

## CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 3<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST 2018

### MONDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> JULY 2018

Kia Orana!

It's a beautiful sunny winter's day. God is good!

CONGRATULATIONS to our teams in the weekend. The results are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> XV Bye	
Dev XV Bye	
2 <sup>nd</sup> XV v Sacred Heart	loss 19-14
U15B v Westlake	won 29-7
U14 v Kelston Boys	loss 59-3

It's Cook Islands Language Week this week. Te 'epatoma o te reo maori Kuki Airani.

The theme for this year and week is 'Kua ngakau parau, kia rangarangatu to tatou reo Maori Kuki Airani

Be proud of our reo maori Kuki Airani and protect its future.

The Bible reading was from 1 Corinthians 14:6-10 on pages 1428 and 1238 in the Wesley Bibles.

Meitaki ma'ata to Mrs Natalie Faitala who introduced Cook Islands Language Week for us in chapel this morning.

The Cook Islands language is under threat of becoming extinct because less than half of the Cook Islands population in New Zealand cannot speak the language. The impetus to drive a revival of interest in the language and to encourage speakers of Kuki Airani to speak to and share with the next generations, comes from the realisation that the loss of the language would be a great loss to the Cook Island people and the world.

v9 So it is with you. Unless you speak with intelligible words with your tongue, how will anyone know what you are saying?

You will be just speaking into the air.

v10 Undoubtedly there are all sorts of languages in the world, yet none of them is without meaning.

The gift of language is God's gift to us of identity, of meaning, of our place in the world.

We are to use the gift with wisdom and authority as well as pass it on to the next generations.

Language comes with responsibility and we are called to hold it in trust and be trustworthy guardians of it.

Kia manuia.

### TUESDAY, 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2018

Kia orana koutou - Greetings Everyone

'Aere mai to a new day - welcome to a new day. God is good!

Te epetoma o te reo maori Kuki Airani - Cook Islands Language Week.

The Bible reading was from Genesis 11:1-9 on page 14 in the Wesley Bibles.

The Tower of Babel story is the reminder that down throughout history people have built 'towers' around and for themselves. Whilst the 'towers' (flash car, expensive house, important job etc) in themselves are good, it's when the 'towers' become our identity and provide us a sense of self-worth that we have to question our 'towers' and their purpose.

This morning we began worship by paying tribute to the people and Pacific Island nation of the Cook Islands by listening to their national anthem 'Te Atua mou e - God is truth' sung by Teremoana Rapley. The anthem was written by Sir Tom Davis and replaced the anthem 'God save our Queen.'

[www.thecoconet.tv/songbook/learn.../te-atua-mou-e-the-national-anthem-of-the/](http://www.thecoconet.tv/songbook/learn.../te-atua-mou-e-the-national-anthem-of-the/)

Language provides a very good insight into a people and it's culture. For Cook Island women the age old tradition of making Tivaevae is described as 'speaking our reo through tivaevae.'  
'The Spirit of Tivaevae' a documentary produced and directed by Melodie Turori born in NZ but brought up in America, Melodie rediscovers her cultural roots through the art of tivaevae making.  
<https://www.facebook.com/spiritoftivaevae/posts>

Te Atua mou e - God is truth

Kia manuia koutou.

## **WEDNESDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2018**

Kia orana koutou katoatoa - Greetings Everyone.

We continue to celebrate Cook Islands Language Week.

Our worship began with an old traditional Cook Islands hymn 'Aue te Okota'i' which translates as 'A cry out to the One and only.' There is only one God - Okota'i ua Atua.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5bghFDC2xA0>

The Youtube clip is of a group of young people singing the hymn.

We then viewed a clip of a typical week in the life of a Cook Islands student

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmKaYLZY7ro>

We watched Day 1 and I'm sure many of the students here are thankful they school in NZ and not in the Pacific Islands.

Meitaki ma'ata to Mrs Faitala who led us in prayer in te reo maori Kuki Airani.

Mrs Faitala then made presentations to students who were nominated as those best supporting Cook Islands Language Week through their use of the language every day.

Kia manuia.

## **THURSDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 2018**

There was no Chapel message today.

## FRIDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST 2018

Kia orana koutou katoatoa

Meitaki ma'ata to everyone who has contributed to te 'epetoma o te reo maori Kuki Airani this week.

Meitaki ma'ata to Samsara Faitala and the Dance group who performed in chapel this morning.

The champs are here!!!! This morning they joined us at chapel, each sharing their journey and experience in the ever growing women's game of Sevens Rugby.

A presentation of premier badges to the 1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby Girl's Team - Counties Manukau Champs was made by our three guests Michaela Blyde, Theresa Fitzpatrick and Ruby Tui, members of The NZ Women's Sevens World Champions Team Meitaki ma'ata for joining us.



Our prayerful thoughts for Mr Jack McCoskrie Trust Board member and his family as they mourn the loss of his wife Mrs McCoskrie.

Our prayerful thoughts for brothers Jason and Oliver Tainui whose Grandmother passed away earlier this week.

GO WELL to the 1<sup>st</sup> XV and Dev teams travelling down to Whanganui for their game tomorrow.

GO WELL TO the U15 and U14 teams playing at home tomorrow.

Kia manuia

Have a blessed weekend.