

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 **Jocelyn Cullen** who celebrates her birthday on **Tuesday 12th September!**



Church Magazine: It's time to work on the September issue of Church Life. Please forward any items to Fay in the church office by **Friday 15th September.**



Animal Blessing Service

This year's service will be on **Sunday October 8.** Anyone who would like to take part and/or help plan this special event, please let Wayne know as soon as possible.

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.

Retirement

Reverends **Richard and Colleen Binns** are retiring this month as Priests in charge of Paparoa Mission District. Their final service is a special combined Mission District service at Holy Trinity Church, Maungaturoto on **Sunday 24th September at 10.00 am** (after Daylight Saving starts), to be followed by a shared lunch

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.

Rhythm'n'Riggle

Our Pre-school music programme is underway again. If anyone is able to come along one Tuesday morning a month, that would be a great help. Please talk to Wayne if you think this could be you!

Direct Credit/Debit and Automatic Payment Giving

Giving in this manner is really helpful for our church, thank you. However it does mean that those who give in this manner may not have anything to 'put in the plate', and not see their offering 'blessed'. We now have cards available that you can put in the offering so your gift can be included and prayed for as part of our weekly offertory. Cards available on the entry table, or please ask the sidespeople for one.

Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

The Beatitudes – Summing Up

A thought on Matthew 5:10 from Glen H. Stassen in his book, *Living the Sermon on the Mount:* Jesus' climax at the end of the Beatitudes says exactly this:

“Stand faithful and do not get blown about by the ideologies of the world. ... If we lose our distinction from the world's greed, uncaring, self-centeredness, exclusionism, unfaithfulness, and violence, then we have no purpose.”

And, of course, a comment from John Stott in his commentary on the Sermon on the Mount:

“It may seem strange that Jesus should pass from peacemaking to persecution, from the work of reconciliation to the experience of hostility. Yet however hard we may try to make peace with some people, they refuse to live at peace with us. Not all attempts at reconciliation succeed.”

Today we conclude our more “in-depth” look at the Beatitudes. We have seen that they are not easy sayings, not glib words, nothing like popular wisdom. But I hope you will agree they actually make a great deal of sense – whether you are 'religious' or not! These words of Jesus give us a glimpse of what God's Kingdom is all about. Just imagine for a moment a world where people lived like this. Wow!!!

That I think is what Jesus is doing – giving us both a challenge and an encouragement. This is the character God's people are to have; this is what will “spill out” into the world and make a difference. A huge difference.

May I be so bold as to conclude like this:

*Blessed are those who strive to live according to the Beatitudes;
they warm our Heavenly Father's heart,
open the door to joy for their neighbours,
and bring light to the world.*

Shalom, Wayne





Please keep in your prayers:

Robin and Felicity Morgans, Helga and Terry Bardwell, Mary Hargreaves, Rev Edith McCarthy, Jocelyn Cullen, Marjorie Blake, Judith Brown, baby Jonathan, Sibyl Canning, Elspeth Cooze and any other of our congregations who are suffering from the current winter ills.

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 11 - 17 September

Tues.	12 Sept	Rhythm 'n' Riggle Governing Body	Christ the King Christ the King	10.00 am 1.00 pm
Wed.	13 Sept	Holy Communion Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Thurs.	14 Sept	C+K's Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30 am
Sunday	17 Sept	Holy Communion Community Service	Christ the King St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00 am 9.00 am

Next week

17 September Service at 9 am
Theme: Hard Words and Real Life

Readings: Romans 12: 9-18
Matthew 16: 21-28

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Theme & Readings

Prayer Book P. 404

Pew News

10 September 2017

Beatitudes 8
Persecution is a Blessing?

NT: Acts 5: 29-42
Gospel: Matthew 5: 10-12



Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. (*Romans 12:14*)

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

Lord of the church, you call a broken people around your table: in times of disagreement teach us to listen, loose us from prejudice and bind us to your way of forgiving grace; through Jesus Christ, who stands at the heart of our gathering. Amen.

Prayer Cycle

In our Diocese we pray for the Parishes of Blockhouse Bay, Avondale and Lynfield. In our mission district we pray for Worship Leaders, Liturgists, and Musicians at Sunday services, Bible readers and intercessors, sound and technology operators. In our community we pray for all churches, their ministers and elders, and their people.

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