

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 **Lorraine Benfield** who celebrated her birthday on **Friday 6th October** and **Robin Blake**, celebrating on **Thursday 12th October!**



Advance Notice:

Jules Riding Concert at Christ the King Church, **Friday 3rd November at 7 pm.**

Kneelers at the Altar Rail

For those who are finding the step a little hard on the knees, we now have three kneelers on each side of the altar rail. This should make the process of receiving communion even more positive. Thank you to All Saints' Wellsford who have lent us the lovely handworked cushions.

Sermons etc

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



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.

We Can Help!

Plunkets are responsible for 300 babies locally. They need blankets, booties, bonnets, beanie and baby blankets. If you can help by knitting or supplying any of these that would be great. See Wayne for further details.

Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

Let All Creation Bless the Lord

St Francis may in fact have been the original "greenie"! During his life he became increasingly aware of the "interconnectedness" of all life: that all creatures – from the lowliest worm to the mightiest king – make up one family. In his work, his relationships, his writing and his preaching Francis illustrated this growing understanding that God's plan of salvation included every part of the created world, and every creature in it. One writer says that Francis refused to be a "human chauvinist" - presuming that he was to be saved apart from the rest of creation. St Francis captured something of this in his 'Canticle of the Creatures' (which has also been made into a hymn by W. H. Draper – AMR 172 "All Creatures of Our God and King"). The whole canticle makes thoughtful reading, but here are some lines to reflect on:

*All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Water,
so useful, humble, precious and pure.
All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom you brighten up the night.
How beautiful is he, how cheerful!
Full of power and strength.
All praise be yours, my Lord, through our Sister
Mother Earth, who sustains us and governs us,
and produces various fruits with colored flowers and herbs.
All praise be yours, my Lord,
through those who grant pardon for love of you;
through those who endure sickness and trial.
Happy are those who endure in peace,
By You, Most High, they will be crowned.
All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Death,
From whose embrace no mortal can escape.
Woe to those who die in mortal sin!
Happy those she finds doing your will!
The second death can do them no harm.
Praise and bless my Lord, and give him thanks
And serve him with great humility.*

As the hymn says: "Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness"

Shalom, Wayne





Please keep in your prayers:

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.



Pew News

**08 October 2017
St Francis and Animal Blessing**



OT: Genesis 1: 20-25
Gospel: Matthew 6: 25-29

What's on 09 - 15 October

Tues.	10 Oct.	Rhythm 'n' Riggle Governing Body	Taking a break for the holidays Christ the King	1.00 pm
Wed.	11 Oct.	Holy Communion Bible Study	Christ the King Taking a break for the holidays	9.00 am
Thurs.	12 Oct.	C+K's Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30 am
Sunday	15 Oct.	Holy Communion Family Service	Christ the King St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00 am 9.00 am

Next week

**15 October Service at 9 am
Invitation and Response**

Readings: Philippians 4: 4-9
Matthew 22: 1-14

MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS

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Theme & Readings

Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

Let the whole creation bless the Lord; praise and exalt our God forever.
(*Song of the Three Young Men 35*)

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

Gracious and Merciful God, you kindled in the heart of Francis such a flame of love that he became wholly yours; increase in us a wholehearted trust in you and a humble love of all your creatures, that we may know the joy the gospel brings; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Prayer Cycle

In our Diocese we pray for the Parishes of St Helier's, Kohimarama, Orakei, Glen Innes; and for Melanesian clergy studying at St John's College. In our mission district we pray for Overseas mission and stamps for mission, and the groups who use our facilities. In our community we pray for our local businesses and enterprises.

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