

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

Note: Wayne will be at the annual Diocesan Ministry Conference, being held at Holy Trinity Cathedral Auckland, this coming Wednesday and Thursday.

Rhythm'n'Riggle

We continue to have new parents and children come along! It's fantastic to have such good attendance, but it does mean we would welcome more helpers. If you can come even once a month that would be great. Please talk to Sue or Wayne.

Bible Studies - Lent Study:

"A Lenten Patchwork – From the Wood to the Weave" -

To make a patchwork quilt, pieces of patterned material from various places are shaped and put together to make something new and useful. In a similar fashion, some of the things used during the trial and suffering and death of Jesus have been taken, along with relevant pieces of scripture, and joined together to create a five Lent Studies. (Studies available on the entry table, or the website)



Church Life - March edition: The next edition will be printed on 10th March. Please forward items, photos, etc. to the office by **Wednesday 7th March**.

New Telephone Directory—Mangawhai Mission District

Fay has produced a draft of the new directory—please check a copy in the foyer, and let her know if any changes are required.

Bible in Schools

We have a great opportunity to share the Good News at Kaiwaka Primary School. There are seven classes needing the Bible in Schools programme, but we only have five teachers. Classes are Wednesdays 12.30-1.30pm. Can you help? Or do you know someone who could? Please talk to Lynne Coates, phone 431 2020. And please keep this in your prayers.

Wild Weather - Our weather here has been unsettled, but nothing like Tonga has experienced. The Anglican Missions Office has launched an appeal to help in the aftermath of Cyclone Gita. If you would like to contribute, please go to the website: www.angmissions.org.nz or phone 04 473 5172. See the information on the noticeboard.



Advance Notice: Fundraising Stall Mangawhai Market: Sat. 31st March

Baking, preserves, produce & plants — start those cuttings now! More details to come.

Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

Reading the Bible

One of the things we are encouraged to do during this season of Lent, is to spend time reading the Bible and reflecting prayerfully on what we read.

Here are some "tips for Bible-reading" that may be helpful.

Pray before you read: In 1 Corinthians 2, Paul tells us that we can only understand the things of God through the power of the Spirit. We can read and read the Bible all day long, but only the Spirit can reveal to us the wisdom and truth that God has for us. We should come to the Bible humbly, first admitting that we need the Spirit to help us understand.

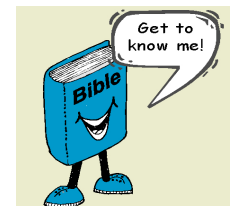
Read more than a few verses at a time: The Bible is not an encyclopedia. Books of the Bible were written to be read in only a few sittings (at most). In fact, it is a rather modern idea to that take isolated verses or passages and apply them to our lives; books of the Bible were often read in large chunks. Paul's letters, for example, were read aloud in their entirety to churches. It is always beneficial to read at least the chapter before or after the passage to help you understand the broader idea.

Use a Study Bible: Buy or borrow a study Bible to go with your reading. Study Bibles contain tons of notes that help explain each passage of the Bible. Not only that, but they offer cross-references to help you see other passages that relate to or are the foundation for the passage you are reading. You don't have to look at every note and study the Bible like a textbook, but this will help you better understand confusing passages and words. Study Bibles take some of the mystery out of Bible reading, and help relieve some of the anxiety we all feel when we open its pages.

Read in Community: The Bible is not meant to be read alone. The original audiences both heard and read the Scriptures in group settings as communities. God's Word is for us. There is no such thing as solo Christianity, and therefore there is no such thing as solo Bible reading. Yes, we should read alone and in private prayer, but we should also read with others, soaking in the wisdom and encouragement God has given them through the same Word. Reading God's Word with God's people is an opportunity for every part of the body to consider how we should function together on Christ's mission.

Whatever you do, just read the Bible. Try starting with the Psalms or the Gospels, which are rather straightforward books. The Psalms teach us how to worship God and how to pray, even in the distress of life. The Gospels tell us stories about our Saviour. But eventually, don't avoid Leviticus, Revelation, and other more "peculiar" books. They are all meant to transform us by setting our eyes on their ultimate Author.

Shalom, Wayne





Please keep in your prayers:

Robin Morgans, Diana and Grant, Margot's sister Susan, Jocelyn Cullen, Marjorie Blake, Judith Brown, baby Jonathan, Sibyl Canning and Elspeth Cooze.

We extend our heartfelt prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of the **Rev. Canon Bob Newman** who passed away on Monday 19th February. A memorial service for Bob will be held at Christ the King Church on Tuesday 27th February at 1.00 pm

We also extend our sincere sympathy and prayers to Margot and Peter Christie-Linnell following the sudden death of Margot's sister, Barbara, in Dunedin.

What's on 26 Feb - 04 March

Tues.	27 Feb.	Rhythm'n'Riggle Memorial Service	Christ the King Christ the King	10.00 am 1.00 pm
Wed.	28 Feb.	Holy Communion Lent Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Thurs.	01 Mar.	C&K Craft Group	Christ the King lounge	9am—4pm
Sunday	04 Mar.	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Christ the King St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00 am 9.00 am

Next week

04 March Service at 9 am
Lent 3 - The Temple
Readings: Psalm 15
John 2: 12-22

MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS

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Pew News

25 February 2018

Theme & Readings

Prayer Book P. 404

Lent 2 - The Cross

NT: 1 Cor. 1: 18-25
Gospel: Mark 8: 31-38



Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him. (Mark 8:34)

Prayer for the Week (Collect) God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life: grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer Cycle

In our Diocese we pray for the Parishes of Waimate North and the Bay of Islands, Mangonui Mission District and the Local Shared Ministry Units of Kerikeri, Kawakawa/Towai/Paihia, Russell, and for Local Shared Ministry Enablers. In our Mission District we pray for our Treasurer and Finance team, Property committee, Administrator and all involved in administration and roster organisation. In our community we pray for our local newspapers and media, for all involved in radio, communication and public relations.

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