

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 16th FEBRUARY 2018

MONDAY, 12th FEBRUARY 2018

There was no Chapel message today.

TUESDAY, 13th FEBRUARY 2018

Good Morning All

It's raining it's pouring ... here at Wesley on this Shrove Tuesday.

We give thanks for the new day in spite of the rain and pray for our people in Samoa and Tonga reeling from Cyclone Gita.

We give thanks for their resilience and strength in such times and for their unending faith in God who cares for them.

Our prayers for Yr 11 student Viliami Ngaluafe currently in hospital with rheumatic fever.

Our prayers and thoughts for DQ and Ala Qaranivalu and the family in Fiji. May your time with Ala's Mum be a blessing for you all.

Congratulations to Adrienne and Matheus who were baptised into God's family. Welcome!

The Bible reading was from Acts 2:42-47 on pages 1169 and 1350 in the Wesley Bibles.

The word 'shrove' is a form of the English word shrive, which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of confession and doing penance.

Thus Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the custom for Christians to be "shriven" before the start of Lent.

On Pancake Day, a tradition said to have originated in 1445 when a housewife from [Olney, Buckinghamshire](#), was so busy making pancakes that she forgot the time until she heard the [church bells](#) ringing for the service. She raced out of the house while still carrying her [frying pan](#) and pancake, tossing it to prevent it from burning.

Our traditional pancake race was washed out today with the rain but as the reading this morning encourages us ... to continue to meet to break bread, to eat with sincere and thankful hearts, devoting ourselves to Jesus' teaching and to fellowship and prayer.

Last Sunday evening was our first celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion together as a school a tradition central to our faith.

We meet for worship every morning sharing in common our faith and the living principles of the Methodist ethos. We are all believers and non-believers and some just beginning their journey of belief. We have everything in common.

Have a blessed day

Stay dry

WEDNESDAY, 14th FEBRUARY 2018

Good Morning All

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY everyone!

Not so wet wet here this morning at Wesley but certainly overcast. We give thanks for each new day.

We continue to uphold in prayer our people in Samoa, Tonga and Fiji as they work to restore some semblance of normality after the devastation caused by Cyclone Gita. As a School we will up until the 25th February receive any donations here at the Office towards the Relief effort for Tonga. Canned goods, clothing, water and monetary donations are all welcome..

Today is also ASH WEDNESDAY the start to the Season of Lent, a forty day period of self-examination, reflection and prayer as we walk with Christ to the Cross. The forty days equates with Jesus' time in the wilderness where he was tempted and spent much time in prayer and fasting.

The liturgical colour for Lent is violet or purple.

Briefly, the colours express emotions and ideas that are associated with each of the seasons of the Church year. Violet is the ancient royal colour and therefore a symbol of the sovereignty of Christ. Violet is also associated with repentance during Lent.

White and Gold symbolize the brightness of day. Black is the traditional colour of mourning in some cultures. Red evokes the colour of blood, and therefore is the colour of martyrs and of Christ's death on the Cross. Red also symbolizes fire, and therefore is the colour of the Holy Spirit.

Violet is the colour for preparation, Advent and Lent.

White is light and joy Christmas, Easter, baptisms and weddings.

Red symbolises fire, the Spirit, Pentecost, ordinations, inductions.

Green is the colour of growth 'ordinary' days from Pentecost through to Advent.

As we walk with Christ ... Christ walks with us.

Have a blessed day

THURSDAY, 15th FEBRUARY 2018

Good Morning All

A beautiful sunny day here at Wesley hip hip hooray! We give thanks for a day without rain ... so far!

Our prayerful thoughts continue for Yr 11 Viliami Ngaluafe who was hospitalised for rheumatic fever.

Thankfully for Viliami his condition was caught early and he was hoping to be discharged today.

Thank you to Hostel parent Mr Raos for making a hospital visit to see Viliami. The family are very appreciative of the School's support.

THANK YOU for the donations which have started to come in to help our effort to the Relief for Tonga.

300 bottles of water and numerous blankets from Te Whare Pakeke have kick started our School effort.

Just a reminder we have until Sunday February 25th to make further donations of canned goods, good used clothing, water and any financial contributions can be made to the Methodist Church. See Rev Tasi for this. CONGRATULATIONS to all our House leaders and students for the Inter-House Haka and Chants Competition last Friday.

CONGRATULATIONS to School House for placing 1st for the best performance of the new School Haka.

CONGRATULATIONS to Stanton House for placing 1st for the best Chants.

The next Inter-House competition is Swimming Sports this Monday 19th Feb at the Jubilee Pools in Pukekohe.

Our Bible reading was from Isaiah 61: 1-6 on pages 776 and 911 in the Wesley Bibles.

The prophet Isaiah was sharing about his own calling to serve the Jewish nation in these verses, but he was also prophesying about the Jesus' coming. Part of that calling was to bring good news to the poor—in other words to be kind and compassionate towards them and help them as needed. This is one of those powerful verses that transcends time and space, because it describes Isaiah in his day, but it also describes Jesus when he came to earth several hundred years later, and now it also applies to us as Christians today. So if Isaiah and Jesus were anointed to minister to the poor, then likewise we are called and encouraged to minister to them as well.

Have a blessed day

Enjoy the sunshine.

FRIDAY, 16th FEBRUARY 2018

Good Morning All

A bit of fun to end our week and mark the beginning to the Lenten Season.

We held our annual Pancake Race out in the Quad and enjoyed the sun and the usual inter-House rivalry which I must say is most fierce amongst the Staff. Thank you to the staff who participated.

The definition of what is and qualifies as a 'walking' race perhaps needs revisiting for some.

I won't mention one particular staff member from School House who is fluent in te reo whose feet seemed to be more off the ground than on.

We give thanks for traditions which remind us of our past and why we celebrate in the ways we do.

We give thanks for the importance of traditions for their sense of belonging and identity.

We give thanks for the faith of those from our past for the foundation they provide for our faith today.

Have a blessed day and weekend.

