

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am MUP Prayer meeting in the Church House
28-30 Mar	Men's Camp at Whanarua Bay
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Missions Group Asian Food and Info night
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> April	3am Daylight savings finishes (turn clocks back to 2am)



**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 weekly at 2.30pm in the Church House. Contact Elaine Oates for more info.

**Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study** – Meets weekly at 1.30pm in the Church House. Contact Maureen Wilson for more info.

**'Men's Group'** – Meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 7.30am, currently at Noel Dunn's place. Contact John Hawksworth for more info.

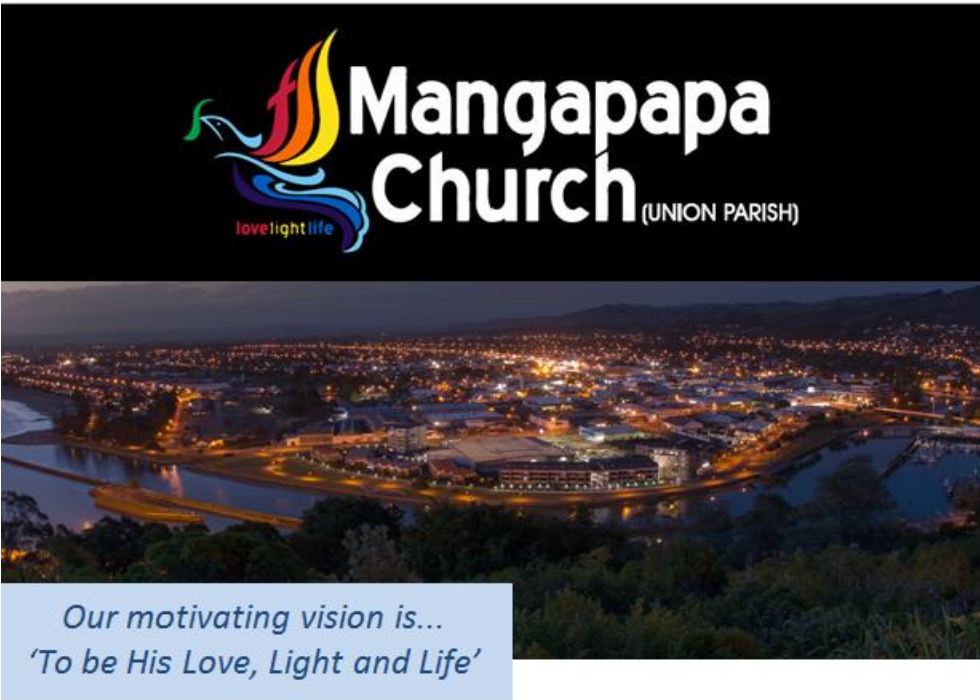
**'Womens Lunch Study Group'** – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch. Next meeting will be 27<sup>th</sup> March. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

**Women's 'Growth Group'** – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm, at Diane McLean's house. Next meeting will be 27<sup>th</sup> March. Contact Diane McLean for more info.

"Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrows; it empties today of its strength." - Corrie Ten Boom

**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 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
<b>Greeters</b>	A Clement, I McCoy	J Dyas, L McAra
<b>Ministry Team</b>	A Clement	S Clement
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	D McLean, P Oram	W Carstens, N Aston
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	P Madsen / D Russell	R Nelson / S Patrick
<b>Counters</b>	A Radcliffe	H van Wijk



**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**10am: "Don't Stand Still"**

*Being aware of the obstacles that stop us being all we can be in Christ.*

**Leading: Angela Paton      Preaching: Shane Roche**  
**Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick**

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**Elders Team**  
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*Kidzspace (4-8yrs) go out with Marilyn Patrick this morning.  
Matrix (9-14yrs) go out with Raewyn Theobald.*

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

**Shane shares with us this morning**, beginning a new short series - "Don't Stand Still"

Have you ever felt like your Spiritual life has come to a standstill? Or that you're not doing or being all that you could be in Christ? I know I have. Over the next three weeks, I want to share with you some of three particular dangers that, I believe, stop us from living as we should and rob us of our dreams, opportunities, and potential in our Christian walk. My hope is that we'll be more self-aware and vigilant so that we can keep moving towards the full life that God desires for us.



**For Prayer & Praise this week:**

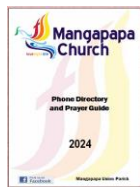
- 1) **Pray for Shane**, that God would continue to guide him as he learns more about us and Gisborne, and as he seeks God's direction for MUP.
- 2) **Pray for those in our congregation** who are unwell, receiving treatment, or recovering.



**People Able To Provide Transport** – We are looking for people who would be willing to provide transport to and from church for those who are unable to drive. If you are willing to do this, please let Shane or the office know. Thanks.



**Family Harm Meetings** - During the Season of Lent the Holy Trinity EJP Group will be presenting a series of events exploring the issue of family harm. This will comprise three public meetings and two prayer vigils. See the Church Noticeboard for dates and times.



**2025 Church Directory** – We are updating the details in our Church Directory for this year. There is a draft copy in the foyer. Please check your details and tick if correct, or write in the corrections. If you're not in the Directory and you have decided that MUP is going to be your home church, just write your details in at the back. If you want to update your photo, either email one to the office or catch Dione after church and she will take one for you



**Accommodation available** – Fully self-contained studio unit available for rent. \$320 per week. Contact Roger Levy on 021 139 9742 if interested.

**Lent Resource** – Malcolm Gordon and his friend Adrian Taylor have created a Lenten Resource. For each week of Lent, there's a one-page resource, featuring a passage of Scripture, a simple song based on that text, a short reflection, and a prayer. The idea is that through the week, people might read the passage and reflection, and then listen to the song and use the prayer to deepen their engagement with Jesus' journey to the cross. You can sign up to have this emailed to you each week, at: <https://forms.gle/PeFvA4RQqNayfPtAA>



**Men's Camp: 28-30 March 2025 – at Whanarua Bay.** Late March is generally settled and fishing is good. This year we have two baches, with ample space. Give it some thought, as we would like as many as possible to attend. More information next week.



**Our New Missions Group** invites you to an Asian food and info evening on Sunday **6<sup>th</sup> April** at Ken and Alison McFarlane's. Come and have a taste experience cooking on a Moogata from Myanmar, plus Philippine-style Chicken Adobo - with rice of course! And hear more about what our God is doing in Partners and Ruel. (If you can contribute to dessert, you're welcome to bring a morsel.) For catering please email or let Angela Paton know if you can come or need transport - [patonpower@gmail.com](mailto:patonpower@gmail.com) More info closer to the day. Looking forward to sharing our 'other lives' with you.



**Easter Youth Camp 2025:** Zebrina is looking for odd jobs to help with the costs to attend Easter Camp held at Mystery Creek in April. Do you need help with cleaning, sorting, tidying, lawn mowing, child minding, or baking? Call Zebrina on 027 3049 399. Thank you.



**Office Reliever Wanted** – We are looking for someone to train to take care of the office when Dione is on annual leave or sick. Job would involve checking and responding to emails; answering the phone; doing up food parcels; attending to people who come in. Hours would be 9am-12pm for one week every school holidays (4 per year), plus the odd day here and there. This is a paid position. Please contact the office if interested, [office@mup.org.nz](mailto:office@mup.org.nz) or talk with Dione.



**Foodbank** – Our current foodbank needs are: Weetbix, biscuits, milo/hot chocolate, dishwash liquid, washing powder, toilet paper, spaghetti.