



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

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**10am: 'God Is All Powerful'**

*Job 42:1-6*

*Jesus gives us a glimpse of the infinite power of God*

Link for the live MUP service on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/mangapapaunion>

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- 1. For Emergencies or pastoral issues,** please contact **Paula**.
- 2. Church Office Hours:** 9am - 12noon, Mon - Fri (excluding public holidays). The office will be open again from this Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> September.
- 3. The Church Building** will continue to be **shut during Level 2**. Please do not enter the building unless you have arranged permission from Paula or the office. Small groups can now use the building but please let the office know when you have arranged to meet.
- 4. Prayer Chain** – Urgent matters for confidential prayer support, can still be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Joy McHardy or Val Judd.
- 5. Annual General Meeting** – We are looking to postpone our AGM until we can meet under Level One conditions. At this stage we are not sure when that will be, but are hoping it will be late September, early October. The AGM reports will be emailed out this week for you to read prior to meeting.

## Our Pastoral Care Team

Neil Smoker

Al Clement

Nona Aston

Gretchen Norman

Lorraine McAra

Maureen Wilson

Debbie Dobbie

Barbara Bowis

"My kids spent all afternoon throwing Scrabble tiles at each other. All fun and games until somebody lost an 'i'."



**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...

Our hope is in God who gives us strength each day. Yet we celebrate too, increased freedom and that we can begin to see each other in person again.

Because the requirements for worship gatherings are quite complex we have decided not to have a service this Sunday. A small team will be at church and livestream for you a short service. Next Monday, once we know if there are any changes in gathering requirements, we will make a decision for the following Sunday. We value your patience as we work through this.

In the meantime, we encourage small groups to start meeting again. If you are not part of a small group and would like to be, please contact me or email the office and we will link you with an existing group or if needed form a new group(s) for this time. It is so important to encourage one another. We will be in contact with small group leaders about requirements for gathering.

Also, we encourage you to take the initiative to just connect with others now we can. Invite a friend for coffee or a meal. Plan a walk with someone.

I would like to say a special thanks to those who helped us host our YWAM team over lock down. It wasn't the 2 week mission we or they had planned. They did lead services, take assemblies at Sonrise School, visit a home group, run a Matrix event by Zoom, bake and deliver yummy cookies, and do some practical work at the homes where they were saying. A special thanks to Bill and Jody Wheeler who jointly hosted the team with us. And thank you to all who gifted food or money towards caring for them.

Finally - last night I led my final Leadership Team meeting. I will finish in my role on 30<sup>th</sup> September, which is only 3 weeks from now, and means just three more Sundays. Thank you for your support and prayers as we go through this process of trying to finish well.

**Blessings, Paula**

*"We need to uninstall 2021 and then try reinstalling it. The current version has a nasty virus."*



### The YWAM Team



*Making a delivery*

*Doing some work*



*Selfie with the Levys*



*Even though we weren't able to see a lot of you in person it was still a pleasure being part of your community for almost 3 weeks.*

*It was so fun serving you guys with videos and songs for the Sundays and delivering little care packages.*

*May the Lord Bless you abundantly with Grace and power to do His will.*

*Love the sacred Seven (YWAM Queenstown)*

*Jasmin, Jahmon, Kaylee, Siera, Vaughn, Steven and Jade.*



## NAVIGATE CULTURE

### Cultural Apologetics

Trending Issues including:

- Biculturalism & Multi-culturalism
- Worldview & Comparative Religions
- Transgenderism & Homosexuality
- Critical Race Theory
- Abortion & Euthanasia
- Freedom of Speech
- Media & Entertainment
- Identity & Human Rights

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DEPEND FAITH  
NAVIGATE CULTURE  
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Michelle Englehardt shares about the need there is for **'Thinking Matters'** and other Christian apologetic ministries, and how we can partner with them in prayer. Thinking Matters' purpose is to equip Christians in being able to defend their faith but also to navigate our increasingly secular and pluralistic culture from a Biblical perspective. To hear more about this ministry 'ctrl click' on the following link:

[\(1\) Thinking Matters | Michelle Englehardt - YouTube](#)

### **An update from Debbie, our Children's Worker:**

Debbie and William were locked down in Christchurch just before their son Jono's wedding. The great news is that although the wedding had to be postponed it is going ahead this weekend.



Debbie and William are then going to take a week and a half to do a few of the things they had planned in the South before their return. Debbie will be back on deck in Kidzspace from Sunday 26th September and is planning a get together for all Kidzspace families soon after.



Don't forget the Pray As One NZ meetings from **8pm-9pm every Monday night**. They often have interesting guests speaking and leading in prayer for NZ. Recently they have enabled people to stay online after 9pm to ask questions of the guests. To join the meetings just go to their website <https://prayasone.nz/> and click on the link.