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## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.00am Traditional Communion Service.p.456.  
10.00am Family Communion Service - On the screen.

**Please Note:** Michael and Amy will be away at Synod this coming weekend. We will have our regular 8 am and 10 am services on the 15<sup>th</sup> (different to what the roster says). Amy will be in contact with worship roster volunteers about this shortly, to ensure people know how they are serving on the day.

### Sentence of the Day

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

*Matthew 21:42*

### Collect of the Day

Merciful God, in Christ you make all things new; transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.  
**Amen.**

### This Sunday's Readings:

**Exodus 20: 14, 7-9, 12-20.** The Ten Commandments are the foundation of faith and ethics, not only for the Jews, but also for Christians. Their origin lies deep within the civilizations of the ancient Middle East.

**Philippians 3: 4b – 14.** Paul recalls his once anti-Christian stance, and the transformation that faith in Christ has brought.

**Matthew 21: 33 – 46.** This very pointed parable is aimed at religious leaders who have persecuted the prophetic voice of Judaism through the ages.

### Next Week's Readings

Exod 32:1-14, Phil 4:1-9, Matt 22:1-14

Prayer Response: God of love - **Hear our prayer.**

**Save the Date:** Sunday 29 October at 9:00am we will gather for a shortened Communion Service, followed by an opportunity to pack a Christmas Child shoebox, and a special morning tea hosted by our Vestry. Let's celebrate St. Matthew's Day and offer a BIG thank you to all our Church volunteers. All very welcome.

**Plant and Fun Fair:** There are plants outside the church – a koha is required for your purchase, please. Pickles, pickled onions, jams, lemons and grapefruit will also be on the sales table for you to purchase in the coming week.

**Women's Fellowship:** We meet on Tuesday, 10.00am for socializing and at 10.15am the meeting starts. Our speakers are Paul and Diane, Chaplains at Massey University. Please come and join us to hear their story.

**Any Photos Taken at the Parish Fair?** If you have any photos taken in the lead up to the Fair, or on the day of the Parish Fair, please email them to me this week. I hope to create a video in celebration of the Fair that will be shown during the 9:00 am St. Matthew's Day service at the end of the month. Thank you. Amy.

**Operation Christmas Child:** Now that we have run such a successful Fair, another big church outreach is Operation Christmas Child. The shoeboxes are being packed on 29<sup>th</sup> October, so we ask if you could start saving to put a donation towards the \$10 postage. Apart from postage money, we just need coloured pencils please. They are not a necessity, but a nice item to have. Thank you very much, from the OCC Team.

**Toyota New Zealand Limited Dream Car Contest: What is it?** Each year Toyota Motor Corporation (TMC) hosts the Dream Car Art Contest, where children up to 15 years old send in their artwork of their dream car. These artworks will firstly be judged by TNZ, from there, the top three winners of each age category will have their artwork submitted to TMC to be judged globally. We are asking kids to create a car that shows:

- Their dream of mobility.
- How that connects to/gives back to the community.
- What their interest/goal is for sustainability.

**Closes 30<sup>th</sup> November at 12pm.** [Dream Car Contest | Toyota New Zealand - Toyota NZ](#) – for further details click this link.

**StarLight:** Do you have any Lego, Lego base boards, Duplo, Countdown Lego giveaway packs or cookie cutters you no longer need that you would like to donate for our children's Christmas gift packs?

Do you also have leftover craft materials for our craft packs: coloured pencils, paintbrushes, card, stickers, scissors etc? We can use leftover pages in colouring books and greeting cards. We still need gift bags of all sizes please. Recycled are fine. Thanks Kathy.

**Wednesday Busy Bee's:** Meeting at 2 pm in the Church lounge. Come and help with tasks such as filling coffee mugs with treats, decorating grocery bags, making small gift cards, and putting gifts together.

### **Meditation Group:**

This small group meets regularly on a Wednesday afternoon at St Matthew's in the Chapel from 4:30 to 5:15. We spend a short time catching up on events in our lives and from time to time we celebrate a birthday or other significant occasion. We then go into a time of silent prayer. Please contact Ann 0274180201 for more details.

### **Menzshed Manawatū Garage Sale:**

Saturday 14 October held here at St. Matthew's between 8 am and 12 noon. There will be hand and power tools and other hardware pieces available to purchase, as well as handcrafted wooden toys and other creations for sale. The tools are often donated to Menzshed by people who are having a clean-out and have no use for them. They are checked by Menzshed members to be kept or sold to help fund the Menzshed initiative. Funds from this garage sale will go towards shed extensions.



*Thank you everyone for your heartfelt birthday wishes last week. The Tuesday Evening Bible Study Group has had a run of birthdays, and it has been cake-galore! Here's me cutting a birthday cake Tim and Kathriona brought in. I am enjoying my forties! Especially amongst wonderful people like you. It is good to celebrate birthdays. I hope you can feel to let someone know if you have a birthday coming up! – Amy.*

**St Matthew's Pantry:** Our pantry out the front of the church is looking very bare. If you have any spare cans, packets or similar please help us to stock up and keep giving to those in need at this time within our community.

## **What's Happening this Week at St. Matthew's?**

<b>Women's Fellowship:</b>	Tuesday 10.00am
<b>St John Bible Study Group:</b>	Tuesday 7.30pm.
<b>Twinkle Toes:</b>	Wednesday 10.00am
<b>Busy Bees:</b>	Wednesday 2.00pm.
<b>Meditation Group:</b>	Wednesday 4.30-5.15pm.
<b>Vege Hub:</b>	Thursday from 9:00am.
<b>Thursday Communion:</b>	Thursday at 10:00am.
<b>Menzshed Garage Sale Set-Up</b>	Friday 10.00-12.00 midday
<b>Menzshed Garage Sale</b>	Saturday 8.00-12.00 midday
<b>SISDA Samoan Church</b>	Saturday 10.00am-2.00pm.

## **Coming Up in October:**

<b>Synod:</b>	Saturday-Sunday 14-15 October.
<b>Vestry:</b>	Thursday 19 October.
<b>Mission Action Plan Meeting:</b>	Thursday 19 October, 6 pm.
<b>Celebrating St. Matthew's Day:</b>	Sunday 29 October.
<b>Christmas Child</b>	
<b>Shoebox Packing:</b>	Sunday 29 October.

## **Motions for Discussion at Synod, include:**

- Some grammatical and liturgical amendments/additions to the NZ Prayerbook.
- A change in the current Earthquake Standard for Churches from 67% in 2012 to the New Building Standard of 34%.
- That a new Assistant Bishop be sought.
- That Diocesan Priorities be set as Housing, Climate Change, and Refugees for 2024.

Michael and Amy look forward to reporting back to you any significant motions passed at Synod as well as any highlights of the gathering.

## **Cornerstone Prayer:**

Lord Jesus, I acknowledge that you are the true cornerstone, the one on whom I can build a solid, lasting, purposeful life. I know, in my head at least, that if I build upon you, I won't be let down. Amen.

