

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 30th NOVEMBER 2018

MONDAY, 26th NOVEMBER 2018

Good Morning All

Tis overcast and cloudy but we're all good here at Wesley.

SUNDAY DEC 1 at 7pm is our Wesley Christmas Carols Service. We are hosting Wesley Pukekohe Parish and all our staff, students and their families are invited to join us. It will be our last service for the year.

Bring all our Wesley children, I have it on good authority they will enjoy it!

TRAVEL WELL to all our Staff, Yr 9 and 10 students who are away for the day visiting the Auckland and Hamilton Museums. How quiet will school be for the rest of us!

A story ... two brothers renown for their being naughty, notoriously naughty had just about driven their parents round the bend as to what to do with them. As a last resort the parents asked their minister if there was anything he might be able to do.

The minister agreed to speak to the brothers individually, and so the youngest of the two brothers was dropped to the minister's office. He climbed into the chair opposite the minister and stared at the minister sitting across from him. The minister stared back and after a few minutes the minister asked the Boy 'Where is God?' The Boy didn't answer. After a few more minutes the minister asked again but in a louder voice 'Where is God?' The Boy squirmed in his seat but said nothing. After a few more minutes and in an even louder voice the minister asked 'Where is God?'

The Boy leaped out of his seat, ran out of the office, ran out of the church and ran all the way home. He ran into his brother's room and panting said "God is missing and we are being blamed."

Our families are the mainstay of our communities and society.

Good strong families take hard work and some even harder work to sustain good relationships.

How do we speak God into the lives of our families and our family relationships?

Where is God is the challenge for us this week.

Have a blessed day.

TUESDAY, 27th NOVEMBER 2018

Good Morning All

Overcast and wet here this morning. We give thanks for the new day.

REMINDER our Christmas Carol's Service this Sunday Dec 2 at 7pm preceded by dinner at 6pm if you would like to join us for a meal. Please bring our children for the last service of the year.

A BELATED WELCOME to the Teach First group who are here with us until the end of the year.

The challenge for us this week lies in the question 'Where is God?'

Our hymn for this morning was 'Here I am Lord.'

The Bible reading was from Psalm 139:7-10

7 I can never escape from your Spirit!

I can never get away from your presence!

8 If I go up to heaven, you are there;

if I go down to the grave,[a] you are there.

9 If I ride the wings of the morning,

if I dwell by the farthest oceans,

10 even there your hand will guide me,

and your strength will support me.

In both song and lyrics, the word from Scripture we are given the strongest hint and inkling of where God is. God is forever present actively loving, guiding and leading God's people and being led by that inner sense of God's direction we are persistently reminded where God is.

Have a blessed day.

WEDNESDAY, 28th NOVEMBER 2018

Good Afternoon All

It's warming up to be a nice day at Wesley. God is good! Only 6 days to go ... woohoo!

GO WELL to all our Seven's Teams as they prepare for their competitions in the weekend.

REMINDER School will finish with Junior Prize-giving on Wednesday 5 Dec. Our parents and families are invited to join us for the Prize-giving and the meal to follow.

REMINDER and INVITATION to our Wesley Community for our Christmas Carol's Service this Sunday evening 7pm preceded by Dinner at 6pm in the Dining Rm to which all are invited.

Where is God?

God is the Creator of the universe who yearns, desires, longs for us to know who this Creator God is.

We come together every morning because it's not only God's desire but our own desire to want to find out about God ... whether God's the real deal or not.

God knows us and knows what we need when we need.

There are heaps of stories in the Bible about God wanting us to rely on and experience God's strength, love, justice, holiness and compassion. How many of us have experienced God's justice and love and compassion after having been Stood Down from school and accepted back, given another chance?

So God says to all who want to, "Come to Me."

With God it's always an invite ... an invitation ... a gentle nudging sometimes stronger but it's never you must or you should ... it's up to each one of us individually.

"I am God, and there is no one like me, declaring the end from the beginning." God knows what will happen in the world. More importantly, God knows what will happen in our lives and can be there for us, God tells us that if we want, God can be "our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble."

Jeremiah 29:13

¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Have a blessed day.

THURSDAY, 29th NOVEMBER 2018

Good Morning All

What a beautiful sunny start to the day. God is so good! 6 sleeps to go!!

Our prayers for the Cudby and Pereira families as they look after loved ones in hospital.

Our prayers for Yr 10 Mesake Tufunga and the family whose grandmother has passed away.

BELATED CONGRATULATIONS to the General Secretary of the Trust Board Mr Chris Johnson on his marriage.

GO WELL to our 7's Team today as they hit the field for their preliminary games.

The question we've been looking at this week 'Where is God?' isn't a new question.

it's a question that heaps of people have been asking down throughout history - historians, philosophers, theologians, mathematicians, scientists, musicians, artists - they have all considered the same question.

Some people argue on the basis of seeing is believing. If we can't see something then it doesn't exist. We know this theory doesn't hold up because there are lots of things we haven't experienced or seen and yet we believe in their truth.

Obviously we believe some things to be true and haven't needed to see, to believe.

'Seeing is believing' was the disciple Thomas' beef. Thomas refused to believe that Jesus was alive after he had seen him die on the cross.

It wasn't till Thomas saw Jesus for himself and touched him that he believed. We don't have the same experience that Thomas did to believe God is real. For many of us God is invisible in our seeing, our knowing and in our believing and that's ok.

One day and this is the Christian hope, one day all people will see and all people will know.

This is what the Christian faith is all about - trusting in something we can't see but hoping that as we grow in maturity and in our faith - we will see what we have believed all along.

Have a blessed day.

FRIDAY, 30th NOVEMBER 2018

Good Morning All

The end of Week 7 ... 5 sleeps and counting!

GO WELL to all our 7's Teams playing this weekend.

REMINDER of our Christmas Carol's Service 7pm. Please bring all our little ones ... there will be lots for them to enjoy!



Have a blessed day.

