

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 2ND SEPTEMBER 2016

MONDAY, 29 AUGUST

Good Morning All

Welcome to Week 6.

A bit cloudy for a spring day but there is the promise of warmer weather to come.

We give God thanks for the gift of the new day and for its unfolding before us as we live out God's purposes this week.

CONGRATULATIONS to the U15s Rugby team and Coaching Staff who are away at Tournament this week.
CONGRATULATIONS to our 1st XIII League team and Coaches who are away at Nationals this week.
Go Hard Boys!

Our theme this week is the call to COMPASSION.

The Bible reading was from Ephesians 4:24-32 on pages 1287 and 1461 in the Wesley Bibles.

v32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgives us.

The practice of COMPASSION is that living principle which enables us to live within the world, to live with and alongside others, with similar purpose and intention.

The intention? To make the world a better place.

The intention? To make a difference in the lives of others.

The intention? To make known the love of God in Christ and God's purposes for us.

COMPASSION is an important key to our spirituality and wairua, our faith, our relationships with God and one another.

COMPASSION takes us beyond sympathy and concern, pity and empathy, the 'feeling sorry' only.

It calls us to feel sympathy and empathy but then calls us further - to suffer with and to suffer together.

We are called to not only feel sorry but to action that feeling into helping bring relief for the sufferer.

COMPASSION is a verb and only in our being COMPASSIONATE do we live out God's intention for us and the world.

Have a blessed day

TUESDAY, 30 AUGUST

Good Morning All

It's a beautiful spring day at Wesley, blue skies and sunshine, We give thanks.

Results from yesterday's fixtures for our teams at Tournament

U15s first game was a nil all draw and their second game was a loss against Hamilton Boys.

The 1st XIII lost their first game against Southern Cross 22-16.

To both our teams, today is a new day Boys!

The Bible reading was from Colossians 3:12-17 on pages 1303 and 1477 in the Wesley Bibles.

We are reminded of the ways if we choose, to live our lives - with COMPASSION, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

The thing is, we can't be one without the others. We can't choose to just be compassionate without also being kind and humble and gentle and patient.

To be able to enjoy the full potential of what these virtues can bring to our lives, the key is to practice them together.

If we practice compassion then we will know what it is like to also be humble, patient, kind and gentle.

If we are kind, then we will know too what it is to be compassionate, humble and gentle.

One virtue provides the insight we need to see the value of all things coming together to work for us and for the Lord.

These virtues together, highlight our potential as people. God is wise and knows what is good for us and what is important to our being enabled to live alongside one another. People of good character practice the qualities that will help them to succeed in life.

What are the values that people see in us? What are the values that show that we are the people of God and that God is in us every day and in every way.

The potential for us to be the best we can be is in the ways which God has ordained are good.

Have a blessed day

WEDNESDAY, 31 AUGUST

Good morning All

Blue skies and sun today over Wesley. We give thanks.

CONGRATLATIONS to our U15s who yesterday won their game 10-9 against Wellington.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 1st XIII who yesterday also won their fixture 22-16 against Aranui from Christchurch.

AWESOME BOYS! Today is another new day!

CONGRATULATIONS were shared with additional students who have completed and achieved their NCEA for this year. Well done!

Level 3 Tom Ale

Level 2 Bella Brewster, Tupou Vaai, Zyar Metzler, Jimmy Nelson, Leuatea Tema, Heinrich Peplar, Peter Leaupepe

Level 1 Tuhi Pompey, Irirangi Taniere, Tuahuroa Ngataki.

We continue with the theme of COMPASSION

The Bible reading was from Ephesians 3:14-21 on pages 1255 and 1459 in the Wesley Bibles.

The Apostle Paul in his travels and writings encouraged the Churches of his day to 'Keep the Faith.' Why?

v17 So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith ... and being rooted and established in love

v18 may have power together ... to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.

v19 and to know that this love which surpasses knowledge – that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

We are a people empowered. We are a people filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

We are never asked to be people who we are not already.

We are never asked to do things we cannot already do.

We are empowered to be like Christ COMPASSIONATE, gentle, humble, kind and loving and in being and doing so, the promise to be filled to the measure of the fullness of God in all its breadth and depth and height and length and more comes.

When we understand what this empowerment means, we will know too the measure of the fullness of God and be enabled to live life in the ways which serve us and others.

v20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine ...

v 21 to him be glory ... in Christ Jesus throughout all generations ...

The promise is ours to claim from every generation to be empowered, to be filled to the measure of the fullness of God by God who can do immeasurably more than we can fathom or understand in our asking or imagining.

We give thanks to God for God's promise, for God's thoughtfulness, for God's faithfulness.

Have a blessed day

THURSDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER

Good Afternoon All

Blue skies and warm temps over Wesley today. We give thanks.

CONGRATULATIONS to the U15s who yesterday won their game 53-7 against Massey High School.
CONGRATULATIONS to the 1st XIII who in the dying seconds of their game just could not sustain the defence of their line.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr Cudby's team and Boys who yesterday won 22-16 against Rosehill.

THANK YOU to the Prefects Misa Manavahetau, Eric Vatau and Nena Julian for leading worship this morning.

THANK YOU to Paletua Amituana'i for accompanying the School on the piano.

We continue with our theme of COMPASSION.

The Bible reading was from Matthew 9:35-38 on pages 1016 and 1191 in the Wesley Bibles.

v36 When he saw the crowds he had COMPASSION on them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Jesus never isolated himself from those who were in need.

Jesus' COMPASSION propelled him into a ministry which brought healing to the whole person.

Jesus always knew that regardless of the need, he went straight to the heart of the matter – the person's heart.

On addressing the person's heart and restoring them, then Jesus would address the need for physical healing.

We can become overwhelmed with life at times and life can seem overwhelming ... too much life.

Jesus knew what that was like and would often retreat, to find a space and place which then would serve to help restore him.

Restored, Jesus would return to continue to be the COMPASSIONATE One.

Restoration and healing comes when we address the heart of the matter, then and only then will we find peace.

Have a blessed day

FRIDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER

TGIF! We give thanks.

Good Morning All.

CONGRATULATIONS to our U15s who yesterday won 29-22 against Mt Albert Grammar School.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 1st XIII who also won their game 36-18 against Otahuhu College.

Another new day Boys!

THANK YOU to Year 12 student Pasilio Kaufononga who led worship this morning.

The end of Week 6 and our theme of COMPASSION.

The Bible reading was from Philippians 2:1-11 on pages 1293 and 1466 in the Wesley Bibles.

COMPASSION can only be experienced in our practice of it.

We can only know the full potential of what COMPASSION brings to our lives, when we are COMPASSIONATE.

COMPASSION brings us to that moment when for that moment, we are caused to think about others more than ourselves.

When we each practice COMPASSION all the moments strung together lasts us for a life time.

v1 If you have any encouragement from being united in Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, v2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being in one spirit and purpose.

COMPASSION is our response to God's COMPASSION towards us.

We can't help ourselves but respond accordingly and want to share what we have received.

In the giving and receiving of COMPASSION our hearts are filled to overflowing and depth of joy abides.

The knowing of such joy inspires and impels and spurs us on to share, and in the moment of sharing we are of the same mind of Christ and are encouraged to be of the same spirit and purpose.

If we want others to be happy practice COMPASSION.

If we want to be happy practice COMPASSION. Dalai Lama

When we are one with Christ, we will know our purpose.

When we are one with one another we will know joy.

Have a blessed day and weekend.

