

## WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

We hope you find God's presence in the service today. Please join us for a cuppa after the service and share our hospitality and fellowship

**Happy Birthday!** We extend our best birthday wishes to **Sara McAulay and Jennifer Gravatt** who celebrated their birthdays on **Saturday 30th September** and **Christine Bygrave**, celebrating on **Tuesday 3rd October!**



**Church Coffee Morning - Thursday 5th October 10-11 am**  
**51 Robert Street, Mangawhai Heads**

Hosts: Rosie and Trewby Bull, warmly welcome you to their home. No food required—just bring yourselves.

### Sermons etc

Remember Wayne's sermons, our Bible Studies and Pew News are all available "on line" on our website: [www.mangawhaianglican.org.nz](http://www.mangawhaianglican.org.nz). Sermons are also available on the entry table, Christ the King, or on request.



### Animal Blessing Service—Next Sunday 8th October at Christ the King Church—9 am

Invite your family, friends and neighbours to share in this special service. All living creatures – pets, birds, farm animals (suitably restrained) and people welcome to the blessing and celebration. Where people are not able to bring an animal, they may like to bring a photo or picture of an animal they love, or a soft toy.

### A Musical Variation

Last year we had "Favourite Hymns and Songs". This year we have a variation on that theme. Please write on the slip of paper you were given a hymn or song of praise you would like us to sing during Sunday worship over the next few weeks; then place it in the container at the back of the church. At the end of the service we will draw out one slip, and the hymn/song of praise written on it will be included in the following Sunday's service.



### Can You Help?

If you feel you would be able to man the Powerpoint for our services once in awhile, we would be very grateful, and it would give Lynda and Trewby a well-deserved break. Advanced computer skills are not required! If this sounds like you, please talk to Wayne or any of the worship leaders.

### New Books—Christ the King

Look out for two additions to the church library (on the shelves in the lounge): "The Anglican Church in New Zealand – A History" by W. P. Morrell; and "St Francis of Assisi" by G. K. Chesterton.

## Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge



This week a "guest contribution" from **Stephen Riddiough, Priest's Warden in the Wellsford Mission District, who was inspired by Bishop Jim's sermon at our recent Synod**

### WILL WE SING?

Most synods have their challenges, and this one was no exception as God spoke to me through Bishop Jim's sermon and Synod's closing song. The following is a few snippets from Bishop Jim's words. For full text and references see:

<http://www.aucklanglican.org.nz/Anglican/media/Images/Synod%20Documents/Synod%202017/Synod-serm-2017.pdf>

Silence and song:

God has been keeping quiet: *For a long time I have held my peace, I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labour, I will gasp and pant. (Isaiah 42:14)*

Yet God is over the silence: *Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the end of the earth! Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the coastlands (islands) and their inhabitants. Let the desert and its towns lift up their voice. (Psalm 96)*

God is over the silence. God will have the sea roar back ... the islands to sing because, Israel has stopped responding, stopped singing. The relationship between God and God's people has fallen to silence. Not a good silence, where each is listening, but (another kind) of silence – of disappointment or despair, of resentment, or forgetting.

Bishop Jim quotes, Walter Brueggemann, "I have been making a list of (those) ... who don't sing very much. Angry people ... Anxious people ... Self-sufficient people ... People in despair ... Tired people ... Overindulged people." Brueggemann goes on, "it struck me that our society ... is designed to keep people from singing ... (by) keeping us overfed, overworked, and ... anxious, ... by seducing us into thinking that shopping or television or big-time athletics are important, when they are mostly narcotics ... to keep us from noticing."

Our God aches for an end to the silence; our God wants to be in true communion - which is why the sea and the islands are enlisted in giving at least some response. (So) there is a call for a new song because somehow God's people have forgotten that they are God's people. Numbed, hurt, disheartened they believe they belong in Babylon; that there is nothing more to say or do and, so, have cut themselves off from God. So, God himself brings an end to the silence.

**God is calling to us to respond. Can we do likewise? Will we respond to God who comes again and again to us with arms outstretched in love.**

Blessings, Stephen

"Page 37 in your hymnals and selection #15 on your iPads."



**Please keep in your prayers:**

Margaret Haverfield, Rev Edith McCarthy, Jocelyn Cullen, Marjorie Blake, Judith Brown, baby Jonathan, Sibyl Canning and Elspeth Cooze.

**Visiting:** If you are aware of people you think need or would appreciate a visit from Wayne, please let him know. Also if there are people who would appreciate Home Communion.

## What's on 02 - 08 October

Tues.	03 Oct.	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Taking a break for the holidays	
Wed.	04 Oct.	Holy Communion Bible Study	Christ the King	9.00 am
			Taking a break for the holidays	
Thurs.	05 Oct.	C+K's Craft Group Church Morning Tea	Christ the King 51 Robert Street	9.30 am 10.00 am
Sunday	08 Oct.	Blessing of the Animals	Christ the King	9.00 am

### Next week

**08 October Service at 9 am  
St Francis and Animal Blessing**

**Readings:** Genesis 1: 20-25  
Matthew 6: 25-29

### MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS

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### Assisting Clergy:

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Rev Canon Bob Newman, Rev Dr Tony Stroobant

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### Theme & Readings

Prayer Book P. 476

### Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him.  
(Hosea 6:1a,2b)

### Prayer for the Week (Collect)

Make us glad, we pray you, gentle God, to give each other your loving care; make us happy to receive it. May there daily grow within us a generous, trusting spirit. Amen.

### Prayer Cycle

In our Diocese we pray for our Bishops Ross Bay and Jim White, the Episcopal Team, Diocesan Chancellor, Northern Region Archdeaconry, Cathedral of the Holy Trinity and Cathedral Chapter. In our mission district we pray for Sunday children's ministry and Rhythm'n'Riggle. In our community we pray for all schools, colleges and places of learning.

# Pew News

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### Doing The Right Thing

OT: Psalm 78: 1-7  
Gospel: Matthew 21: 23-32



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