

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 16th 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, 12th APRIL 2021

Good Morning All

Our continued PRAYERS and THOUGHTS for Mrs Doris Reeve who is in Middlemore hospital.

Our continued PRAYERS and THOUGHTS for Mr Aumua and the Aumua-Pereira Family.

GIVING THANKS for Bo Poland's speedy recovery. He is at Starship.

Our PRAYERS for former Counsellor Michelle and family whose grandmother Frances Emma Vorback passed away yesterday.

Woohoo the last week of school! GIVING THANKS!

GIVING THANKS to the members of WCOSA who joined us for chapel yesterday morning.

GIVING THANKS for the Chiefs win against my other favourite team the Highlanders.

FIAFIA NIGHT starting tonight at 6pm in the Rec Centre.

Our theme for this our last week is 'GIVING THANKS.'

The Bible reading was John 20: 19-29 on page 1343 in the Wesley Bibles.

The story of Thomas not wanting to believe Jesus had appeared to the other Disciples is actually believable.

We are often challenged to believe what we have not seen purely on the basis of what someone has said.

Is that not the way of the world? Covid is a classic example. Despite the worldwide numbers of Covid deaths some people are still sceptical, still dubious, still unconvinced. Until they see they will not believe.

As God's people we are asked to see with our faith eyes, hear with our faith ears, trust with our faith belief, our faith hearts.

We are invited to consider our doubts like Thomas and to question, because in our questioning we pursue the truth.

The truth for Thomas was an easy fix and upon seeing Jesus Thomas only response was 'Jesus My Lord!' His doubt dealt to.

What of us ... in our GIVING THANKS where do we lay our doubt ... where do we see the wounds of Jesus in the world today?

Christ is Risen ... He is Risen indeed and in that truth, we are given the eyes with which to see.

Have a blessed day.

TUESDAY, 13th APRIL 2021

Good Morning All

THANK YOU to all for Fiafia Night last night. Wonderful support from our families and community.
GIVING THANKS!

GIVING THANKS ...

The Bible reading was 1 Timothy 4:4-10 on p1494

Everything God has created and continues to create is good.

We enjoy the gifts of God's goodness which come to us in a whole host of ways – our relationships, work, leisure, friendships, family, schooling... all are opportunities to see God's goodness at work, opportunities for us to be God's goodness at work.

Physical fitness and wellbeing is important. If we look and feel good about ourselves, the feeling of goodness and wellbeing is reflected throughout one's whole life ... we will see it in the way we interact with other people ... in the way we do our school work ... in the way we do our work.

Our spiritual wellbeing, our relationship with God is the same ... training ourselves to be like Christ, people of goodness and of good character.

Developing our spiritual muscles will sustain us ... help us get through anything that life deals us ... and calls for inner strength.

By GIVING THANKS we recognise that we are grateful, we feel blessed, GIVING THANKS is the measure of what goodness we give to our relationships, to work, to our faith and to our God.

When we GIVE THANKS we are saying thank you to God the Gift Giver.

Have a blessed day.



WEDNESDAY, 14th APRIL 2021

Good Morning All

Woohoo 2 sleeps to go and end of term! We got this ... GIVING THANKS!

Today marks the official beginning to Polyfest with the Flag Raising Ceremony. GO WELL to all our Groups performing this week.

THANK YOU for representing us to the Niue, Fiji, Cook Islands and Tonga groups, students and Tutors.

GIVING THANKS ...

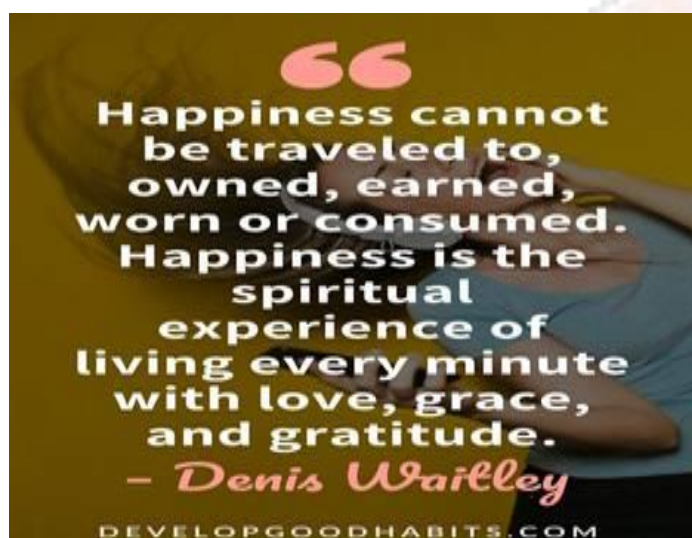
The Bible reading was from 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18 on page 1484 in the Wesley Bibles.

v18 GIVE THANKS in all circumstances for this is God's will for us in Christ Jesus.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=221vmVXidHw>

In chapel this morning we watched the above video clip which certainly hit home how THANKFUL we should be.



Have a blessed day.

THURSDAY, 15th APRIL 2021

There was no Chapel message today.

FRIDAY, 16th APRIL 2021

Good Afternoon All

No more sleeps ... we are here Term 1 done and dusted. God is good.

FAREWELL to Mrs Lynda Mackay after 25 years of service as our Librarian. THANK YOU!

FAREWELL to Maatua Vince Hapi HOD Maori who moves on to MIT. GO WELL!

Both Mrs Mackay and Maatua were farewelled by the School at Chapel on Thursday morning.

Morning tea was held today Friday for the Staff farewell.

BEST WISHES to the Principal who has surgery on the 22nd of April. PRAYERS for a speedy recovery.

GO WELL to the Niue Group at Polyfest today and the Tongan Group performing tomorrow.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS to all our Staff and students for the next two weeks. Well deserved break for all.

GIVING THANKS has been our theme for this week.

The Bible reading was from Ecclesiastes 3 'A Time for Everything.'

We don't come to GIVING THANKS lightly or without cause to celebrate but in reflection on the term, we are reminded of who we are, where we are, why we are here and what we are THANKFUL for.

In the busyness of our work and questioning whether there is time aplenty to complete our work, the reading comes to remind us that there is a time for everything and for everything there is a time and in God's time, all will see their end and completion. We are THANKFUL for time given, THANKFUL for time enough to see things finished and time aplenty when we give our work over to God.

In it's time God has made all things beautiful and again on reflection and despite a somewhat disruptive term, in the words of the hymn written by Horatio Spafford ... IT IS WELL! THANK YOU God!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!

STAY SAFE!

Have a blessed day and break.

