

# **St Matthew's Anglican Church, Morrinsville**

**October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**When you come to church please "sign in".  
Passing of the peace and communion of two kinds will be during the Sunday  
services**

**Stay kind, stay safe.  
If you don't feel well, stay home.**

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## **Theme for Sunday: Words For Living**



**Readings:** Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20

Psalm 19

Matthew 21:33-46

**Sentence:** The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

*Psalm 19:1*

**Collect:** Holy God, immerse us in the river of your word and ways and carry us on a journey of growth as a community of your people. Increase our resolve to heed your loving wisdom and to rejoice in your promise of new life as we do. Amen.

### **From Love to the World**

**Monday September 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20**

**Introduction to Prayer:** O for a closer walk with God, a light to shine upon the road that leads to

the lamb.

**Response to Scripture:** Thank you for your law that gives light to my way.

**Q:** How are we guided by God's laws and the voice of the Holy Spirit? Is some sort of balancing act required?

**Prayer**— Holy God, love without limit. Thank you for gently guiding me back to you.

**Tuesday September 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Exodus 21:1-11**

**Q:** If you are able to do so, research the extent of slavery today. Where is it taking place, and who is benefitting from it?

**Prayer**—Jesus, redeemer, I pray for an end of all slavery. May all people be free.

**Wednesday September 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Exodus 22:20-31**

**Q:** "You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in Egypt..." (Exodus 22:21). What is the ethical moral of today's reading?

**Prayer**— Father in Heaven, grant that I may show your mercy, love and grace.

**Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Philippians 3:1-14**

**Q:** Today we read of some of Paul's struggles. Which of these, if any, do you share?

**Prayer** – Help me, Lord, to find my hope in you and not in my own perfection.

**Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Philippians 3:15-21**

**Q:** Where/when have you shared your faith experience this week?

**Prayer** – Dear Lord, help me to keep my eyes on you, the author and finisher of faith.

**Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Matthew 21:33-46**

**Q:** Read verse 43 again. Does it come to you as a threat ... or a promise?

**Prayer** – Thank you, Creator God, for the gift of your Son, Jesus.

**Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Psalms 19**

**Q:** If you are one of our very fortunate country readers who can see the night sky ... step outside and enjoy it.

**Pray** for the people of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Panama.

## **SPECIFIC PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK**

- **Pray for** those in the South Island coping with spring snow, especially farmers with lambs, calves, and other vulnerable animals.
- **Pray for** people to be well informed as the election draws closer, so that the best way forward can be implemented for New Zealand.
- **Pray for** people in quarantine facilities for peace and patience as they wait for a clearance.
- **Pray for** our friends and family who are unwell especially Colleen.
- **Pray for** those who mourn the loss of a loved one especially Isobel.
- **Pray for** the engineers working on the Auckland Harbour Bridge; and for all who are personally affected by its limited use.
- **Pray for our Diocesan synod this weekend**

## **GIVE THANKS**

- **For** being able to meet and share a cuppa and a chat after church again.
- **For** our families and warm homes.
- **For** God's wise words for living and the peace we get from living within them.

- **For** our town market day and Devonshire teas being able to take place again.
- **For** connections we can continue to make with one another via zoom

**Focus**

For those who have been doing the Season of Creation we are now returning to the Revised Common Lectionary Readings now for the rest of the curricula year. We join the Israelites in the desert on the day they are being introduced to the Ten Commandments or as the "theme" for the week said...Words for Living.

The Psalmist extols the "ordinances" of God as being more to be desired than gold. Paul claims that being grounded in God is far more important than earthly "confidence in the flesh" or worldly successes. So too, those that produce the fruits of the kingdom will inherit the kingdom in Matthew.

**When / where did you first hear about the ten commandments and do you still know what they are?**

**How do the ten commandments affect our individual choices or actions and also our church families decisions and actions in this day and age?**

**Prayer:** God your laws are still words for living, Make us mindful of their guidance as we make choices during the course of each day. Amen

**Next Sunday: Living as a Liberation Community**

**Readings: October 11: Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6,19-32; Philippians 4:1-9; Matt 22:1-14**

<b>11<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Sidespeople</b> Miers	<b>Welcomer</b> Jacky	<b>Data</b> Margie	<b>MOW</b> Lynne	<b>1<sup>st</sup> reading</b> Trish M	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> reading</b> Kate M	<b>Intercessions</b> Val	<b>Morning Tea</b> Peter, Rodney, Murray
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**Events:**



Melanie Budd has the Fair planning well in hand.

We are working on the contingency plans should we not be in level one.

Please let Melanie know if you have any items that need to be collected for the Fair. We look forward to seeing you all there