

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 **Mary Hargreaves and Neville Dowson**, both celebrating their birthdays on **Monday 25th September**.



Church Life Magazine—September

The new magazine has been printed - pick up your copy in the foyer, (next Sunday for St Paul's). If you see a copy for someone who is not at church this morning, could you please deliver it to them, or pop it in their letter-box. Many thanks!

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.



Animal Blessing Service

This year's service will be on Sunday October 8. Those who would like to help plan this special occasion are invited to meet in the church this **Tuesday at 1.30pm**.

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.

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!

Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

AFTER THE ELECTION

Whatever happens, by Sunday morning we will have had an election and there will be some kind of result. There will be winners and losers. Some people will be happy and some people will be sad. That's one way of looking at it. There is another way – the way that Jesus came to reveal (and got into so much trouble for!). As a way of illustrating this, here is a "story" based on a passage in Anthony de Mello's book, The Song of the Bird.

Jesus Christ had never been to a rugby game. So we took him to one, my friends and I. It was a ferocious battle between the purple-striped Thunderers and the white-shirted Sprinters. The Sprinters scored first. Jesus cheered wildly and threw his cap high in the air. Then the Thunderers scored. And Jesus cheered wildly and threw his cap high in the air. This seemed to puzzle the man behind us. He tapped Jesus on the shoulder and asked, "Which side are you cheering for my good man?" "Me?" replied Jesus, "I'm not cheering for either side. I'm just enjoying the game." The questioner turned to his neighbour and sneered, "Huh! One of those!" We took Jesus up on this after the game. Was he never in the habit of taking sides? "I side with people," said Jesus. "I'm on the side of whatever gives life."

My prayer is that all those elected would be able to work together; and lead with integrity and respect in a way that enables all our people to enjoy life with dignity (and a healthy sense of humour!)

Shalom, Wayne





Please keep in your prayers:

Margaret Haverfield, 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 25 Sept - 01 October

Tues.	26 Sept	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Christ the King	10.00 am
Wed.	27 Sept	Holy Communion Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Thurs.	28 Sept	C+K's Craft Group	(no craft group this week)	
Sunday	01 Oct.	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Christ the King St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00 am 9.00 am

Next week

01 October Service at 9 am
Theme: Doing the Right Thing

Readings: Psalm 78: 1-7
Matthew 21: 28-32

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Theme & Readings

Prayer Book P. 456

Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts", says the Lord (Isaiah 55:9)

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

O God, from your providing hand even the dissatisfied and grumbling receive what they need for their lives. Teach us your ways of justice and lead us to practise your generosity, so that we may live a life worthy of the gospel made known through your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

Prayer Cycle

In our Diocese we pray for the Local Shared Ministry Unit of Bream Bay, Tutukaka Coast Community Church and Missions to Seafarers at Marsden Point and Whangarei. In our mission district we pray for Bible studies and small groups. In our community we pray for our Member of Parliament, Mayor and Councillors, District Council, local boards and committees.

Pew News

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All's Fair

OT: Psalm 105: 1-6
Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16



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