

Dates to Remember	
Tuesdays	6.30pm Interchurch Volleyball
Thursdays	Te Hahi Combined Churches Prayer - 7am AOG Church
20-22 July	Wonderzone Kids Holiday Programme



**Church Office Hours:** 9am - 12noon, Mon - Fri (excluding public holidays).

**'Prayer Chain'** – Urgent matters for confidential prayer support, can be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Joy McHardy or Val Judd.

**Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study** – Meets at 1.30pm in the Church House. For more info contact Maureen Wilson.

**Wednesday 'Mens Breakfast'** – Meets for breakfast at 6.45am in the Church House. For more info contact Paul Cosson.

**Thursday 'Womens Breakfast'** – Meets for breakfast at 7am in the Church House. For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

**Women's 'Growth Group'** – Meets at fortnightly 1pm on Thursdays, in the Church House. If you are interested in joining please contact Nicola Hawkins.



We would like to thank all the kind people who have donated knitted items for our hospital "Baby Parcels" and peggy squares for the knitted blankets for the Children's Ward. These have been a wonderful help, as winter is now here and warm items are

much appreciated. We would also like to thank those who have made generous donations of wool (various plys). There is plenty for knitters, so please help yourself to it. They are in boxes in the cupboards in the room coming off the church foyer. Many thanks and God bless, Anne Russell & Jan Holmberg.

**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 18 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Greeters</b>	J & L Hawsworth	M Raitaukala, I McCoy
<b>Explorers Crèche</b>	A Lawton	Parents
<b>Matrix</b>	School Hols	School Hols
<b>Ministry Team</b>	A Clement	J Newman
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	P & A Walker, N Aston	E & B Bowis, R Keelan
<b>Flowers</b>	B Bowis	E Oates
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	R Nelson / P Walker	S Patrick / P Cosson
<b>Counters</b>	B Wheeler	B Wheeler



**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021**



**10am: 'Catherine Caterpillar'**

**Leading: Debora Dobbie**

**Preaching: Stewart Patrick**

**Duty Elder: Paula Levy**

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*Children stay in today.*

## Paula writes...

As I write this I am preparing to go to Auckland to the NZ Forum On The Family, hosted by Family First. This is a one day event covering a range of challenging and forefront issues facing our nation and culture (see the topics below). I look forward to reporting back.

Family First is an organisation providing excellent resources to many current issues. You will remember their publications on the referendums last year. It has however been a very challenging time for them.

They were recently taken to the Supreme Court by the NZ Government, in a further attempt to have them deregistered as a NZ charity. Family First has quickly become a household name, advocating for families, and speaking common sense and values on a broad range of family issues in New Zealand. It seeks to promote strong families, marriage, and the value of life, based on principles that have benefited New Zealand for generations. As well as being a dominant voice for family values in the media, Family First also provides Research and Education.

Amongst their reasons, the Charities Board said: *"The Board considers that the Trust's opinion(s).... Are fairly described as controversial in contemporary New Zealand society."*

Family First challenged this decision in the High Court and the Court of Appeal, and won. Now the Government is taking them to the highest court in NZ. The court's decision will have big implications for many other charities and churches who hold conservative views. Please pray for the judges to make a fair and just decision.

