

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Aug	5.30pm Te Hahi Combined Churches Service
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	9.45am-3.30pm Citywide Youth Event - AOG Church
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Sep	5.00pm Roche Family Welcome & Induction Service



**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 22<sup>nd</sup> August. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Contact Elaine Oates or Diane McLean for more info.

“Some things have to be believed to be seen.”  
 - Ralph Hodgson

**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 18 <sup>th</sup> August
<b>Greeters</b>	M Raitaukala, L McAra	J & L Hawksworth
<b>Ministry Team</b>	S Clement	E Oates
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	N Coffey, N Aston	A Tyler, I McCoy
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	R Nelson / N Dunn	D Russell / A Russell
<b>Counters</b>	N Coffey	N Coffey



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

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

**10am: “Lament, Forgiveness & Hope”**

*‘Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice’*. - Psalm 130:1

A Pastoral Response - Royal Commission on Abuse in Care

**Leading: Dione Russell      Preaching: Stewart Patrick**

**Duty Elder: Al Clement**

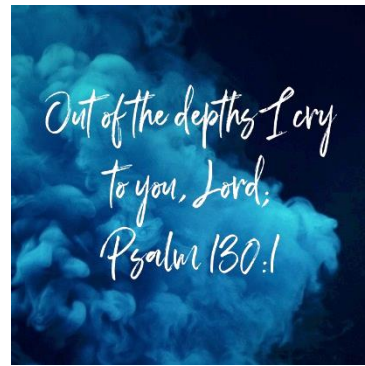
**Church Office:** Dione Russell    **06 867-9604**    **9am – 12noon**  
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**Elders Team**  
 Stewart Patrick: 021 047 0795    Rodney Judd: 06 863 2400    Al Clement: 027 855 5949

*Kids go out with Marilyn Patrick and John Hill this morning.*

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

**Our text in Psalm 130** calls to us this morning; Let's be honest, not everything is perfect. The ancient practice of **confession** allows for people who aren't. The ancient practice of **lament** allows for a world that isn't either. This is where we find out how strong God's love is for us, how great His patience is with us, and how His will of steel is committed to making "all things new".



'The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care' report was received in Parliament 2 weeks ago. The following is a brief summary of a letter received from the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church – Rt Rev Rose Luxford... The Parliament reception of the report was emotional and painful. The report is the culmination of six years' work, and it contains harrowing stories of abuse in state and faith-based organisations. Six years ago, our partner denomination - Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand - courageously wrote and commented on the first draft Terms of Reference for the Royal Commission, saying, "What is missing is faith-based entities". We said it should be included and if it was, we would willingly take part." Subsequently there are numerous Christian Denomination Schools, care organisations and facilities, as well as churches of many denominations that have honestly researched historical abuse matters and provided records as requested. The recently released Final Report includes recommendations, and these require response. Among these the Commission calls for leaders of the different denominations to make a public apology to survivors and this is to be done in consultation with survivor groups regarding how and when it will happen. Rose Luxford will be making that apology on behalf of the Presbyterian Church of NZ.

This morning we as we look at the Scriptures, and in particular King Saul and King David, we see and are reminded that 'abuse of another', abuse of power in any form, is just one decision away from any one of us. It has always been that way and in a sense we are indebted to reading the stories and testimonies of those who failed! We Believers fall in any number of ways, but after confession and repentance, **we the church must have a "Now What?" ministry to everyone who fails.** We have to line up on the side of faith and believe there is a glorious "Now What?" for every believer who has failed. **AND** a glorious future for every victim of that failure, if they will believe.

**'Testimony Service': Next Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> August** - Every 3 months



we give the opportunity for anyone to share brief testimony of what the Lord is doing or has done, or has revealed to you in recent times. It can be something very simple such as an answered prayer or a word from Scripture that greatly encouraged you. **So please let Stewart know if you would like an opportunity to share next Sunday.**

## **Roche Family Official Welcome & Induction Service – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 5:00pm at MUP**

**Please note the date change from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> to now Sat. 28<sup>th</sup>.**

This will be a special event, commencing with a Maori whakatau welcome (simplified Powhiri), involving the Sunrise Christian School Kapa Haka Group. This followed by a BBQ and Pot Luck Dinner, then a Service of Induction, with special Guests. More details will follow as we get closer to that time.



**Remember Shane & Ali & kids arrive in Gisborne on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September, Yay!**



### **For Prayer & Praise this Week:**

- 1) **Pray for Mike Tombleson** – In Gisborne Hospital recovering from surgery.
- 2) **Pray for Shane & Ali Roche and family** – Much to do and decisions on what to bring to NZ in flight luggage and what goes into their shipping container? Pray for a long-term Home to rent here, in Nov/Dec.
- 3) **Noeleen Welch** passed away peacefully at Ryman Healthcare last Saturday afternoon 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Her son Ian from Nelson was with her in her final 2 weeks, and the family will gather with close friends on 7<sup>th</sup> September for a private Memorial Service, in accordance with Noeleen's wishes. Husband Don passed away on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023.
- 4) **Congratulations Alicia Hoskin!** – Olympic Gold in the K4 ... and the K2 possibly??
- 5) **Hector Rolfe** had his first birthday this week. Doesn't time fly!



### **Combined Churches Service – 5.30pm Next**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August** at Alive Church in Leith St. Guest speaker is Terry Bradley, Superintendent of AOG NZ. See the poster on the church noticeboard at the back for more information.

## **CITY WIDE YOUTH EVENT**

**Saturday August 24th**  
**9:45am - 3:30pm**  
**Gisborne AOG**



Jonathan Ayling



Nathan Seiuli