

## CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016

### MONDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Good Morning All

It's a lovely sunny day here at Wesley. We give thanks to God for the new day.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Girl's Sevens Team who made it through to their final unbeaten on Saturday and did well to come second.

THANK YOU to Staff and students who attended the Carols Service at Wesley Pukekohe Church last evening.

Rev Meyer and the Parish asked that their heartfelt thanks be conveyed to the School for their contribution to the service.

Welcome to Week 6 . Our theme for this week is THANKSGIVING.

The Bible reading was from Jeremiah 30: 18-22 on pages 821 and 961 in the Wesley Bibles. V From them will come songs of THANKSGIVING and the sound of rejoicing ... I will bring them honour ...

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, everywhere we go ...

The store fronts and shop windows are adorned with Christmas decorations and Christmas music accompanies us as we succumb to the Christmas specials - all heralding in the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

It is also the season of THANKSGIVING, a time to think about those things for which we give THANKS.

That certainly was the sense as we joined together with Wesley Pukekohe last night for the Carols Service.

There was the strongest inkling of what it is that calls us together at this special time of the year.

Making a joyful sound, giving THANKS for the opportunity to celebrate Mary's Child born in the night, we were reminded too of God's abiding love for us all.

Have a blessed day

### TUESDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Good Afternoon All

It's a wild, wet and windy day here at Wesley. We are THANKFUL for the new day.

Our prayerful thoughts go out to all our people throughout the country who are suffering from the recent earthquake.

We give THANKS for their resilience and are THANKFUL to all those who are able to offer help.

We continue with our theme of THANKFULNESS.

The Bible reading is the story of the birth of Jesus from Matthew 1: 18-25 on pages 1004 and 1178 in the Wesley Bibles.

As we move into the seasons of Advent and Christmas it is also a time of THANKSGIVING. We take so much in our life for granted that sometimes we forget to be THANKFUL. The level of expectation around the basics of life - food and shelter and water -which many go without, we can squander and think nothing of what we so easily dispose of and throw away. Jesus' birth is the reminder of the call to help those in need, the poor and the marginalised, so that there can exist a collective expectation about what we all need and can do for one another.

v23 The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son and they will call him Immanuel - which means God with us. In the light of Jesus birth and the reality of this, our reality is made real in and through us - God in us as God is with us.

Have a blessed day

### **WEDNESDAY, 16th NOVEMBER**

There was no Chapel Message today.

### **THURSDAY, 17th NOVEMBER**

Good Morning All

It's wet and wild and windy again here at Wesley. We give thanks for each new day.

Reminder that this is a huge weekend for the School.

Friday	7pm in the Rec Senior Prize-giving
Saturday	11am WCOSA Memorial Service to Jonah Lomu
Saturday	6pm Leaver's Chapel
	7pm Leaver's Dinner

We continue with the theme of THANKSGIVING.

The Bible reading is from Luke 2:8-14 on pages 1081 and 1260 in the Wesley Bibles.

The story of Christmas lies in more than just the birth of Jesus Christ.

The events leading up to Jesus' birth and those that followed, together contribute to the whole story of God's love.

God of compassion and love. God of forgiveness and love. God who loves us no matter what.

There is nothing that prevents or separates us from the love of God in Jesus Christ.

This is the whole story of Christmas, a story of love and compassion and redemption for the whole world.

Have a blessed day

**FRIDAY, 18th NOVEMBER**

There was no Chapel Message today.

