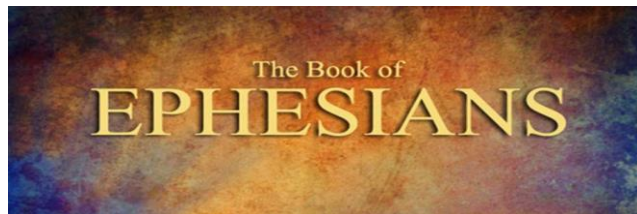




Our motivating vision is...
'To be His Love, Light and Life'

Sunday 26th April 2020



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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.



*They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn;
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*



- 1. The Church Buildings and Office** are still shut during Level 3. Please continue to stay away from these and do not enter, even if you have a key. Thanks.
- 2. 'Prayer Chain'** – Urgent matters for confidential prayer support, can still be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Joy McHardy or Val Judd.
- 3. Donation Receipts** – The end of year donation receipts will be ready in the next couple of weeks. Due to the current situation we were planning to email them out this year. If you **DO NOT** want to receive them by email, and would prefer to wait for the hard copy, please email the office or give Dione a call. Thanks.

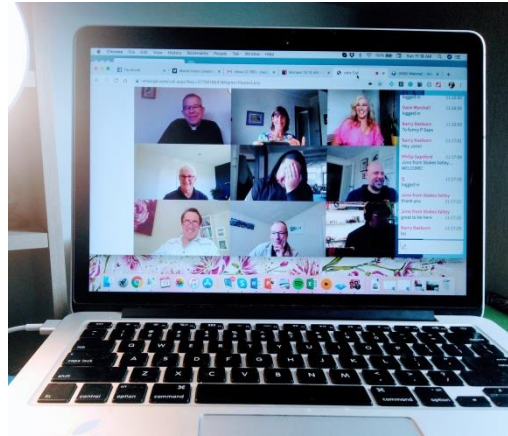


*"Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?
Samson - he brought the house down."*

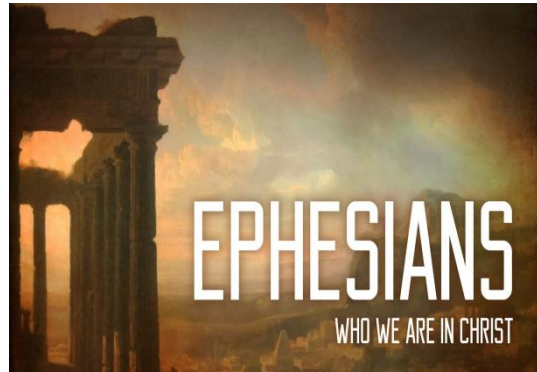
Giving/Tithing - If you wish to tithe or make a donation to Mangapapa Church, our account number is: Mangapapa Church, 03-0638-0381084-00. Please make sure you say 'tithe' or 'donation' in the reference.

Paula writes...

Thanks to those who logged in last week for our virtual service with Julia Grace, World Vision and St Christopher's. We had about 200 individuals or families join, and Julia shared a helpful and real message of encouragement for living in this time through music and story. Here's a picture of the screen I was seeing with all of us behind the scenes in three different cities – a new experience for me too!



This Sunday we again worship in our own homes and you will receive resources for a simple service that you can use or adapt. This Sunday and for the next few weeks, we will be doing a series on the Book of Ephesians. This is one of Paul's letters, probably written when he was in prison, to the church in Ephesus (part of modern Turkey). It is full of truth about the gospel and salvation by faith alone, about identity, about the church and about living as Jesus' people. My hope is that before we get through this letter we will be back learning and worshipping together! If you want to get prepared, you could watch this overview from the Bible Project: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y71r-T98E2Q>



This weekend we are coming to the end of Level 4 restrictions and moving to Level 3. During this time the Church Office remains closed, we cannot gather together, and much remains similar to the last 4 weeks. Pray for those who have worked right through, those able to now return to work, those still not able to and perhaps whose unemployment is uncertain, and teachers and students in an in-between state.

This weekend is also ANZAC Day – and it will be like none other for over 100 years. This year, perhaps more than all others, we have a better understanding of community sacrifice and the willingness of people to set aside their own lives to work, care and risk for others. While paying tribute to our soldiers of the past, we also celebrate the essential workers of the present and give thanks to God for the goodness of women and men who willingly serve our community. Let us never forget.

Blessings, Paula



"Need an ark? I noah guy."

A 17th Century Nun's Prayer

Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself
that I am growing older and will some day be old.
Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something
on every subject and every occasion.
Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs.
Make me thoughtful but not moody, helpful but not bossy.
With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all,
but Thou knowest Lord that I need a few friends at the end.
Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details;
give me wings to get to the point.
Seal my lips on my aches and pains, they are increasing,
and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.
I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of other's pains,
but help me to endure them with patience.
I dare not ask for improved memory,
but for a growing humility and lessening cocksureness when my
memory seems to clash with the memories of others.
Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.
Keep me reasonably sweet; I don't want to be a saint – some of them are so
hard to live with – but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.
Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents
in unexpected people, and give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so.

Amen.

Submitted by Jenny Phin



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.