

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Morrinsville

November 21st, 2021

Christ The King!

This Sunday 8.30am and 10am services.

Great to see people starting to come back to church services.

If you are not feeling well, please stay home.

Please wear masks.

Please sign in, or use the QR code, sanitize as you arrive and leave.

There will be no singing, no physical contact in sharing of the peace (not even elbows!).

Communion on an individual level.

However refreshments WILL be served at the church hub afterwards. Please enter the hub and go straight to a table and sit down. You will be served your cuppa while you wait. You need to stay seated at the table.

FAIR HAS been POSTPONED – we will now plan for a fair for MARCH 5th – hopefully we will be in Level One and the Market Days will have resumed. Some things can't wait until March:

- Rachel is taking orders for Christmas cakes
- Margie has some tomato plants to sell
- Junne has some sewing that people might like to buy for Christmas presents....
- – give them a phone call or talk to them on a Sunday

A Virtual Fair

an idea has been suggested “As we could not have the fair & there is no guarantee we can hold it in the New Year, how about people giving the equivalent of their usual spend in cash to St Matts - so whatever they would have paid out for ingredients, materials, time and the amount they normally spend at the fair as a gift. In case our funds are running low - I know not everyone can manage this but I am sure a few of us could. Just an idea (Our parish really relies upon the fair to balance our budget each year)

THIS SUNDAY

Readings: 2 Samuel 23:1-7

Psalm 132:1-12 (13-19)

John 18:33-37

Sentence: Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’ *John 18:37b*

Collect: Alpha and Omega, you encircle time with your presence, you encircle creation with your love. You brought all things into being and receive all things back to you. May we find our hope, and our life, in your enfolding grace. Amen.

Preparation for Sunday from “Love to the World”

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Question: Where do you see justice? Where is justice lacking?

Prayer: God, help us to keep our rulers accountable to your ways of justice and peace.

Psalm 132:1-12 (13-19)

Question: Shout out your joys to God in praise today!

Prayer: Creator and lover of all, grant us your grace and peace.

John 18:33-37

Question: How can you recognise 'truth'? How important is truth for faith?

Prayer: Christ, may we hear your voice and respond with love.

SPECIFIC PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

- **Pray for** Haiti which is one of the poorest nations in the world. Recently their president was assassinated and shortly afterwards they had a devastating earthquake and now gangs are terrorizing people. World Concern is asking us to pray for Haiti this week.
- **Pray for** our community as the Delta strain of Covid spreads that we will make sure we follow the health protocols, stay safe and be tested if we are unwell.
- **Pray for** businesses in Waikato and Auckland as they open for business, and for customers to have patience.
- **Pray for** those who are sick, especially Lindsay, Sandra, Norm, Lynda, Caleb and Isabel and others we may know.
- **Pray for** those who are mourning the loss of a loved one especially the family of John Luxton.

GIVE THANKS

- **For the** easing of restrictions in Waikato and Auckland. Pray for wisdom for our church leaders as they navigate these changes.
- **For** health service people overseeing people isolating at home with Covid.
- **For** getting to catch up with people through zoom meetings.
- **For** all the blessings we receive through Christ our King!
- **For** the care and support of friends in unexpected ways

Focus

On the last Sunday of the year we observe Reign of Christ Sunday. It is a Sunday when we reflect on the kingdom "not from this world" but brought to earth by Christ by his life and witness. He came willing to die for the truth - the truth that God loves each of us and that Christ came to tell us that and to provide a sacrifice for our sins that we might believe and be part of the kingdom or kingdom here on earth.

In Samuel we are called to find and support those who practice justice and righteousness to leadership roles. In Revelation we hear how Jesus is called the faithful witness.

Where and/or by whom do we see and hear the reign of God given witness today?

Who do we turn to for truth, for a way to live, for grace and life?

Prayer: May we choose to live under God's authority, to witness to God's love, and to seek God's truth in all things. Amen

Next Sunday: November 28th (Hopeful Waiting, Active Trust)

Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

28th Nov	Sides people Welcomer Carole	Data Barbara	MOW Lynnley	1st reading Vince	Intercessions Lynnley	Morning tea Linda and Margaret
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Please contact Margie if you would like to take part in the Sunday services.

If you would be willing to share in the services in any way (morning tea, sidesperson,) please talk to Margie Thomas or drop an email to Val vriches@outlook.com

If you have a key to the church or Hub, please let Chris Hutching know so he can update the register hutch5@xtra.co.nz or 889 7170

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