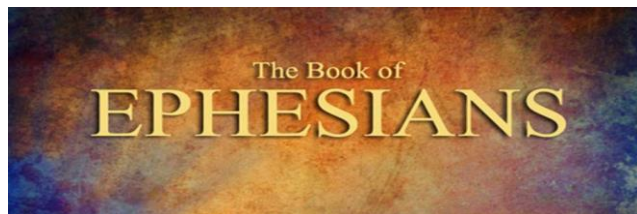




Our motivating vision is...
'To be His Love, Light and Life'

Sunday 24th May 2020



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For **Emergencies** or **pastoral issues**, please contact **Paula**.



1. **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. **We are still doing Sunday Services online until further notice.**
2. **The Office** - The office is open from 9am-12noon Monday to Friday and you can now ring on the office phone. Messages will be getting checked. Visitors to the office will be required to adhere to Covid-19 safety regulations, ie sanitising, signing in/out, social distancing etc.
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. **CAP** - I am busy contacting clients who are in the set up phase. Please pray God helps them with evidence collection, and myself with discernment of how best to support them. Please pray for the promotional work and that new clients sign up. Thanks, Nicola.



"My bed is a magical place where I suddenly remember everything I was supposed to do!" 😂



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...

Today as I write it is Ascension Day (Thursday). This is exactly 40 days after Jesus' resurrection and another key miracle in the life of Jesus, when He was taken up in front of the disciples' eyes to heaven. Wow!

The Ascension is not something that has been emphasised in many churches in recent years, but it is a truth that is not only important, but essential to the gospel. If we go back to the Apostles' Creed, it says:

"He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, on the third day He rose again (And then) He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the living and the dead."

The Ascension reminds us that Christianity is not only an historical faith, but a faith of the present and future. Jesus is, right now, in His new resurrected body on the throne of the universe. He is not just our suffering servant who came and died and rose again, defeating death, but is also our actively ruling, actively conquering King. He is The True King of the World and He hasn't disappeared, He has returned to heaven and is on His throne.

What does this mean? When you went to bed last night Jesus was at work subduing His enemies. While you slept He was continuing to rule over the world. He was still at it, when we woke up this morning and even now as we are here. Open a newspaper and it is not full of how Jesus is reigning. Instead it is often full of conflict and crime, of sadness and tragedy. Yet the story of the Ascension is the story of the enthronement of Jesus as the King of the world. And although it may be in small ways, His kingdom grows, as we live it out. As Christians all around the world worship, love, show mercy and justice, and honour Him as King.

Without Jesus' ascension, there would be no true access to God, and no Spirit to come in power and live in us. The Ascension is a link in the chain of salvation, essential like Jesus' life, death and resurrection:

He had to be taken up to Heaven, to return to the Father.

We know that this means He is there: ruling and praying for us.

We know that because of this He sent His Spirit to be with us, to give us comfort and strength and gifts and power. These are all amazing things!

We know He is there as head of the church.

We know He is there to prepare a place.



Jesus is now KING! He has ascended and is on His throne as King. Therefore: We can know that whatever is going on in our lives, Jesus has power over it. Jesus' name is greater.

May you know this in real ways this week. And remember that although it may be a few more weeks till we can meet together as a whole church family, keep on loving and encouraging each other, keep on praying and keep on trusting in our risen and ascended Jesus.

Blessings, Paula



Part-Time Office Administrator

We are looking for a organised team player that supports our Christian philosophy. Excellent computer and inter-personal skills are essential. Knowledge of XERO, APTS and ECE regulations an advantage but not a requirement.

Hours of work will be mornings for 15 to 20 hours a week.

We are a community based Pre-school catering for 30 children aged 2 to 5 years old, in the heart of Kaiti. We are committed to our Christian Philosophy. We have a strong team environment and believe that each member's contribution is crucial to the centre's success.

Please send your CV, a covering letter and any further queries to:

kingdomkidstrust@outlook.com



World Vision 40 Hour Famine | 5-7 June 2020



Join the fight against hunger and injustice in Malawi with the World Vision 40 Hour Famine.

Over the last few years, climate change has caused extreme weather events in Malawi. Destructive cyclones, droughts and floods that are unseasonal, unpredictable and devastating have left children and families hungry.

Our climate is changing, and our everyday actions make a difference in the world we live in. Join the fight against hunger and injustice with the World Vision 40 Hour Famine, and support families in Malawi to adapt to and survive the changing climate.

Fundraising Challenge

Dance to 40 songs in 40 hours? Do 40 good deeds around your home?

The World Vision 40 Hour Famine is New Zealand's largest youth fundraising event. Every year, hundreds of thousands of young Kiwis have taken a stand through a 40 Hour Challenge to raise money and bring hope to thousands of children living in poverty in more than 40 countries.

Can we count on you?



Your fundraising challenge could be to spend 40 hours going without something you rely on – like motorised transport, electricity or food. Or this year you could do it in a way that also sends a message that we must – together – act to better care for our beautiful shared planet. Whatever you decide to do, it all starts with getting your friends together, asking people to sponsor you, and getting active.

Choose your challenge, start fundraising and join the fight against hunger and injustice in Malawi.

Check out our resources for more challenge and fundraising ideas!

<https://www.worldvision.org.nz/connect/40-hour-famine/>



PRAY AS ONE NZ

Christians Uniting for Aotearoa

MONDAYS

8-9
pm

Tēnā koutou, ngā toa karakia!

Greetings, prayer warriors!

Join with Christians from around the nation in prayer for the spiritual wellbeing of Aotearoa New Zealand.

How do our Zoom meetings work?

Get the link to the meetings directly from our website (the password is encoded into the link). We ask everyone to be familiar with our Zoom protocols before joining the call which are posted with the green button to join the prayer meeting, as shown below.



Click the button on the top of most pages of the website to go to the Zoom protocols and link to join the meeting.



The green button will take you to the Zoom 'Pray As One NZ waiting room' where an administrator will grant you access to the meeting. Please make sure you enable your audio and camera and have at least your first name showing on your account.

Our weekly program is run by a Pray As One NZ leader acting as the host, an invited speaker to share a devotional message and 2 invited 'pray-ers' to lead us in prayer before we break into smaller groups and encourage everyone to pray. We often begin and end our meetings with a worship song and share communion at the end of the meeting on the FIRST MONDAY of the month as an act of solidarity as followers of Jesus in our nation.

