

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

## **October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

### **Challenging Questions**

This Sunday we will again have the opportunity to meet together in the church. It will not be limited by numbers as we are only needed to stay approximately 1 metre apart.

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.

There will be no 8.30 am service, only the 10am.

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**

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#### **This Sunday...**

**Readings: Job 1:1;2:1-10**

**Ps 26**

**Mark 10:2-16**

**Sentence:** Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it. *Mark 10:15*

**Collect:** As we wrestle with tough questions, and uncertain answers, grant us the courage to ask what is on our hearts, and the loving-kindness to empathize with opinions we do not understand. Amen

## Preparation for Sunday from “Love to the World”

### Job 1:1;2:1-10

**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 26

**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 10:2-16

**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** women in Afghanistan as the Taliban force them to stay home and not go back to their jobs, and for the people trying to flee the country that they find a safe haven.
- **Pray for** people on the Spanish Island of La Palma as the erupting volcano destroys their homes, and people on the Greek Island of Crete who have had their homes destroyed by an earthquake.
- **Pray for** wise decisions by the Third Order Franciscans as they look at ways they can help with serious social issues in New Zealand when they meet by Zoom this weekend.
- **Pray for** the people in Auckland struggling with restrictions at this time.
- **Pray for** those who are sick, especially Lynda, and Caleb and others we may know.
- **Pray for** those who are mourning the loss of a loved one especially Jean Richards and her family.

## GIVE THANKS

- **For our** governments careful planning to halt the spread of Covid 19 Delta strain and the way they are helping businesses.
- **For our** leadership in St Matthew’s as they plan services during Level 2, and the Archbishops as they guide us all.
- **For the** growing AV System Upgrade Fund.
- **For the** opportunities for people to move out of Auckland who are in the midst of moving homes or shared parenting arrangements.
- **For the** safe arrival home of Thomas Phillips, and his three children Jayda; Ember and Maverick

## Next Sunday: October 10<sup>th</sup> (What must I do?)

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

10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Sides people Diane	Welcomer	Data Rodney	MOW Margie	1 <sup>st</sup> reading Diane	2 <sup>nd</sup> reading Vince	Intercessions Margie	Server	Shared Lunch Melanie & Olwyn
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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 [vriches@outlook.com](mailto:vriches@outlook.com)*

Useful Links:

<http://anglicanprayerbook.nz/>

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

### AV System Upgrade

**Our AV fund is creeping up ....** After some great boosts it is slowing down a wee bit – can we get there? Every little bit helps!!! Still \$3,000 to go.

While the actual design is still to be confirmed, click on the link to see a computer generated image to help you imagine the possibilities.

### AV System

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](mailto:hutch5@xtra.co.nz) or 889 7170

**FAIR** is scheduled for Nov 6<sup>th</sup> – dependent on being in Level One.

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