

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am-7.45am Prayer at the Church Office
Sat 29 th 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 11th July. 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 4th July. Contact Elaine Oates or Diane McLean for more info.

"If there were no God, there would be no atheists."
- G K Chesterton

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 7 th July
Greeters	M Wilson, N Aston	J Phin, I McCoy
Ministry Team	E Oates	A Clement
Cups of Tea	W Carstens, D McLean	N Coffey, M Smith
AV & Sound	R Nelson / S Patrick	D Russell / N Dunn
Counters	B Wheeler	N Coffey



Sunday 30th June 2024

10am: "God And Jesus In Matariki"

Amos 5:8

Leading: Angela Paton Preaching: Matariki Video

Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick

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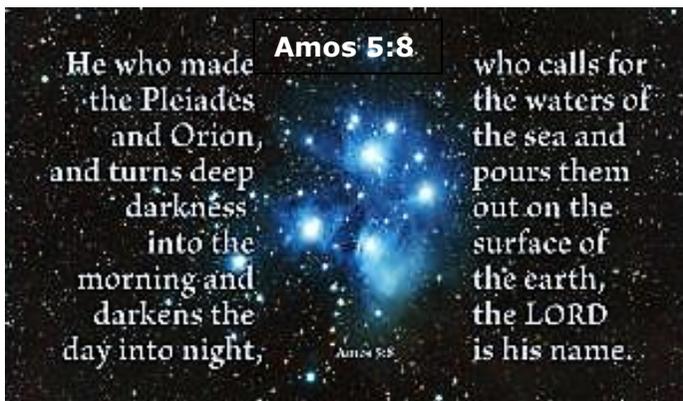
Older Kids stay in church this morning for Matariki Video, and younger ones go out with Marilyn Patrick for Matariki activities.

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

It is the 'Matariki' Maori New Year weekend and a great opportunity to see and show our witness to God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Did you know that the Matariki star cluster – 'Pleiades', is spoken of 3 times in the Scriptures? Job 9:9;

Job 38:31 and Amos 5:8. This year an excellent documentary from a Christian perspective has been produced; '[God Within Matariki](#)' and it can be viewed on 'Shine on Demand'. We are going to screen this on Sunday too, in our Service. Matariki and the rising of the Pleiades at mid-winter in our southern hemisphere certainly had, and still has, a prophetic role in Aotearoa as it points to the Christ!



Stewart writes... Wow, yet another week of violent weather - raging winds, tumultuous seas, driving rain, breakage and damage. Plus tragedy for 3 fishermen on the sea. We will remember them and pray for their families on Sunday morning, as that too is a part of the Matariki tradition – remembering those who have passed.

I can only imagine how folk who were severely affected by Cyclone Gabriel last year, have felt this week? Especially those evacuated again in the dark. Marilyn and I have some cleaning up to do: a shed and a fence to stand up, and possibly an insurance claim to make on damage to our caravan, but nothing major. Thank you for those who thought to check up on others, especially those living alone ☺.

One nice thing to come out of the storm, courtesy of Mike Tomblason – Avocados. Mike has a very large tree and had many near ripe or ripe Avocados at the top, out of reach. The wind has brought them down and there will be a bin full on Sunday morning at church, for folk to take.



Next Sunday we are looking forward to our Guest Preacher, **Tony Plews** - former Laidlaw College Lecturer, formerly Executive Director, Beacon Partnerships Lea-Dev Langham (John Stott established organisation to train Christian leaders in 3rd world nations). Tony is coming to us from Auckland and will be staying with MUP friends Bryan & Jo Yuile.

Shane & Ali Roche

Weekly Update on our new 'Church Leader(s)' and the faith journey to NZ & MUP.

Last week Shane & Ali met up with dear MUP UK friends - David & Monica Stevenson in Cam, Gloucestershire, just 25 minutes down the road from Tewkesbury. In August last year, Stewart & Marilyn were to stay with the Stevensons the very day Shane first emailed the MUP office, expressing interest in the MUP Church Leader position. It was an incredible 'God organised' set of events in that week as Marilyn & I met up with Shane & Ali that first time, and the Stevensons shared in that joy and in prayer.

Now here we are, 9 months on, with Shane & Ali in the final stage of coming to us. **This week they submitted their application for NZ Visas**, after all obtaining Grade A passes for their final Medical tests – Yay! Visas take between 1-2 months, so a September arrival here is the plan. Shane says, "We can now all start getting really excited I think!"



For Prayer this Week:

- 1) **Pray for those affected by the storm** – Evacuees, some Wairoa St Andrews Church folk - once again, and the families who have lost loved ones in the tragedy at sea.
- 2) **Pray for John Hill** – recovering at home after a surgery.
- 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).

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.**



Foodbank – We have given out a number of large parcels this week, with some even going down to Wairoa. Currently our needs are for: soup, flour, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, toilet paper, 2 Minute Noodles, coffee/milo, jam/peanut butter.

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.