

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Morrinsville

October 10th, 2021

What must I do?

This Sunday 8.30am and 10am services.

We all still need to wear masks.

We ask that you 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!!) and no communion.

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.

If you are not feeling well, please stay home.

Other than the Sunday and Wednesday church services there will be no other gatherings until we are in Level one.

Lance and my phone number is 888 0878 or 0274448286

Jacky and Chris Hutchings is 889 7170

Margie and Chris Thomas is 889 6248



This Sunday...

Readings: Job 23:1-9,16-17

Ps 22:1-15

Mark 10:17-31

Sentence: There is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age, and in the age to come eternal life. *Mark 10:29-30*

Collect: May we trust in your love and respond to your presence, when your call cuts against our expectations or plans. Open us to compassion that seeks your way of love, justice, inclusion, and equality for all. Amen.

Preparation for Sunday from "Love to the World"

Job 23:1-9,16-17

Question: Is life fair? What would you say to a good person who has just suffered a personal

tragedy?

Prayer: Merciful God, today may I reach out to those afflicted, despised, and forgotten.

Psalm 22:1-15

Question: Who are the betrayed and falsely accused amongst us today? How can they achieve justice?

Prayer: Compassionate God, comfort and encourage all those whose life, work, relationships, or faith is being tested today.

Mark 10:17-31

Question: In what way does this text inform you about the rights of women and children in our community?

Prayer: Righteous God, open my eyes today to the unfairness and injustice that is in the world around me.

SPECIFIC PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

- **Pray for** people to have patience with our present restrictions and don't put others in danger by having large gatherings.
- **Pray for** children and parents during school holidays, especially where they haven't been able to attend school and parents are tired.
- **Pray for** the new Waikato Delta cases and their contacts. We pray that people get tested if they have had any contact or feel unwell and that they get inoculated.
- **Pray for** those who are sick, especially Norm, Lynda, and Caleb and others we may know.
- **Pray for** those who are mourning the loss of a loved one.
- **Pray for** the final amount of the AV System Upgrade Fund to be achieved.

GIVE THANKS

- **For the** good response to getting covid tests and inoculations in Raglan and Hamilton since the announcement of covid cases in the area.
- **For the** foresight of our vestry for improved sound and visual tools in our church building.
- **For the** way we are trying to keep in touch with others especially those who can't get out.
- **For our** pets who are often our closest companions.
- **For our** country and church leaders during this time of constant challenge
- **For** unexpected moments of care and joy.

Focus

The rich man is shocked and grieved at what Jesus asks him to give up to inherit eternal life. To understand the shock we might imagine Jesus calling us to give up practices we think central to our faith. The call to discipleship is not just about what we give up but also about what we embrace.

We are invited to live into the reign of God with all its joys and risks and so we too must ask. "What Must I Do?" to grow and learn.

If we are willing to ask... are we willing to accept and live out the answer?

Can we draw comfort and strength from the knowledge that Jesus understands our suffering and struggles because he also suffered?

Prayer: Open us to seeking your way of love, justice and equality, despite the personal cost it might require from us. Amen

Next Sunday: October 17th (Who Has The Wisdom)

Readings: Job 23:1–9, 16–17; Psalm 22:1–15; Hebrews 4:12–16; Mark 10:17–31

17th Oct	Sides people Anne Murfitt	Welcomer Carole	Data Rachael	MOW Lynnley	1st reading Carole	2nd reading Rodney	Intercessions Lynnley	Server	Shared Lunch Rachael Churton & Sue Hunter
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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 vjriches@outlook.com

Useful Links:

<http://anglicanprayerbook.nz/>

<https://www.zoom.us/signup>

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

FAIR is scheduled for Nov 6th – dependent on being in Level One.

Val is taking leave this week.

Vicar, Val Riches 078880878 or 027 444 8286

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October 16 – World Food Day

World Food Day marks the founding of the United Nations' Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) in 1945. Many churches and communities use this day (or the Sunday prior) as an opportunity to highlight issues of hunger, agriculture, and land use and development