

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 7th APRIL 2017

MONDAY, 3rd APRIL 2017

Good Morning All

Welcome to Week 10 the penultimate week of this first term and the fifth week in this Lenten season.

This Sunday is Palm Sunday the beginning to Holy Week culminating in Easter.

We will break for the school holidays on Thursday 13th ending with Parent Teacher interviews.

CONGRATULATIONS to our rugby teams who had pre-season games on Saturday.

The 1st XV won against Dilworth 18-10 whilst the U14s and U15s against Aorere, were able to give all their players a good run.

Thank you to all our parents and families for their support from the side lines.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr Ben Hancock who won the Iron Maori in the weekend. Mean!

The theme for this week is CHARACTER MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

The Bible reading was from 2 Peter 1:5-11 on pages 1371 and 1544 in the Wesley Bibles. The reading lists several faith actions which help us to know God better ... perseverance, doing God's will, loving others.

These actions require us to work at them, to work hard at them and to make them a part of our everyday living and life.

These actions aren't optional to living a life in Christ and requires that we work on them all at once and together, they build character.

A Christ-like character demands both discipline and effort.

Our faith actions call us beyond what we believe to reflect what that looks like every day ... all day long.

Morning is God's way of saying ... one more time, go make a difference, touch a heart, encourage a mind, inspire a soul and enjoy the day.

Have a blessed day

TUESDAY, 4th APRIL 2017

Good Morning All

An overcast day here at Wesley and some rain. God is good and we give thanks.

We continue with our theme CHARACTER MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

The Bible reading was from Luke 2:41-52 on pages 1081 and 1261 in the Wesley Bibles.

v52 Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and with men.

The best role model we have whose character has made a difference is Jesus Christ.

From His faith, perseverance, generosity, and even His intelligence, we can see the best qualities that as people we can emulate. So what does Jesus character look like?

Compassionate ... Jesus never looked away from people; but always looked upon them and had [compassion](#) (Matthew 9:36). Whenever people were around him, Jesus understood what their real needs were and sought to help them.

Servant ... Jesus was the ultimate servant. In Mark 10:45, Jesus tells everyone: *"the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve"* He lowering himself, served others.

Loving ... Jesus had a love for others and claimed that there is no greater love than to die for one of your friends and He did just that. In this Lenten season the cross is the constant reminder of Jesus' love.

Forgiving ... One of the most startling things said in Scripture is found in Luke 23:34, *"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."* Jesus wanted to provide a way for [forgiveness](#).

Committed ... Jesus had no lack of commitment. Wherever He was, or whoever He was with, He was fully in the moment and fully committed to His goals.

Prayerful ... No matter how busy His ministry got, He found time to be alone and to pray. He made sure making time for God was a priority.

Gentleness ... There were certainly times where Jesus used stern words, but He knew when gentleness was appropriate too. He could be very kind hearted and gentle.

Patience ... Throughout the gospels, Jesus is clearly portrayed as a very patient man.

Despite all that happens to him Jesus, kept His composure and responded appropriately to every individual.

Self-Control ... In this time of Lent we're reminded of Jesus being [tempted by the Devil](#) in the wilderness. Jesus controlled His desires because his greatest desire was to obey God and accomplish what He set out to do.

Humility ... Jesus was humble and knew it was never about him but everything to do about God.

Our character too can be like Christ and we too can make a difference.

Have a blessed day

WEDNESDAY, 5th APRIL 2017

There was no Chapel message today

THURSDAY, 6th APRIL 2017

There was no Chapel message today

FRIDAY, 7th APRIL 2017

There was no Chapel message today

