

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> June	9am Te Hahi Women's Fellowship Brekky, at 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.

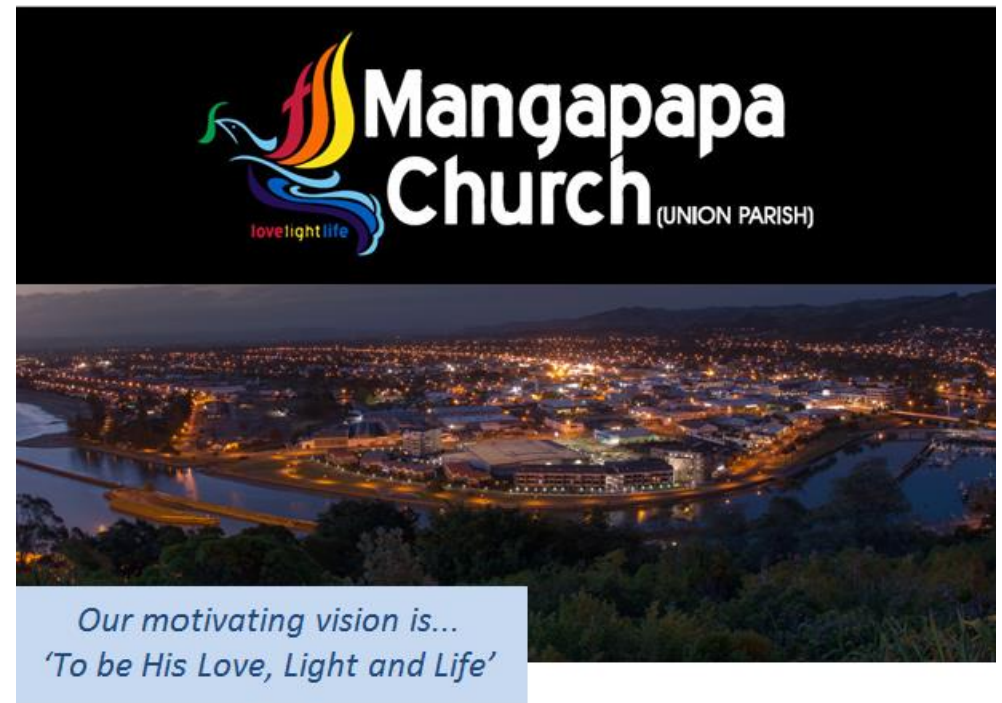
**'Womens Lunch Study Group'** – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch. Next meeting will be 27<sup>th</sup> June. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

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

"Acting perfect in church is like dressing up for an x-ray."  
- Father Joe Krupp

**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 30 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Greeters</b>	J & L Hawksworth	M Wilson, N Aston
<b>Ministry Team</b>	S Clement	E Oates
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	I McCoy, A Tyler	W Carstens, D McLean
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	P Madsen / N Dunn	R Nelson / S Patrick
<b>Counters</b>	A Radcliffe	B Wheeler



**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**

**10am: "Placed And Crowned With Every Spiritual Blessing In Christ"**

*Ephesians 1:2-3*

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

**Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick**

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**Elders Team**

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*Kids go out with Ashley Mountfort and Raewyn Theobald this morning.*

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

**The phrase “in Christ” appears 93 times in the New Testament, and in Ephesians it is used 14 times.** This morning we look at just a few of the incredible spiritual blessings we have, since God the Father **put us in Christ Jesus**. Then we contrast that with what Paul, in Ephesians 2, describes of our old life - following the world's ways and the ruler/ Prince spirit of the powers of the air – What a contrast it is!



**Stewart writes...** Two things to take away from last week's theme on 'Forgiveness' – In Al's great little message he said, **“Saying ‘sorry’ is not the first thing in seeking forgiveness. ‘To pray’ is the first thing we must do.”** Then the video Testimony, on 'finding forgiveness' for something you have done and **forgiving yourself** – If you missed it, here is [the link to watch it on YouTube](#).

**This from the 'NZ Christian Network'** (MUP is a member of this network) – **The report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry 'Abuse in Care', which covers abuse in both State and Faith-based care, is going to be released shortly. Christians need to be very aware of this.** It is expected to be released to the public on the **26<sup>th</sup> June** or very shortly thereafter. The report will undoubtedly result in a national conversation about how we as a nation cared for vulnerable adults and children in both State care facilities and Faith-based facilities between 1950 and 1999. Based on two interim reports, numerous news stories since 2018 and a TV documentary on Dilworth School, this report is going to be very hard to read. It will also be incredibly sad. The report will be the culmination of close to six years of work during which the commission received almost 3,000 accounts from abuse survivors and witnesses, held 133 days of public hearings and analysed over 1 million documents...

**The Presbyterian Church Moderator, Rt Rev Rose Luxford, has also written to all churches this week on this Royal Commission Report.** Copies of her full letter are available in the foyer and is posted on the Church Noticeboard. In it she states, *“As a Church we take our duty of care and any allegations of abuse and sexual misconduct very seriously. Our Church policy provides that any allegations of a criminal nature are reported to the Police, and complainants are supported to do so. Should you wish to report or discuss any matter concerning abuse and the Presbyterian Church, I encourage you to do so in whatever way is right for you.”* Here at MUP, to speak with one of our MUP Church Elders is the encouraged first step, but there is also this option too at this site - [Parishes Complaints Process](#)

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.

**Shane & Ali Roche – Weekly Update on our new 'Church Leader(s)' and the faith journey to NZ & MUP:** Ali reports that their Medicals in London on Monday went really well. They had a lovely Dr and he was very encouraging. They just have to wait for their Blood Test results, due Friday (today at the time of writing). MUP Leadership Team meet this Tuesday (postponed from last Wed), to discuss several items in regards to helping them get here, plus their arrival, official Welcome & Induction. All going well it will be sometime in September.



**For Prayer this Week:**

- 1) **Thank you Lord** – In the past week several prayers were answered for **Frank & Lorraine Darcy** – Lorraine is out of Hospital and now in a room at Ryman in the Hospital wing, and able to sit up. Frank has a Serviced Apartment waiting for him at Ryman. We continue to pray for them in the move.
- 2) **Pray for John Hill** – recovering at home after a surgery this week.
- 3) **Pray for the NZ Visa Application for Shane & Ali Roche and family** - The final 'tick' requirement for their coming to us. (Visa application will take between 1-2 months).
- 4) **Pray for Ken & Alison McFarlane** – as they commence their next Medical Training Semester for the next 7 months, back in Myanmar/Thailand.

**Te Hahi Combined Churches 'Women's Fellowship Brekky' -**



**9am Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June, at Alive Church.** Cost is \$20 per head. All proceeds will go to Te Hahi. There will be a few bits and pieces for sale, but it's more about the fellowship and fun. MUP is putting together a group to go to this and numbers are required



before **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June. RSVP to Marilyn on 021 158 1018**

**Community Care: E-Bags & Baby Packs** – After doing a fantastic job for the past 18 years in this ministry, Anne Russell and Jan Holmberg are now looking forward and thinking about 'succession planning'. They are not planning to retire just yet, but they are looking for someone who feels called to this ministry and would like to join their team to 'learn the ropes' – with a view to possibly taking over when they do decide to retire. **If you are interested in this ministry and feel the Lord prompting you, please have a talk with Anne Russell.**