

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am MUP Prayer meeting in the Church House
Wed 26 th Feb	10.30am Beetham Church Service
Thurs 27 th Feb	8.15am-12noon TOSS Garage Sale
2 nd Mar	11am Garden Gathering Service at the Wheelers
Tues 11 Mar	10am - 3pm CWCI Summer Retreat



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

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

'Men's Group' – 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 27th February. 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 27th February. Contact Diane McLean for more info.

"Faith is deliberate confidence in the character of God whose ways you may not understand at the time." - Oswald Chambers

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 2 nd March
Greeters	M Raitaukala, M Wilson	Not needed
Ministry Team	S Clement	Not needed
Cups of Tea	L Hindle, N Aston	Not needed
AV & Sound	R Nelson / D Russell	Not needed
Counters	G Stevenson	B Wheeler



Sunday 23rd February 2025

10am: Testimony Service

Leading: John Hill

Duty Elder: Shane Roche

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*Kidzspace (4-8yrs) go out with Marilyn Patrick this morning.
Matrix (9-14yrs) stay in the service this morning.*

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

Today is a Testimony Service, which will be led by John Hill. He writes ... Last week's question was: Why do you love God? This week's question is: Why do you come to church? There are many reasons we come to fellowship on Sundays. Here are two of my favourites:

- 1) Coming to "church" is an act (action) of worship.
- 2) Jesus didn't just tell us He loved us (John 3 v 16) . . . He showed us when He gave His life for us.

Hebrews 10:25 tells us not to give up the habit of meeting together.

Today, Sunday, we will also have some of our wonderful sisters sharing testimonies. Come and be encouraged. Come and encourage others. Where there is unity, the LORD commands a blessing.



Next Sunday – NO 10am SERVICE AT MANGAPAPA CHURCH! Instead – weather permitting – we will be having a Garden Gathering at Bill & Jody Wheeler's in Back Ormond Rd. **Commencing at 11am** with a short service, followed by a potluck lunch, fellowship and fun. This is a great way to get to know each other better, so please - bring a deck chair, bring a plate for lunch - and come along. Bill & Jody's address is in the Church Directory, or contact the office for directions. *(If the weather is grim, the plan remains the same but the venue will change back to Mangapapa Church.)*



Message from the PCANZ Moderator - Every March, Neighbours



Aotearoa offers a great opportunity to connect with the people in your neighbourhood and community. The 2025 theme is, 'Let's Celebrate with our Neighbours'. The church is passionate about hospitality; it has a long tradition of gathering to feast and graciously making people welcome. When we share a

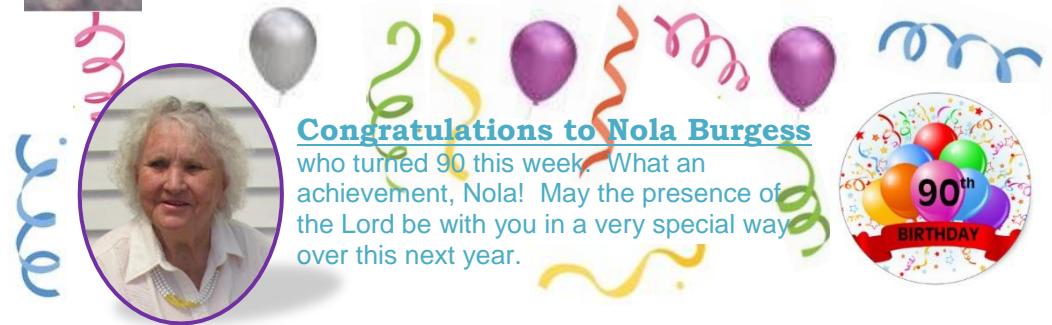
simple tea or coffee with our neighbours, we are enriched through fellowship. Sharing in small ways can lead to sharing the big, and often joyful events in our communities, as well as the harder times when we are grateful our neighbours are there for us. I encourage you to intentionally offer hospitality to your neighbours during *Neighbours Aotearoa* month and join other churches throughout the country nurturing local connection.

You can find some ideas of how to connect at: <https://neighboursaotearoa.nz/>



For Prayer & Praise this Week:

- 1) **Congratulations to Sonja & Josiah Ney** who were married on Wednesday. May God richly bless your new life together.
- 2) **Pray for those unwell, receiving treatment or recovering.**



Congratulations to Nola Burgess who turned 90 this week. What an achievement, Nola! May the presence of the Lord be with you in a very special way over this next year.

Beetham Church Service – 10.30am Wednesday 26th February. MUP is rostered to take services at Beetham throughout this year. The first one for the year is coming up on 26th February. Please pray for the service and for Stewart and Marilyn who are taking it, and remember you can go along and support them.

Thursday Open Shed Sale – 27th February, 8.15am–12noon.

Any items you no longer need we would gladly welcome them. Drop them off to office during week day mornings or bring along Sunday morning. Just no clothes or books please.



CWCI Gisborne Summer Retreat – Christian Women Communicating International are holding a day retreat in Gisborne on **Tuesday 11th March** at Mission Hall. Commencing with morning tea at 10am and finishing around 3pm. See the Church Noticeboard at the back for more information.

Missions: Are you interested in Missions? Would you like to join Angela in a Missions (primarily overseas) Small Group, meeting monthly? I envisage prayer being the main driver. If this interests you please let Angela Paton know - email angelapatonpower@gmail.com or Ph 021 216 8446.



Accommodation available – Flatmate wanted, to join 2 working men. See church noticeboard at back for more info.



Foodbank – We gave out 13 food parcels over the last two weeks. Our current needs are: Weetbix, spreads, muesli bars, biscuits, UHT milk, milo/hot chocolate, tuna/salmon, dishwash liq, washing powder, rubbish stickers.