



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



Live streamed service with St Albans Church in Palmerston North

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**Church Office Hours:** 9am - 12noon, Mon - Fri (excluding public holidays).  
Dione is working from home. Please don't call the Church Office as the phone is unable to be answered during the lockdown, but you can call Dione on her cell phone during office hours or email the office as these get checked every day.



1. For **Emergencies** or **pastoral issues**, please contact **Paula**.
2. **The Church Buildings and Office** are still shut during Level 3. Please continue to stay away from these and do not enter, even if you have a key. Thanks.
3. **Prayer Chain** – Urgent matters for confidential prayer support, can still be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Joy McHardy or Val Judd.
4. **Donation Receipts** – The majority of these were emailed out this week, with more to follow next week. The posted ones will take a bit longer to receive. Thanks Rodney Judd for your hard work.



This week we celebrate a person being set free of unmanageable debt, after working with CAP for about 3 years. Please pray for confidence and skills for this person as they begin managing their finances without CAP input.



"If at first you don't succeed...try doing it the way Mum told you to in the beginning."

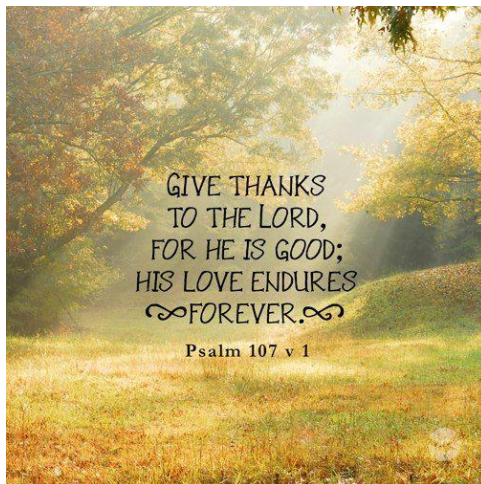


**Giving/Tithing** - If you wish to tithe or make a donation to Mangapapa Church, our account number is: Mangapapa Church, 03-0638-0381084-00. Please make sure you say 'tithe' or 'donation' in the reference.

## Paula writes...

As I am writing this, I am not sure whether we will be moving to Level 2, and exactly what that will mean. I am thankful for the extra freedoms allowed over the last week, and pleased for those who have been able to return to work. We continue to pray for those whose jobs are in question and businesses in jeopardy. We have extra reasons to be looking out for our neighbours at this time.

Today we will be joining a service streamed from St Albans in Palmerston North. This church is in many ways my home church, where I was baptised as a young adult more than 30 years ago!! And they have invited us to join with them today for their Mother's Day Service. To join you simply go to their website and on the front page is a clear link to join. That is all you need to do! The service begins at 10:15 am. There is also a 30 minute Children's Programme at 9am available from the same page. The website is: [www.stalbans.org.nz](http://www.stalbans.org.nz)



And here is a reflection for Mother's Day ...



*Everyone of us had a Mother!*

*Most of us are greatly thankful for our mothers.*

*For some of us, our relationship with mum wasn't or maybe isn't great.*

*The Bible does direct us to honour and respect our father and mother. That is much easier for some of us than others but it is God's desire for us.*

*Today we give thanks for our mothers, recognising that some were more like God intended and some were less; some are easier to love and relate to than others; that some of us struggle to be the sons and daughters we want to be; that all of us need God's grace and wisdom to relate as God intended; that being a mother is an awesome responsibility, a potential heartache and a huge privilege; that having a good mother is one of God's greater gifts in life.*

*To all the women reading this, may God bless you and encourage you in a special way, may you be loved and valued in this community of faith, and may you know your value and calling in the eyes of God.*



Bless you all – men and women - this week.

**Paula**



"The above photo is of a rainbow on our settee, produced by the early morning sun shining through my heart crystal. The words of the song, "Jesus take me as I am", came to me.

*Jesus take me as I am, I can come no other way.  
Take me deeper into you. Make my self life melt away.  
Make me like a precious stone, crystal clear and finely honed.  
Life of Jesus shining through, giving glory back to you.*

I thought this fitted well with the theme in Ephesians. As the body of Christ, together with Christ in us, we each allow His Holy Spirit to shine through us a different colour and together we make a glorious rainbow for the whole world to see, shining out God's glory." – Debbie Dobbie



This is a lovely video put out by Strandz for children about what church is like in our bubbles. It's so good we thought our whole church family would appreciate it.

You can access it through this link:

<https://youtu.be/ZASwxPwLmmk>



## THE WOMAN'S CREED

*(Not just for Mothers but for all women)*

I believe in God who created woman and man in God's own image, who created the world and gave both genders the care of the earth.

I believe in Jesus, son of God, born of the woman Mary, who liked and listened to women and discussed his kingdom with them, who stayed in their homes and welcomed their finance and discipleship.

I believe in Jesus who discussed theology with a woman at a well, who was the first to hear of his messiahship, and was motivated to tell her good news to her town.

I believe in Jesus who accepted anointing from a woman at Simon's house and rebuked the men who scorned her, who stated that this woman would be remembered forever for her ministry.

I believe in Jesus who healed a woman on the Sabbath and made her straight because she was a human being. I believe in Jesus who spoke of God like a woman searching for a lost coin by turning her house upside down; who spoke of himself as a mother hen wishing to gather his people like chicks under his wing.

I believe in Jesus who thought of pregnancy and birth with reverence, as a powerful metaphor for spiritual transformation and new birth into his kingdom.

I believe in Jesus who appeared first to Mary Magdalene and commissioned her to go and tell the male disciples of his resurrection.

I believe in the wholeness of Jesus Christ in whom there is neither Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female, because we are all one in Him.

"Why did the cookie cry?  
Because his mother was a wafer so long!"



## **WE BOW** **National & Global Consecration** from the ends of the earth

16 May 2020



We are in incredibly significant days.  
Things are being shaken and reshaped in a moment.  
We are in a time of global reset.

As one people called by His name WE BOW before Him alone,  
as we look to Him for the Divine Reset of our Nations.

We're joining across our nations and around the world in

### **Adoration**

**Breaking ties**, covenants & legal rights given to other gods & idols.

**Consecration** of our lives, homes, communities and nation.

**Covenant** with the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob,  
we will worship and serve only Him.

**Declaration** that our nations will fulfil their God given destiny

**Declaring Blessing to Israel** as we align for God's end time purpose.

7am in our own time zones, on Saturday 16 May.

**Join in** - for the prayer guide as we consecrate ourselves  
across our nation & stand together with other nations.

- We'll also send you the link to a Global Online Gathering,  
happening later the same day, 16 May.

*Thanks for joining & sharing the call.*

