

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Morrinsville

November 22nd, 2020

Theme for Sunday:

Do You See Me?



Readings: Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

Psalm 100

Matthew 25:31–46

Sentence: “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” *Matthew 25:45b*

Collect: Holy One, just as your eye is on the sparrow, grant us vision to both see and respond in love to the most vulnerable among us. Amen.

From Love to the World

Monday November 16th

Ezekiel 34:1-10

Introduction to Prayer: The Lord seeks the lost and strengthens the weak.

Response to Scripture: The strong word of the Lord comes to all of us.

Q: What images other than shepherd and sheep might resonate in your country?

Prayer– Pray for those who look for justice and are not believed.

Tuesday November 17th

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Q: Whom would you nominate as prophets today?

Wednesday November 18th

Ezekiel 34:17-31

Q: Having read today's reading and commentary, what does God's "covenant of peace" ask of her?

Prayer– God of earth and all its inhabitants, I long for the fulfilment of peace in our time and in our land.

Thursday November 19th

Matthew 25:31-46

Q: In today's world, how do we respond to Jesus' command to show mercy?

Prayer – Lord, open my eyes that they may see the deepest needs of people (Canaan Banana).

Friday November 20th

Jude 17-25

Q: Have you experienced division in your church community? How was it resolved?

Prayer – Loving God, may mercy, peace, and love be ours in abundance.

Saturday November 21st

Ephesians 1:15-23

Q: How do you think of Jesus as “far above” and at the same time “one of us”?

Prayer – God of peace, may your kingdom go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love (Francis Paget, 1851-1911).

Sunday November 22nd

Psalms 100

Q: In a secular society how can we prepare ourselves to “move into” worship?

In your prayers remember the people of Brunei, Malaysia, and Singapore.

SPECIFIC PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

- **Pray for** the success of a new vaccination for Covid 19.
- **Pray for** the countries still battling this terrible pandemic and for Governments trying to take measures against it.
- **Pray for** the country of USA and their struggle with each other. Pray for wisdom for those on leadership.
- **Pray for** people to be kind to others infected and realise it's the disease not the person that's then danger.
- **Pray for** Ariel as she co-ordinates the Christmas Music Festival for next week.
- **Pray for** our friends and family who are unwell, especially Lynda, Lorna, June and others special to us.
- **Pray for** those who mourn the loss of a loved one.

GIVE THANKS

- **For** Lynda coming through a second operation and beginning to recover
- **For our** government's actions and for people to do what is right to keep themselves and other safe.
- **For** those who care for others especially the vulnerable as we enter the Christmas Season.
- **For** connections with people throughout the world through the internet
- **For** all who show the love of God by their actions.
- **For** chances to learn more about how to walk with God through groups like the Anglican Cursillo.

Focus

On this last Sunday of the Liturgical Year we are reflecting on a description of what following The Way would look like...feeding the hungry, offering a drink to the thirsty, welcoming strangers, clothing the naked, caring for the sick, or visiting the prisoner. We are called to see the least of these that need our help.

In Ezekiel we are reassured that God, the Good Shepherd, will care for his flock and the Psalmist gives us a song of thankfulness to sing.

Are we thankful for our blessings and are we ready to share them with those who are in need?

Are we seeing the least of these, do they feel affirmed in our presence?

Prayer: Give us eyes to see and ears to hear and hearts willing to respond with love to the most vulnerable around us. Amen.

Next Sunday: Reshape, Reclaim, Remember

Readings: Nov 29: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7,17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:34-37

29 th Nov	Sidespeople Hutchings	Welcomer Jacky	Data Rachael	MOW Lynnley	1 st reading Trish M	2 nd reading Rodney	Intercessions Lynnley	Morning Tea R Churton & A Todd
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Coming up...

The Morrinsville Christmas Music Festival

Sunday 29th November 2020 beginning at 4pm.



For more information phone Ariel McCracken on 027 2945139 or email arielmcc@slingshot.co.nz

Cursillo Three-Day Weekend 14 – 17 January 2021 Falloon House, Otorohanga College

The Waikato Taranaki Anglican Diocese Cursillo is hosting three-day residential weekend enjoyed in the name of Jesus Christ. It is a short course in Christian living to support anyone involved in Christian Ministry.

Join us for a weekend of fun, learning and fellowship.

If you would like more information, please contact Jan Lockett-Kay
Waikato Taranaki Lay Director, jlk@xtra.co.nz or 027 222 3053.

Margie Thomas and Lance's and Val's daughter Heather are both on team 😊

The organisers hope to finalize numbers attending by 10 December.

Please give it serious consideration and get a good number from our parish. It's a great experience.

LOAVES & FISHES

We hope to get another Loaves and Fishes out before Christmas. If you already get the weekly newsletter by email, would you like to receive Loaves and Fishes that way too?

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