



Christ Church
YOUR VILLAGE CHURCH

18 AUGUST 2019

READINGS

Hebrews 11: 29—12:2

Luke 12 : 49—56

A very warm welcome to any visitors to Christ Church this morning

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING

Luke 12: 49—56

⁴⁹ "I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division.

⁵² From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴ He said to the crowd: "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'It's going to rain,' and it does. ⁵⁵ And when the south wind blows, you say, 'It's going to be hot,' and it is.

⁵⁶ Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time?

OUR REGULAR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETINGS

Bible Study Group: First Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm.

Next meeting date: 4 September

Prayer Group: Third Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm.

Next meeting date: 21 August

Both groups meet at the church.

Morning Prayer is also held in the Church every Wednesday at 8 am - everyone welcome.

HOSPITALITY MONTH

September is hospitality month for Christ Church. We will eat with one another in homes, or team up together to share a meal in some other setting. Watch this space for any updates!



THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS - NEWS FROM MURRAY AND MARIAN



We are delighted to let everyone know that our third grandson, **Luke Anthony John** was born on Friday at 1.08 am. Both mum Jen and baby Luke are well. Anthony (and grandparents) are obviously over the moon!

MAIL BOX -LOOKING BACK

A week or so ago we received an email from a professor at the University of Southern Queensland asking for any information we had on Rev Frederick Walker who was vicar here at Christ Church from 1900 to 1910.

Apparently Rev Walker was also a very competent astronomer and the University believed that he had travelled with a 1908 international expedition to Flint Island, Tahiti, to view a total solar eclipse.



We were aware that Rev Walker was known to have a telescope in his garden so the initial details seemed accurate. An internet search and a joint exchange of old photos (including one of the expedition members) have proven it almost certain that Rev Walker was on the expedition. One photo even hints that he continued to wear his clerical collar underneath his expedition jacket. Isn't it amazing what vicars do in their spare time!

CHRIST CHURCH ON THE WEB

www.ellerslieanglican.org.nz

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH

Prayer underlies all that we do. At 7:30 every Wednesday night (or another time which suits you) join everybody in prayer for our church ministries.



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