

## CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016

### MONDAY, 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER

There was no Chapel Message today.

### TUESDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER

Good Afternoon

A beautiful sunny day here at Wesley though a tad cold! We give thanks for the new day.

Our prayerful thoughts for Mrs Mary Shaw and family as they mourn the loss of Mrs Shaw's mother-in-law.

CONGRATULATIONS to the oldest members of our parish Mr and Mrs Reeve who celebrated their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary with us on Sunday. Nice!

THANK you to Mr Smythe who yesterday led chapel and kicked off our theme for the week.

The theme for this week is WORTHY.

The Bible reading was from 2 Timothy 4:2-8 on pages 1328 and 1502 in the Wesley Bibles.

As we move towards the end of our final term and the academic year for 2016, Paul the writer of the

reading reminds us of what it is that we need, to make it through to the end.

Paul says it's about persevering not just enduring to the end.

Perseverance and endurance are similar words and we often equate the two but Paul reminds us that there is a subtle difference. Endurance is to 'stand firm, to put up with, to stand one's ground.'

Let's not be swayed or influenced or carried away by every notion that comes to lead us astray and away

from what we know to be the truth – stand firm in keeping the faith!

We need though to do more than just stand, we need to move forward as Paul is encouraging us to do.

Perseverance is the call to keep going, to keep moving forward in an effort to finish well.

I have finished the race equates with I have persevered.

We are WORTHY of running the race and equally WORTHY of persevering to the end.

The call to be WORTHY like Paul and to be able to say 'I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith' is a race we all want to finish well.

Have a blessed day

## WEDNESDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER

Good Morning All

An overcast and somewhat colder day today. We give thanks for each new day.

WORTHY is our mantra for this week.

THANK YOU to Year 9 student Paula Lavemai for his leading of the Bible reading in chapel. A blessing!

The Bible reading was from Philippians 4:4-9 on pages 1297 and 1468 in the Wesley Bibles. v8 Finally brothers and sisters whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or WORTHY of praise - think about such things.

When is God WORTHY?

Are there places, times and moments when God is WORTHY and God is not?

Are there times and places and moments when we by our practice reveal God as less than WORTHY?

What is it that we have learnt and seen and heard at times that our practice reveals a less than WORTHY God?

The revelation of God as WORTHY is the realisation too of our own WORTH and WORTHINESS.

Our sense of who we are is bound up in a very egocentric view of ourselves and only when we discover our WORTH will we see that God is WORTHY and acknowledge that our WORTH is inextricably bound up in who God is.

As God is WORTHY so are we. God is WORTHY in every place, at every time and everywhere and with or without our acknowledgement God is and is WORTHY.

Have a blessed day

## THURSDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER

Good Morning All

She's a bit cloudy here at Wesley this morning. Thank you God for the new day.

CONGRATULATIONS to former Wesleyan Tavite Gadeisuva named Counties Manukau Sevens Player of the Year.

CONGRATULATIONS to former Wesleyan Orbyn Leger named Counties Manukau U19s Player of the Year.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jonathan Pahulu former Wesleyan who is now playing his rugby in Wales.

CONGRATULATIONS to Brian Ala'inu'uese former Wesleyan who is now playing in Scotland with the Glasgow Warriors.

Word from Queens College, Somerset, England is that our Year 12 Boys Leuatea and Kalapu are enjoying the experience.

In speaking to Kalapu last Sunday he said ' The kids here are posh and they expect everything and not work for anything.' Interesting!

Maturity speaketh - the Boys are on holiday at the moment and are spending this week sightseeing in London.

We continue with our theme of WORTHY.

"The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs-

heirs of God and heirs with Christ, " Rom. 8:16&17

"being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;" Phil 1:6

***When peace, like a river, is with me on my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll;***

***Whatever my lot, You have taught me to say,***

***It is well, it is well, with my soul.***

***It is well, it is well,***

***With my soul, with my soul***

***It is well, it is well, with my soul.***

"But we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that we may proclaim the excellence of him who called us out of darkness into his marvellous light." 1 Peter 2:9

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Eph. 2:10

***And Now, for the coming of Jesus we pray, "Be born in our lives once again!***

***Bring hope and bring peace, then all people will say***

***It is well, it is well, with my soul."***

***It is well, It is well,***

***With my soul, with my soul***

***It is well, it is well, with my soul.***

Have a blessed day

**FRIDAY, 4 NOVEMBER**

Good Morning All

FRI-nally Friday and the end of Week 4 which means only 5 weeks left for the academic year.

Very overcast, very windy, very wet, very typical inclement spring weather. We continue to give God thanks for the new day.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Junior Tag Team who placed 4<sup>th</sup> this week.

CONGRATULATIONS to former Wesleyans Hame Faiva and Augustine Pulu who have been named in the Auckland Blues squad for 2017. Really cool to see Hame here at school yesterday visiting us. Go well Boys!

THANK YOU to Year 9 student Leka Manase who led the reading of the Scriptures this morning.

THANK YOU to Mr Richard Smythe who ended our week as he began it, WORTHILY!

WORTHY ...

The Bible reading was from Mark 12:13-17 on pages 1067 and 1246 in the Wesley Bibles. v17 Then Jesus said 'Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and give to God what is God's, and they were amazed at him.'

As the only Methodist school we hold our School's Special Character as the guiding principle for our daily living which includes religious observances and the call to treat one another justly, with mercy and together walk humbly with God.

As a learning institution we are bound by the Ministry of Education to codes of compliance which permit us to exist as school.

As a school our WORTH is fully realised in giving in the first instance to our Special Character where then we are enabled to give to the MOE.

It is out of a strong sense of belonging and love and care that we have, which provides the platform for us to do what we must.

When we give to God WORTHY praise through who we are, then we are enabled to give where we can and must and be WORTHY of praise.

What is Wesley WORTHY of as a School? When we give to God what is God's as a School, we will realise the full WORTH of that living principle.

Have a blessed day and weekend.

