

# CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021

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Tōku manaaki tōku toiora, Tōku toiora tōku manaaki  
when service is my well-being, my well-being is served

## MONDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021

Easter Monday

## TUESDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021

There was no Chapel message today.

## WEDNESDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021

Good Morning All

WELCOME back after the Easter break.

Our theme this week is FORGIVENESS

The Bible reading was Luke 23:32-43 on page 1302 in the Wesley Bibles.

v34 Jesus said 'Forgive them for they know not what they are doing.'

v43 Jesus answered him 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

We are always going to hurt someone by our words or actions intentional or unintentionally at some point in our relationships with others. We are always at some point going to be hurt by what someone says or does to us. It is the way of relationships. It is the way of people who have emotions and feelings.

FORGIVENESS is central to our relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

FORGIVENESS is vital to our own personal well-being.

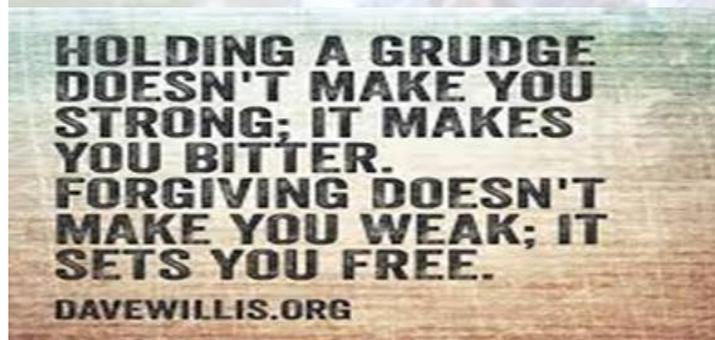
FORGIVENESS is important to our relationships with one another if we want those relationships to last.

FORGIVENESS is not just an occasional act but a constant attitude whereby we are constantly OFFERING FORGIVENESS.

FORGIVENESS is not earned it is given ... given freely ... given constantly ... just given.

FORGIVENESS as people of faith is about living in FORGIVENESS something we practice and keep practicing until we understand why we do it, when we do it, why it matters.

It matters because it brings healing, brings peace, brings a way forward.



Have a blessed day.

## THURSDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021

Good Morning All

PRAYERS and THOUGHTS for Mrs Doris Reeve who is unwell.

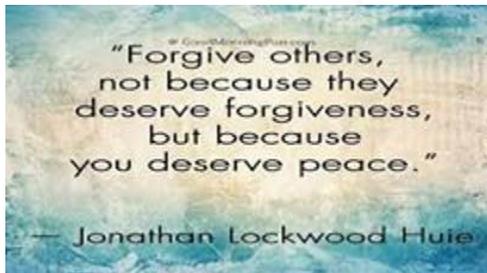
GIVING THANKS that Yr 11 Bo Poland's surgery yesterday went well. He is in ICU until Friday.

PRAYERS and THOUGHTS continue for the Pereira Family.

Our theme this week is FORGIVENESS.

The Bible reading was from Ephesians 4:29-32 on page 1461 in the Wesley Bibles.

As people of faith FORGIVENESS is about understanding that we come to it because we believe what has been done for us by God in Jesus Christ. We have been FORGIVEN



Forgiveness is about goodness, about offering goodness to those who've harmed us, even if they don't "deserve" it.

It's not about writing off the wrong as if it didn't happen.

Forgiveness is a process. Working on forgiveness can help us increase our self-esteem and give us a sense of inner strength and safety. Forgiveness can heal us and allow us to move on in life with meaning and purpose. Forgiveness matters because we matter to God and all those whom we love and who love us.

We deserve peace.

Have a blessed day.

## FRIDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021

Good Morning All

TGIF!

Our prayers and thoughts for the Aumua and Pereira families.

Our prayers and thoughts for Mrs Doris Reeve.

Our prayers and thoughts for Yr 11 Bo Poland who is recovering in hospital.

GO WELL to our rugby teams for their games tomorrow.

HOLY COMMUNION this Sunday 10 am . We look forward to welcoming Old Students to chapel.

John 13:33-35 <sup>33</sup>“My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

<sup>34</sup>“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

<sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

The key to forgiveness lies in the command to love one another. We have looked at forgiveness this week and what it means for us ... we have come to understand again and be reminded of God's humongous forgiving act towards all of humanity through the sacrifice made of his Son Jesus Christ ... if we wanted an example of what it is to forgive ... if we wanted a role model of how to forgive ... we have it in God's gift to us every day. When we think of events closer to home ... we are reminded of the mosque killings in Christchurch and the forgiveness shown by the Muslim community, but it doesn't take huge sadness like that to remind us of how we should be every day ... have a forgiving attitude ... practicing it every day ... because at the end of the day we have been given the choice ... to choose whether we want to live life to the fullest ... to choose whether we want to live life in peace ... to choose whether we want to live life free of hate and revenge and holding on to stuff ... to choose to live life as God intends ... as a people who are thankful to be alive every day and in our thankfulness do good, ... be good .... show goodness and refuse to put up with stuff that other people want to offload onto us. You have a choice ... we have a choice ... let us choose together goodness and compassion and love and kindness and at the end of the day just being happy.

**“Forgiveness is the best form of love. It takes a strong person to say sorry and an even stronger person to forgive”**

Have a blessed day and weekend.

