

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> May	5.30pm Mother's Day Tea & Movie Night
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30am Te Hahi Garage Sale at MUP
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> June	5.30pm Te Hahi Combined Churches Service, 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 16<sup>th</sup> May. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

**Women's 'Growth Group'** – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm in the Church House. Next meeting Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Contact Elaine Oates or Diane McLean for more info.

"Motherhood is impossible to do in our own strength, and we are meant to rely on God's strength to do it." - Hannah Hoffman

**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 19 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Greeters</b>	L McAra, A Clement	M Wilson, M Raitaukala
<b>Ministry Team</b>	S Clement	E Oates
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	P Oram, L Hindle	N Aston, A Tyler
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	P Madsen / N Dunn	R Nelson / N Dunn
<b>Counters</b>	G Stevenson	G Stevenson

**Mangapapa Church** (UNION PARISH)

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

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**10am: "Mother's Day & God's Special Word For You"**

*Psalm 68:5*

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

**Duty Elder: Al Clement**

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**Elders Team**

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*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 key Scripture text for this 'Mothers Day'

is Psalm 68:5.

What a wonderful promise and truth this is and we will explore this theme through the Bible and how it is to be worked out today in His Church and in this age we live in.



### For Prayer this Week:

- 1) Pray for Rachal McIntyre & family, and Penny Bushell & family on their loss of Rose Bushell – Mum and Grandmother.
- 2) Pray for those travelling to family on the other side of the world - Anne Walker and Gill Sharp.
- 3) We pray for Shane & Ali Roche and family – as they wait to hear the result of Ali's job interview here in NZ.

### 'Mothers Day Shared Tea & Movie'- Tonight!

5:30pm at MUP Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Come along with something to share for Tea, followed by screening of the Movie, 'Still Alice' - The story of Alice, who receives a diagnosis of early-onset Alzheimers disease, and how she and her family handled it. To be screened at MUP. Everyone is welcome to come – not just mothers. 😊



**Stewart writes...** With sadness we advise the passing of **Rose Bushell** – (Rachal McIntyre's mum and Penny Bushell her daughter-in-law). Rose passed away peacefully on Wednesday evening after being admitted to Gisborne Hospital ICU the previous Friday. Rose had come to faith in Christ here at MUP Church some 40 years ago and was active in serving in so many ways here at MUP, and in several local organisations, over those years. Rose was the MUP Church Office Administrator here for approximately 15 years until her retirement in 2014. Rose had a heart and desire to reach the community and especially to see people helped who were in need. She and Joy McHardy had the vision for monthly 'Community Care Days' here at MUP, which saw the Church Complex set up as a large 'Jumble/Garage Sale & Free Café'. This ran for many years 2002? – 2014. A Memorial Service for Rose will be held here at MUP, and the family will advise details for that in due course.



### 'Testimony Service' – 10am Sunday 26 May – In two weeks' time



we have our next 'Testimony Service. Scripture encourages us that we all have something to share, so every 3 months we give opportunity for anyone to share brief testimony of what the Lord is doing/has done or 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. Please contact or speak to Stewart if you would like to

share, even if it is something that is just a couple minutes long - we LOVE hearing testimony!



**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. Please see Marilyn if interested.



**Garage Sale** - Te Hahi is holding a garage sale at our church office area, **8.30am on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**, with setup at 7am. As our part, we will open up our shed and give 50% of proceeds to Te Hahi. If you have any goods you no longer need, please leave them at the office or let Marilyn know. **Also ...**

**Te Hahi Combined Churches Service** – **5.30pm on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June** at Alive Church in Leith Street. Commencing with dinner, so please bring a plate to share. Everyone welcome.



**Room To Rent** - Hi, my name is Ashley Cooper. I'm a 36 year old female looking for accommodation in Gisborne. I work full time with a mission organisation which requires me to travel a fair amount. I'm hoping to live with Christians, possibly in a similar age bracket, to build a community in the area and would like to move early June. Please call me on 027 699 9452 if you have something available.

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