

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
Sat 18 th May	8.30am Te Hahi Garage Sale at MUP
Sat 25 th May	10.30am Rose Bushell's Memorial Service
Sun 9 th 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 30th May. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm in the Church House. Contact Elaine Oates or Diane McLean for more info.

"Bethlehem was God with us, Calvary was God for us and Pentecost is God in us." - Robert Baer

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 26 th May
Greeters	M Wilson, M Raitaukala	J & L Hawksworth
Ministry Team	E Oates	A Clement
Cups of Tea	N Aston, A Tyler	I McCoy, <i>Volunteer</i>
AV & Sound	R Nelson / N Dunn	P Madsen / D Russell
Counters	G Stevenson	B Wheeler



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



Sunday 19th May 2024

10am: "Day Of Pentecost"
2 Corinthians 3:18

Leading: Angela Paton Preaching: Frank Darcy
Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick

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 Raewyn Theobald this morning.

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

We are blessed to have Frank Darcy sharing with us today on the “Day of Pentecost”. He writes ...

One song we used to sing is the following about the Holy Spirit:

“Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me (2)
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me,
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.”

Another song about the Holy Spirit is the following:

“Come, Holy Spirit, fall afresh on me.
Fill me with your power, satisfy my need.
Only you can make me whole,
Give me strength and make me grow.
Come, Holy Spirit, fall afresh on me.”



Stewart writes... On this ‘Pentecost Sunday’ where we remember and celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit of God the Father and Jesus to be within us, I want to share with you this devotional thought, **‘What Does a Normal Cross-Section of Christians Look Like?’** *“Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.”* (1 Corinthians 1:26). Yes! And we at MUP and every other church, could add to the list in that Scripture verse. There are those who have had divorces, affairs, rebellious children, depression, anxiety, failed careers, dissatisfaction, anger, disappointments, brushes with suicide and more. This list reflects a cross-section of believers that is only vexing if our goal is to display perfect flesh. However, when our goal is the preparation and perfection of the spirit, we see that many of these things are necessary for because of them there will occur the loss of my self-glory, my pride, my righteousness, my strength and my kingdom. All of these things are hindrances that need removal before we can manifest the fruit of the Holy Spirit and His life, which is the true goal of the faith. Well-adjusted flesh may make us comfortable and look quite nice to us, but it carries with us a self-satisfied stench to the Lord that proves it is not the proper goal of our lives in Christ. – *Adapted from ‘My Weakness for His Glory’ – Mike Wells.*



‘Testimony Service’ – 10am Sunday

26 May – If you have read the devotional thought above and find encouragement in it, then you qualify to share testimony to the Lord! Next Sunday we have a ‘Testimony Service’ where we give opportunity for anyone to share brief a 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. 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!

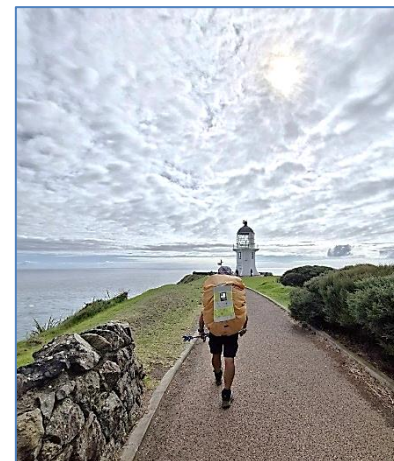
Nicola Hawkins has advised this week that after two years of transition, she is resigning from MUP Church membership and her role in co-leadership of the ‘Women’s Growth Group’. Nicola says, *“MUP has been our spiritual home since 2005 but now I feel called to be planted and grow elsewhere...I have decided to spend more time with my Wainui Beach Vineyard Church and Salvation Army family members. I am excited about some new beginnings; working as a Physiotherapist again... May you all continue to enjoy being with Him, being refined and transformed so that you flourish and bear fruit in season that reflects God’s glory.”* - MUP Leadership thank Nicola for her contributions here at MUP and particularly the sterling work she did in heading up our ‘CAP’ Debt Help Centre 2015-2019. We pray for her in the journey and several changes in her life.



For Prayer this Week:

1) Pray for **Rachal McIntyre & family** and **Penny Bushell & family** on their loss of Rose Bushell – Mum & Grandmother, and for preparations for **Rose’s Memorial Service - 10:30am Saturday 25th May at MUP.**

2) We pray for **Shane & Ali Roche & family** – as they still wait to hear the result of Ali’s job interview here in NZ.



3) **Congratulations to James Carstens** – celebrates his 80th birthday with his family, all gathered in Christchurch this week.

4) **Congratulations to Ken McFarlane** – He has just completed the Te Araroa Trail – walking the length of Aotearoa NZ from Bluff to Cape Reinga - through mountains, rivers, plains and coastline. Actually, Ken has done way more than that distance, as he has done it in two stages – in 2021 he began from near Taupo, through the Ruahine Ranges all the way to Bluff. In the past 4 months he began again in the Southern Alps and did the trail in reverse, but this time all the way to Cape Reinga! What an achievement. Our pic shows him finishing at the Cape.



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.



Combined Churches Service – 5.30pm on Sunday 9th June at Alive Church in Leith Street.

Commencing with dinner, so please bring a plate to share. Everyone welcome.