

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office



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. Next meeting will be 3rd October, 11am at the Museum café. 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 17th October. Contact Elaine Oates or Diane McLean for more info.

"A real Christian is a person who can give his pet parrot to the town gossip." - Billy Graham

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 6 th October
Greeters	J Phin, N Aston	A Clement, M Wilson
Ministry Team	A Clement	S Clement
Cups of Tea	W Carstens, L Hindle	I McCoy, N Coffey
AV & Sound	P Madsen / D Russell	P Madsen / S Patrick
Counters	N Coffey	N Coffey



Sunday 29th September 2024

10am: “Being Careful Of Comparison”

Leading: Stewart Patrick Preaching: Shane Roche
Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick

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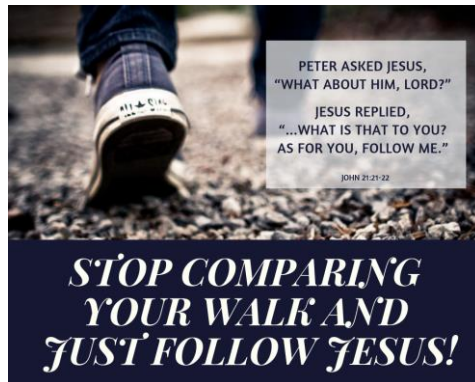
School Holidays programme – Movie in the Blue Room.

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

Shane shares the message this morning. He writes ...

If you're anything like me you have probably compared yourself to someone else at some point in your life. In fact, you probably do it far more than you realise. "I wish I could sing like Mary", "If only I earned as much as Bob", "How does Julia eat so much cake and not get fat?", "Dave's house is bigger than mine", "Richard can do anything... it's not fair!" Maybe there is someone we all compare ourselves to and don't even know it.

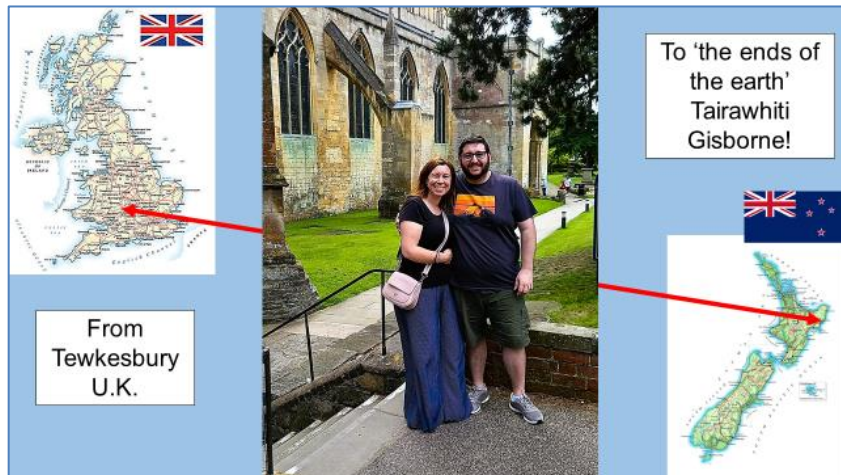
Although comparison is one of the most natural things to do, it can rob us and others of so much if we're not careful. This Sunday we explore how being aware of our tendencies, and asking God to help change our perspective and focus could well change our future. Key readings: Luke 15:11-32; John 21:15-22; Mathew 20:1-16



*Shane - Be a good pastor to the people.
Preach the Word.
Celebrate the sacraments.
Minister to the sick.
Restore the outcast.
Seek the lost.
Abide in Christ.*

*People of Mangapapa Church Union Parish,
Be the people of God.
Meet regularly for worship and study. Serve daily in the world.
Cherish your Church Leader.
Value his gifts.
Care for one another.
Abide in Christ.*

Elders Note – There was a lovely moment at the end of the service last Sunday, a tongues word shared by Peter and an interpretation given by Janice Langford. It fitted with the message in the service, as an encouragement to both the church and Shane & Ali... *"My eye is on you... stand tall... walk forward with confidence"*.



Roche Family Official Welcome & Induction Service

Yesterday – Thank you to everyone who came and made it such a special time. The closing words from Rev Niti Petaia were very special and we share them here:



A special "thank you" to those who travelled up to Gisborne for the Induction Event

– Rev Niti Petaia and his wife from 'Crossway Church', Masterton, representing the Methodist Lower North Island Synod Superintendent. Rev Simon McLeay from Hawkes Bay (Presbytery Regional Moderator); and Peter McKenzie (Presbytery Executive Secretary).



For Prayer this Week:

- 1) Pray for Peter Boyd** and his family on the quite sudden passing of wife Rae Boyd. A private family Service was held for Rae last Monday.
- 2) Pray for Mike Tombleson** – who commences chemo treatment this week.
- 3) Pray for 'Jenny' seeking accommodation** – A 68 year old woman is seeking a small place, 1 bedroom. Can pay up to \$250 per week. Contact phone: 021182 3250.
- 4) Congratulations to Rodney Judd** who turned 90 on Wednesday! ☺



Annual Leave - Dione will be on annual leave this coming week and Paul Madsen will be 'holding the fort' in the office. Dione will be back in the office on Monday 7th October.

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.