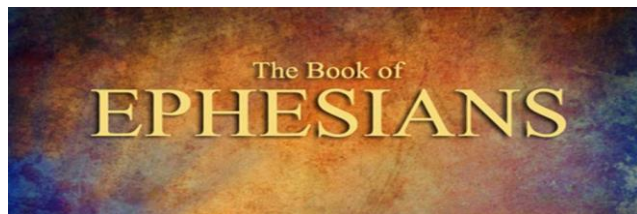




Our motivating vision is...  
'To be His Love, Light and Life'

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020



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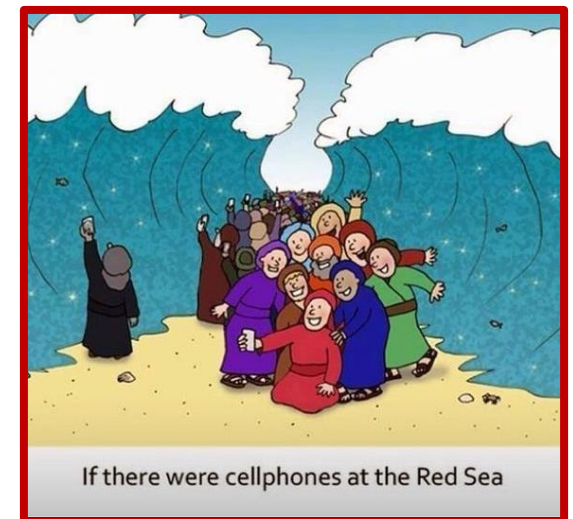
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**Church Office Hours:** 9am - 12noon, Mon - Fri (excluding public holidays).  
Dione is currently working from home, but the office will be open from this Tuesday.  
Until then please don't phone the office, you can call Dione on her cell phone during office hours or email the office as these get checked every day.



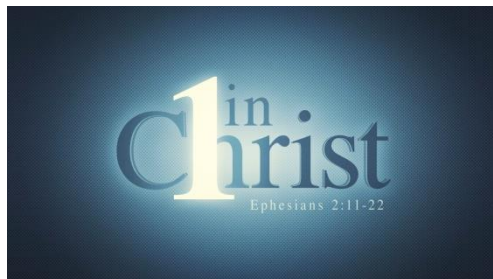
1. For **Emergencies** or **pastoral issues**, please contact **Paula**.
2. **The Church Building** is still shut at this point in Level 2. It is currently going through significant repairs due to damage caused by a leaking pipe, so please continue to stay away from this and do not enter. If you have a group that normally meets in the church and you want to start up again, please contact Paula.
3. **The Office** - The office will be open again from Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, and normal office hours will apply. Visitors to the office will be required to adhere to Covid-19 safety regulations, ie signing in/out, sanitizing, social distancing etc.
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. **Donation Receipts** – These have now been emailed out or posted. Please contact the office if you are expecting one but haven't received it. *Don't forget to allow the time for postal delivery.*



**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...

*"Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing." (James 1:2-4)*



Wow it's been a long haul but we have made it to Level 2. So back to school for many this week, and returning to work for others. For those of you whose work is still in question or who even may not have work to return to, our prayers are with you and please let us know how we can support you at this time.

Although our freedoms are increased, we are still urged to live and interact cautiously and won't be gathering as a church family. Under Level Two guidelines gatherings must not be more than 10, so for at least the next two Sundays we will continue to worship in our homes. The church building itself will also remain completely closed, both for COVID reasons and because we have had a major leak which is requiring significant repairs to our hallway and toilet.

We are required by Presbytery to develop of a COVID-19 Safety Plan for all our church activities, that meets government guidelines as well as meeting our health and safety obligations towards employees, users, and visitors. We are currently working on this and hope to have it complete this week.

Once this is complete, we will be able to open the church office, with safety guidelines in place and procedures such as contact tracing. The recommendations are also, that it would be better if small groups waited until after these two weeks to begin. Individual small group leaders can discuss their particular group with me, and if any are to meet, *"requirements for catering, physical distancing, contact tracing, personal and venue hygiene must be adhered to as a Home Group is an extension of the authorised ministries of the parish and not a private event."*

Saying all this, as you feel able I hope you do enjoy the freedoms of being able to safely meet up with one or two others, to encourage each other and connect informally.

We continue in the book of Ephesians this Sunday. Ephesians 1



was about our identity in Christ, the first part of Chapter 2 was God making the dead alive, and the second part which we look at this week shows us how the gospel not only changes our vertical relationship with God but our horizontal relationships with each other. In Christ we not only have new identity, but new community, new family and peace despite our differences.

May I encourage you to stay strong in following Him and all that means, even in this challenging time. And find ways to live this out in both worship, and also love for and service to others.

## Blessings, Paula



Congratulations to **John & Jenny Hill** who celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Well done! May God continue to bless your marriage in the years ahead, and may they be even better than the last 50!



Congratulations to **Helen Van Wijk** on graduating her tertiary studies with a Bachelor of Nursing. We commend you for your commitment and hard work over the past few years. Well done!



"Rejoice with those who rejoice ..." Romans 12:15a







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<https://fundraise.tearfund.org.nz/event/poverty-cycle/the-challenge>



"Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?  
Noah ... he was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation."



### Call to Prayer for Rain

We thank God for the last few days of rain that we have had - but **the need for RAIN is still desperate**. Many of you will know **Simon Cave** (as a former GDC District Councillor and former PB Federated Farmers Chairman). Simon has put out a call for prayer regarding **RAIN - DROUGHT** in our district. This drought is now very serious . . . both here and in other places around the country. A lot of the farms in our district miss out on the rain we have been receiving in the city.

**National Aglow is holding a Zoom prayer meeting 7pm to 8pm next Wednesday, called Let it Rain.**

Please join them in prayer. The call is to break the drought in reality and spiritually ... and to encourage farmers not to become stressed and despondent.

