

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Morrinsville

Vicar Val Writes They say it takes a village to raise a child

I realise again and again how it takes a village to create a healthy church

I was reminded again these last few weeks. At the AGM Peter, an experienced arborist, told us that the silver birch trees were at the end of their life, and even pruning would not help. And Trish raised her concern re the lean towards the church

This concern was taken to vestry the following Tuesday and agreed that they needed to come down asap (as mentioned in our newsletter last Sunday)

After the meeting Melanie got into action and with the skills of Howard n Roger and a team of helpers the trees were cleared away within the week !! It was found that one of the trees was rotten through - and it was the one that fell closest to the church!!!!

It is now a large open space and hopefully there will be more sunlight coming into the Church.

Recently the Gospel readings on Sunday have talked about the need to abide in God.

The vestry will start exploring use of this space as a meditative space for congregation and community to explore and use. Maybe a form of labyrinth? Or ... Ideas are welcome

Meanwhile this month is Mission Month – and finding out ways to support our local Waikato mission with Anglican Action. This Sunday we have a visiting preacher Rev Peter Sampson who is the chaplain at Anglican Action

May 12th, 2024

Ascension Day

Website: stmatthewsmorrinsville.org.nz

Readings: Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

Sentence: The disciples worshipped Jesus and went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and were continually in the temple, praising God. *Luke 24:52, 53*

Collect: Loving God, thank you for all those past and present who have shared their testimony with us. Help us live as faithful witnesses in our time and reflect your redemptive love. Spirit of God fall afresh on us today. Amen.

PREPARATION FOR SUNDAY.

Acts 1:1-11

Question: Where do you look to find Jesus? Above? Around? Within?

Prayer: Present God, may we be plunged into your Spirit.

Ephesians 1:15-23

Question: What has been the most significant “new thing” that you have seen God do?

Prayer: Ruler of All, help me to strive for power-with, not power-over, all I meet.

Luke 24:44-53

Question: How do you experience Jesus' presence with you in your life? What strengthens and sends you in Jesus' name?

Prayer: Help us to know who we are called to be and what we are sent to do.

SPECIFIC PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

- We pray for the governments, aid workers and humanitarian agencies responding across East Africa. Grant them provisions, wisdom and perseverance to reach those most vulnerable.
- We pray for those still suffering from severe trauma such as the mosque massacre and cyclone Gabriel and others trying to pick themselves up from disaster
- We pray for those who are sick, especially Lynda (Janice's daughter), Claire Stewart, and others we may know.
- Pray for all families mourning the death of a loved ones especially Neil (Val's foster son) at the loss of his wife Kathy

GIVE THANKS

- For the lovely Autumn weather and for the community of Morrinsville
- For Anglican Action and the ministry it does with so many different people with wide ranging needs
- For our national Church leaders and representatives as they prepare for General Synod starting next weekend

Next Sunday: 19th May 2024. 8.30am and 10am

Wednesday 10am

Pentecost why not wear something bright – like fire!!!!

Readings – Acts 2:1–21; Psalm 104:22–34; Romans 8:22–27; John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

19th May	Sides person Green family	Welcomer Trish M	Data Barbara	MOW families	Bible Reader Isabella & Abigail	Prayers Lee family	Chalice Pyper	Morning Tea Rachael & Anne T
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Tuesday May 14th Archdeaconry Meeting at Morrinsville

Thursday May 16th Messy Church training at Putaruru

Sunday May 19th 1pm – fundraiser for Cambridge RDA – a horse carousel performance which Val is part of a team of 12 riders. It is choreographed dressage like dressage ballet – dancing horses All welcome Adults \$10 cash under 14 free. Coffee cart, Sausage sizzle and raffle. Limited parking so you may need to get there early

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