



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



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Easter Sunday

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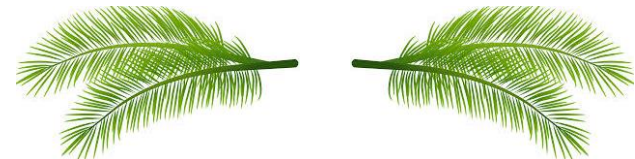
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Church Office Hours: 9am - 12noon, Mon - Fri (excluding public holidays).
Dione is still working, but from home. Please don't call the Church Office as the phone is unable to be answered during the lockdown, but you can still email the office as these will be getting checked every morning during normal office hours.

For emergencies or pastoral issues, please contact Paula.



- 1. The Church Buildings and Office** are shut for the duration of the lockdown. Please stay away from these and do not enter, even if you have a key. Thanks.
- 2. Please Stay At Home** - We would like to encourage all members of Mangapapa Church to honour the government's directives and stay at home during this lock down period.
- 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. Wanted** - Good condition towels and sheets to sew into cot sheets and hand towels for TOSS. Sewing thread. Text Nicola on 0221319171 or email nicandbruce@yahoo.com
- 5.** Head office have adjusted the set up process to make it non face to face to allow new people to access Debt Help. I can therefore take on new clients if they can work over the phone and online. Please pray that those needing help hear of our service. Nicola.



Paula writes...

You will receive this as we begin our Easter weekend. This year on Good Friday, we were hoping to join with two other churches as we carried the crosses through our streets and erected them on the corner of Atkinson Street. We were looking forward to a reflective time, going over the events of that Friday and the painful journey of Jesus on our behalf.

And then: we were looking forward to together Celebrating with great joy – Easter Sunday – the highlight of our Christian Calendar – the day that changed the world. The day when Christians all around the world celebrate that all the powers of death and destruction in the cosmos were overcome by the self-sacrificing love of Jesus.

May I encourage you to still find ways to remember and celebrate. Although we can't be together, in this newsletter are some ideas for things you could do on Good Friday. On Saturday I will send out an outline for an Easter Sunday Service you can do at home. Perhaps you could also put something in your window on Easter Sunday celebrating that Jesus is alive. But more than that, may you know it deeply in your hearts.

Looking ahead: next Sunday morning (the 19th) we will be joining a live-streamed service with one other church, hosted by World Vision and by the wonderful Christian musician, Julia Grace. We will be streamed in too! Details will come out during the week.

I would invite you also to be praying for Vanuatu, hit by Cyclone Harold. As far as I know at this stage, no lives have been lost, but the damage is devastating. As well as other places, the cyclone went right over the Bible College where we lived and the villages that were home for us. There is still no communication from that part of the Island.

Blessings as you remember the death of Christ and celebrate the miracle of His resurrection this weekend. Happy Easter!

Blessings, Paula

Good Friday Ideas

Here are some possibilities for simple ways to remember Christ's death this Friday.

1. Re-read the story: John chapter 19.
2. Take some moments of silence to reflect on Jesus death and what it means for you.
3. Watch the clip: GOOD FRIDAY (please note we have purchased this 😊)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w39N3vHn1mQ>
4. Pray the Good Friday Prayer (on page 3 of this newsletter)
5. Do the prayer walk (attached to this email)
6. Make hot cross buns.



Kevin and Margaret Rutapiri on the birth of your daughter! Liam's little sister, **Dorah Melrha Huapi Rutapiri**, was born on Thursday 2nd April.



If you have anything happen over the week that you'd like to share, of something God has done, or a word of encouragement He has given you, or even just something that has happened in you and your family's life, that we could put in the newsletter – please email the office with the details. Photos are welcome too. We would like to be able to put some of our 'stories' in the newsletter to encourage everyone.

"What kind of man was Boaz before he got married? Ruth-less!"



The Way of the Cross

A Good Friday Prayer

Lord Jesus, Good Friday,
It happened.
Tears and sorrow in the garden.
A betrayal with a kiss.
Soldiers, swords and clubs.
Friends fleeing.
Fiery priests, finicky scribes,
truths, half-truths, lies. Then fists.

Cool Pilate, fearful Pilate,
wash your hands Pilate,
we don't want this to spread Pilate.

Crown of thorns, heavy cross,
women weep, soldiers mock.

Nail, Nail,
King in the sky.

Outstretched hands, empty hands,
yet you give.
To the thief, paradise,
To your mother, a son.
To all on earth, forgiveness.

Then it happened.
You breathed. You breathed your last.
Death, soldier, darkness,
brave friends, tomb.



Amazing, Almighty, Awesome God

Amazing, Almighty, Awesome God,
Blessed is your name in all the Earth!
Creation sings your praises.

Darkness will never hide the light of your love.
Every day, everyone will be blessed by your goodness,
for you are the giver of Life Eternal.

Great and good are you,
Hiding yourself from no-one.
Intelligent beyond all measure,
Just and Merciful are your ways.
Kindness and compassion, oozing in abundance,
Loving, Loving and Loving
are you Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
More powerful that I can ever imagine.
No one can ever fully comprehend you,
for your ways are not our ways.

Opening your heart to me, you gave your Son
as a sacrifice for my sin.

Purchasing back my life, with his blood,
Quenching my hunger and thirst,
Reaching out to me, He came.
Satisfying my spirit and soul,
Taking away my pain and shame.

Undergirding me strength and surrounding me with your holiness.
Very perfect in love are you.

Wonderful and willing to share your life with me,
eXcellent, exciting and at times extremely challenging,
are the paths you guide me along.

You are my God and
Zealously I will serve and worship you,
for you deserve my devotion and praise,
forever more.

Amen

*Nicola Hawkins
February 2020
Acrostic Psalm of Praise*



Tune in to Newstalk ZB for
CBA's Easter Programme

Good Friday

6am-9am: Peter Wolfkamp & Tash McGill

9am-12noon: Sam & Julia Bloore

12noon-3pm: Petra Bagust

3pm-6pm: Frank Ritchie & Jax van Buuren

We have brought together some of New Zealand's most experienced Christian broadcasters to present this year's Easter programming:

- Rev Frank Ritchie > Broadcaster, church minister + Media Chaplain
- Dr Sam Bloore > Senior Teaching Fellow + Residential Host at the Venn Foundation
- Julia Bloore > Broadcaster, Speaker + Residential Host at the Venn Foundation
- Tash McGill > Writer, Broadcaster + Transformation Strategist
- Peter Wolfkamp > TV Presenter, Radio Broadcaster + Newstalk ZB's Resident Builder
- Petra Bagust > TV Presenter, Broadcaster, leader of CBA's Salt network
- Jax van Buuren > Radio Announcer, Host of CBA's Total Recall

Easter Sunday

6pm-7:30pm: Total Recall* with Frank Ritchie & Jax van Buuren

7:30pm-8pm: Real Life* with John Cowan

*Both *Total Recall* & *Real Life* are regular Sunday programmes produced weekly by CBA on Newstalk ZB.

HE IS RISEN
Hallelujah.

