

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



Carol Service - Tonight! 7.00 pm at St Michael's, Hakaru. A time to sing some favourite carols, hear the story of Christmas and enjoy fellowship. Bring your family and friends.



Midnight Christmas

Communion: Sunday 24 Dec. 11.00 pm Christ the King, Mangawhai

Christmas Day Communion Monday 25 Dec. 9.00 am Christ the King, Mangawhai St Paul's, Kaiwaka

Happy Birthday! We extend our best birthday wishes to **Gwen Lawrence** who celebrates her birthday on **Tuesday 26th December**, **Elsbeth Cooze** on **Wednesday 3rd January**, and **Celia McCaw** on **Saturday 6th January**.



Office Hours - Christmas/New Year Break

The office will be closed from 12 noon, 22nd December and will re-open, Friday 12th January. Wayne will be on leave from after Christmas until 6th January, then from 8th—16th January. For any enquiries ring the office number Ph. 09 431-4122

Rosters - Please check the rosters on the board for January.

Cleaning Roster—2018

Thank you to our faithful volunteers who have cleaned the church throughout 2017. We need one more volunteer to complete the roster for 2018. This involves around 30 minutes of your time, every couple of months. Please contact Fay, 09 431-2449.



Check out the Trading Table!

All contributions welcome - baking, fresh produce, preserves, knitting & craft, books, clothing, unwanted gifts!! Any items with a re-sale value would be much appreciated.

Can You Help?

The hose and reel has disappeared from Christ the King – somebody obviously decided they needed it more than we did. We are grateful for the donation of a new hose. Does anyone have a "spare" hose reel they could give us? We will now lock the hose in the "gas tank shed".

Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

A Real Stable – Part 4

Here is the final part of the story. I hope it has helped highlight the message of this special season. As this is the last

'Wayne's Word' for 2017, I take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and blessed Christmas, and a New Year full of hope and promise.

When the stable was finished the men carried it into the church. It was certainly a great contrast to the other seasonal decorations: the candles, the wreath, the banners and hangings, the Christmas tree, the superb flowers. But the Vicar had to agree – it looked authentic. Especially with those bent nails and extra screw holes! The straw in the old nail box that had been made into a feed trough waiting for the baby just finished it.

"It's been a pretty interesting first day!" said Fred to Maurice. "Will we see you next week?"

Looking at his bruised thumbs Maurice replied, "I'm not sure you'd want me here again."

Sam smiled. "You're one of the team now." All the men came and clapped him on the back or shook his hand. "You'll do mate," they agreed. "Never seen the Vicar lost for words before. Reckon you've given him plenty to think about!"

Sam asked if Maurice was coming to the Christmas play on Sunday morning. "Think you'd better. Make sure the Vicar has real animals!"

Lou came up to Maurice and said, "Look, I've got a bit of a workshop where I make toys for the grandchildren and also give to some community groups. Store-bought toys are okay but I think handmade ones say something special. Anyway I could use a hand and I'm sure you'd pick it up. Here's my address. Come round tomorrow and have a look."

Before he left Maurice stopped in at the church. He walked up to the stable and did something he had never done before. He knelt. He knelt and bowed his head. "Thank you. Thank you for today," he said. "Thank you for my wife who

suggested I come here. Thank you for those blokes who welcomed me. Thank you for coming as one of us, like you did, in the stable. It means you know about life and it makes a difference. Thank you for this new opportunity. Now I have something to celebrate at Christmas." Maurice looked back at the stable as he left and smiled. A real stable for a real God.



Once again the stable had done what it has always done. Drawn people in from the edge. Linked them together. Given them welcome. New life. New beginning. Because it is the place where God came to earth.

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Please keep in your prayers:

Rev Bob Newman, Rev Edith McCarthy, Diana and Grant, Margot's sister Susan, 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 25 Dec. - 01 January

Mon.	25 Dec.	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Christ the King St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00 am 9.00 am
Wed.	27 Dec.	No morning service at Christ the King		
Sunday	31 Dec.	Holy Communion	Christ the King	9.00 am

Next week

31st December Service at 9 am
The Naming of Jesus
Readings: Galatians 4: 4-7
Luke 2: 15-21

MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS

Priest in Charge: Reverend Wayne Thornton, 431 4122

Priests' Warden: Lindsay McCaw 431 3460

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Rev Derek Christensen, Rev Edith McCarthy, Rev John McClean,
Rev Canon Bob Newman, Rev Dr Tony Stroobant

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Theme & Readings

Prayer Book P. 456

Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

This child will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end. *(Luke 1:32-33)*

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

Gracious God, whose eternal Word took flesh among us, when Mary placed her life at the service of your will: prepare our hearts for his coming again, and keep us steadfast in hope, that we may be ready for the coming of his kingdom; for his sake, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer Cycle

In our Diocese we pray for the Local Shared Ministry Units of Bream Bay and Tutukaka Community Church; and Missions to Seafarers Whangarei and Marsden Point. In our Mission District we pray for "Social" gatherings, Pastoral care, Wardens and Governing Body. In our community we pray for Renewal and Revival; that God's Spirit would move to heal and transform.

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Christ the King Mangawhai, St Michael & All Angels Hakaru, St Paul's Kaiwaka

Pew News

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Advent 4: "SING!"

OT: Isaiah 12: 2-6
Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

