

## CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### MONDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> MAY 2018

Good Morning All

Momentarily blue skies and sunshine a beautiful start to Week 4.

Our prayers for Yr 11 student Siosiua Tu'uta who is in Middlemore Hospital for the remainder of the term.

We continue to pray for Margaret Haru who is also in Middlemore Hospital.

Our theme for this week is KINDNESS

The Bible reading was from Ephesians 4:28-32 on pages 1257 and 1461 in the Wesley Bibles. In a 2003 study of 37 cultures around the world, 16,000 subjects were asked about their most desired traits in a friend, spouse and partner. For both genders, the desired trait was KINDNESS! People want to be treated KINDLY but sometimes have a harder time being kind themselves. A large-scale study of school bullies was recently conducted to learn why they bully other kids. The conclusion? Most do it because they enjoy doing it.

More recent statistics portray an even worse picture and increase in children bullying children. An even more alarming statistic is that children are not being taught KINDNESS in our homes and families. KINDNESS is a value we used to think was second nature to our human nature. KINDNESS is a matter of the heart and it is our hearts which cause us to act KINDLY. Our reading reminds us what KINDNESS looks like and how it begins with us as individuals. V32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Have a blessed day

### TUESDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2018

Good Morning All

A sunny but a little cooler start to the day. God is good!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Mrs Mary Shaw.

THANK YOU to Hostel Parent Mr Vuga Tagicakabau whose final day with us is 31<sup>st</sup> May. We wish him well.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 1<sup>st</sup> XV Team and Coaching staff on making the finals for the Chief's Cup.

The team will play the final against Rotorua Boys High at Waikato Stadium. Kick off at 5pm curtain raiser to Chief's game.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our rugby teams from the weekend. The results are as follows

1st XV	v Rotorua Boys	loss 10-nil
2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	v Auckland Grammar	loss 61-12
U15W	v Onehunga	draw 5-5
Girl's XV	v James Cook	win 52-14

KINDNESS is our theme for the week.

The Bible reading was from Galatians 5:13-14, 22-26 on pages 1277 and 1453 in the Wesley Bibles.

KINDNESS begins with each individual. People cannot know what KINDNESS is unless we speak it, action it, share it.

KINDNESS is the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate.

A KIND act is a good deed, a favour, a good turn, help.

KINDNESS is a movement of the heart, it is heartfelt and generated from one's heart to another.

The word KIND finds its origins in the Greek word 'chrestos' part of which also means useful.

Biblical KINDNESS then involves action. The Bible says "Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions" Walk the talk!

So KINDNESS is more than just words, it's following it up with KIND action which includes some self-sacrifice and generosity on our part, especially of our time. The emphasis on walking the talk. Action includes words. Encouraging words of comfort, politeness consideration and even correction can be heart-warming acts of KINDNESS. We need to be careful what we say and how we say it. KINDNESS isn't carried out with payback in mind. Genuine KINDNESS is lending a helping hand when you expect nothing in return. KINDNESS should begin with our family, the families from which we come but also our Wesley family. Sadly some people show the most unkind behaviour with the ones they should love the most and sadly God is aware of the hypocrisy. We talk about brotherhood but then our actions of making someone feel scared and unsafe says something else. Jesus Christ says that we must be kind to everyone, not just our family and friends because we know in our hearts what is right and good and just and fair.

Have a blessed day.

## WEDNESDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2018

Good Morning All

Raining cats and dogs, dark skies and a cold start to the day. We give thanks for the new day.

GREETINGS to everyone from Rev Stephen and Mrs Ane Tema who are back for their brother's funeral.

They will return to China on Saturday. Our prayerful thoughts for their family.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Senior Boy's Basketball team who scored a great win against Papakura 66-31.

Awesome!

KINDNESS ...

The Bible reading was from Lamentations 3: 22-27 on pages 852 and 1001 in the Wesley Bibles.

KINDNESS begins with me, begins with you.

v22 Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for his KINDNESS never fails.

v23 They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

This week we have watched the following videos on KINDNESS.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwAYpLVyeFU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mG318hwzeMU>

God's KINDNESS and compassion are fuelled by God's unconditional, uncompromising, unending love for us. God's KINDNESS never fails and is a reflection of God's faithfulness.

God loves because God loves - purely an unselfish act and only desiring what is good for us.

KINDNESS fuels KINDNESS.

KINDNESS shared is KINDNESS shared.

Stay warm and dry.

Have a blessed day.

## **THURSDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018**

There was no Chapel message today.

## **FRIDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018**

Good Morning All

It's a cold, wet and windy start to our day. We give thanks for the new day.

GO WELL to the all our rugby teams playing tomorrow.

GO WELL to the 1<sup>st</sup> XV who will play in the Chief's Cup Final against Rotorua Boys tomorrow 5pm at Waikato Stadium.

The game will be the curtain raiser to the main Chief's game against the Waratahs.

KINDNESS has been our theme for this week.

The Bible reading was from Proverbs 3:1-6 on pages 651 and 773 in the Wesley Bibles.

The following is a letter received this week which speaks to our theme.

*Morena*

*My name is Katie and I am the manager of the 1<sup>st</sup> XIII League team from Manurewa High School that played against your boys yesterday afternoon at Wesley.*

*We had a serious injury (broken leg) that required us to call an ambulance and whilst we were waiting for that ambulance we had another boy knocked out.*

*I just wanted to acknowledge and thank your staff for all of their support of our students during this time as we had to wait over an hour for the ambulance*

*in the pouring rain and 2 of your staff remained with us throughout - aroha mai I did not get their names but they will know who they are J.*

*I know it goes without saying that we all look after our visitors but I just wanted to acknowledge and thank them for their kindness.*

*All the best for the rest of your season.*

*Ngaa mihi*

*Katie Spraggon, Deputy Principal, Manurewa High School*

Kind words from a neighbouring school precipitated by the KINDNESS shown by staff from our school. A heartfelt thank you.

KINDNESS begins with you, begins with me and is a matter of the heart.

KINDNESS comes from a loving heart, comes from a compassionate heart.

it's a no brainer when people are kind and show KINDNESS it makes people feel both happy and safe.

If we want others to be happy, practice KINDNESS.

If we want to be happy ourselves, practice KINDNESS.

Have a blessed day and weekend.

