to only be 3 times a term. Teaching material provided. Police vet will be necessary. Please see Marilyn if interested.