**NZ FORUM ON THE FAMILY**

- Inspire
- Educate
- Network

**FREEDOM, FAMILY, FAITH – 2021**

<p><b>A CONVERSATION WITH LEIGHTON SMITH</b></p> <p>Jon Leighton Smith and Bob McCoskie as they have a conversation about some key issues affecting New Zealand. Topics of discussion will include freedom of speech, regional freedoms, social culture, the role of family and marriage, media bias, social engineering, and can conservative views still be held – and more importantly, shared – in New Zealand today?</p>	<p><b>LEAH GRAY</b></p> <p>After experiencing gender confusion and same-sex attraction in her teenage years, Australian Leah Gray found freedom through counselling and faith. She was actively involved in campaigning against the recent Victorian legislation and passed – a very sensitive version of a ban on conversion therapy.</p> <p><b>TOPIC: Banning 'Conversion Therapy' – Banning My Freedom Of Choice</b></p>	<p><b>PAUL MOON</b></p> <p>Paul Moon is Professor of History at Auckland University of Technology. He has a Doctor of Philosophy, a Master of Arts, and a Master of Theology. He is the author of several published books on aspects of New Zealand history.</p> <p><b>TOPIC: A Handful Kure, Of Mind, Hate Speech &amp; Free Speech in New Zealand</b></p>
<p><b>AARON IRONSIDE</b></p> <p>Aaron Ironside rose to prominence in the 1990s as the anchor of Radio Hauraki's popular Morning Patrol breakfast show. His media career spanned 25 years. He has a Master's Degree in Psychology. In 2020 he was the spokesperson for the successful SayNoToDope campaign in the cannabis referendum.</p> <p><b>TOPIC: How The Cannabis Referendum Was Won – Against All The Odds</b></p>	<p><b>ELISABETH TAYLOR</b></p> <p>Dr Elisabeth Taylor is a graduate of Sydney University and Commonwealth Scholar. She has a PhD from Cambridge University in Medical Women's History. Dr Taylor focuses on subjects ranging from the origins and consequences of the sexual revolution, pornography, comprehensive sexuality education, LGBT rights activism, and the Safe Schools programme (Australia).</p> <p><b>TOPIC: Women's Rights &amp; Transgender Rights</b></p>	<p><b>ALFRED &amp; MOKAUNA NGARO</b></p> <p>Alfred entered Parliament in 2011 as a National list MP, was a Cabinet Minister from 2016-17 and has held portfolios in Children, Housing, Pacific Peoples, and Community &amp; Voluntary sector. Mokauna has practiced as a Counsellor, Family Therapist and Clinical and Cultural Supervisor in community NGOs, tertiary, and in private practice.</p> <p><b>TOPIC: Politics &amp; Faith: Can They And Should They Mix?</b></p>

**Register online at: [ForumOnTheFamily.nz](http://ForumOnTheFamily.nz)**

**WHAT**

The 13th annual New Zealand Forum on the Family will bring together a national network of family-focused organisations, scholars, leaders and individuals who are part of a movement for social change to bring NZ to a point where families are strengthened, marriage is honoured, and life is protected.

**WHERE**

Sir Noel Robinson Conference Centre (behind the Vodafone Centre and West White Water Park) 770 Great South Rd, Manukau City

**FOR MORE INFO:** tel 09 261 2426 / email [admin@forumonthefamily.org.nz](mailto:admin@forumonthefamily.org.nz) / website [ForumOnTheFamily.nz](http://ForumOnTheFamily.nz)

**WHEN**

FRIDAY 9th JULY 2021, 8:45am – 4:30pm

**REGISTRATION**

\$79 Early Bird Individual (if registered by 30th June)  
 \$89 Individual (full rate)  
 \$129 Early Bird Married couple (if reg by 30th June)  
 \$139 Married couple (full rate)  
 \$39 Special Student Rate

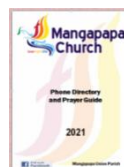
Cost includes lunch and refreshments during the day.

**FAMILY FIRST**  
 HUMANITARIAN CHARITABLE TRUST  
 NEW ZEALAND

**Blessings, Paula**

Stewart shares in our 'All-Ages' worship today, with the delightful 'Catherine Caterpillar' story by Calvin Miller, and the beautiful encouragements that come from nature in Caterpillars to Butterflies. First, it is a reflection on the promise of new life found in John 3:1–16. In John 3, Nicodemus is amazed at the wonderful signs of new life that flow from Jesus' actions and teaching. **"That's the life for me!"** thinks Nicodemus, so he visits Jesus to find out how he can share in this kingdom of God life. Jesus answers, **"You must be born again."** Nicodemus doesn't understand. It is only as the Gospel of John unfolds that the meaning is revealed. I think the reason Nicodemus had no idea what Jesus meant is because he didn't know any stories about caterpillars. I think it would have helped if he knew this story!

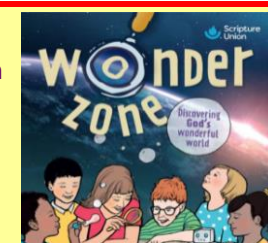
## "CATHERINE CATERPILLAR"



**Church Directory 2021** – There are a couple of Draft Copies of the 2021 Church Directory on the table at the back. Please check your details and write in any corrections or updates. If you are in the Directory and don't want to be, or vice versa, please let the office know and it will be amended.

## Kids Programme – July School Holidays

We are hosting a kids programme for ages 5-11 years, run in conjunction with Wainui Church here at Mangapapa during the July school holidays. **9.30am-11.30am on 20-22 July.** Save the date, and sign up on the Volunteer sheet to help. We are particularly needing a couple more small group leaders. Flyers are available on the back table.



## TOSS – Thursday Open Shed Sale –

Weather permitting we will open our shed sale **8am-12noon** this **Thursday 15th July**. If wet it will be postponed till 5<sup>th</sup> August. If you would like to help Marilyn on the day please let her know.



## A Thank You Message From Llew Paul

All settled in and taking pride of place in our new home. Thank you all. "Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith." Llew.