

# CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020

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O le ala i le pule ma le manuia, o le tautua.  
The path to leadership and success, is service.

## MONDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020

Malo e Lelei it's Tongan Language Week.

The theme for this year is 'Fakakoloa o Aotearoa 'aki 'o e lotu mo'oni - Enriching Aotearoa New Zealand through prayer and faith.' We give thanks for the gift of language and look forward to the week of celebration.

We give thanks for the lives of the two New Zealanders who have passed away most recently from Covid 19.

We celebrate their lives of service to their families, to their workplaces, to their communities and churches, to their countries of origin and to Aotearoa. We remember too Yr 10 Kevin Tavir from Papua New Guinea whose father passed away this weekend.

We give thanks for Father's Day celebrated last Sunday and congratulate Mr Alipate Fihaki teacher on becoming a Dad for the first time. We wish his wife and new born Baby God's blessings.

We give thanks and congratulate three Wesley Old Boys for their being named in the All Blacks 2020 squad.

Nepo Laulala, former Senior Prefect Karl Tu'inuku'afe and Senior Prefect Tupou Va'ai. Awesome!

Congratulations to the South National Rugby Team who in the dying minutes of the traditional North v South fixture, took out the game making all Mainlanders very thankful. Woohoo!

In all these ways we are reminded what life is all about and what God's intention is for us.

Every happening is an inkling, a hint of the kind of life God intends for us, a life lived in fullness, a life lived in thanksgiving and celebration. Giving thanks God!

'Ofa atu moe lotu ... love and prayers.

## TUESDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020

Malo e Lelei

Our PRAYERS for Mrs Hepi Lopeti and the Family as they mourn the loss of a much loved family member.

THANK YOU to Mrs Merina Alefosio who in support of Literacy shared her gift of and journey with poetry. Merina belongs to the South Auckland Poet's Collective has travelled the world sharing her gift, works for Le Va in Mental Health and has two children at Wesley. Fa'afetai!

It's Tongan Language Week.

Malo 'aupito ... Thank you to the Year 9 Tongan Students who led chapel worship this morning.

Malo 'aupito to Year 9 Melise Tau who performed the Tau'olunga and to her parents who came to support her.

The tau'olunga is a traditional Tongan dance which mainly consists of a series of hand movements, which interpret the meaning of the selected song.

Many of the typical gestures (haka) are standardised and have their own name.

Also important is the movement of the head. The head with the eyes should follow the hands during important movements, otherwise they are to be directed to the public. The eyes are never to glance away. From time to time, little nods within one beat (teki) or two beats (kalo) must be made with the head. The girl must smile all the time. The movements of the body and the legs are less important. They follow the hands and head. Shaking the hips, as elsewhere in Polynesia, is forbidden. Most of the time the legs are still, knees must be together and bent (taulalo). Some small steps, never large, or a rotation can be performed. Overall, the girl's movements should be supple and soft, as should be her whole body. A unique feature of any Tongan dance, not found elsewhere in Polynesia, is the rotational movements of the hands and wrists in many of the haka.

'Ofa atu moe lotu ... love and prayers.

## **WEDNESDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020**

There was no Chapel message today.

## **THURSDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020**

There was no Chapel message today.

## **FRIDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020**

There was no Chapel message today.

