

## 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 **Alan Whitaker and Bill Bygrave** celebrating tomorrow, **Monday 2nd April** and also to **Robin Morgans** celebrating on **Thursday 5th April**.



**Happy Anniversary!** - To **Alan and Margaret Whitaker** who celebrated their **62nd Wedding Anniversary** yesterday, **Saturday 31st March**. (When they married 62 years ago, it was also on Easter Saturday!).



**Coffee Morning - Thursday 5th April, 10.00 am**  
At **196 Thelma Road North**. Hosted by Celia McCaw and Margaret Whitaker. It will be a 'Griffins' morning tea!

### Picnic Report

Due to the indifferent weather last Sunday, we held our Combined Picnic in the All Saints' Hall, Wellsford. Great food and fellowship were enjoyed; and we entertained ourselves by playing indoor bowls (and discovered some very skilful players in our midst!) A big thank you to all who helped make this a very successful occasion.

**Mangawhai Mission District AGM 2018 – Sunday 08 April, after the service:** We will have our church service as usual, followed by the AGM, and then a shared lunch. Please note this important meeting on your calendar and plan to be there. We need nominations for Governing Body members and People's Warden. Please give this your prayerful consideration.

**AGM**

**Bible Study – Wednesdays 10am in Christ the King Lounge**  
Final gatherings for this term on April 4 and 11.

### New Rosters

Please check the draft rosters on the noticeboard and make sure it works for you! Any changes required, please let Wayne or Fay know. Also, if you are not rostered for any of the duties, but would like to be, please see Wayne.

### After Easter ... "re.cognition"

Over seven nights, in the week after Easter, Holy Trinity Cathedral will host an interactive art installation called 're.cognition'. This will be a public event which invites visitors to engage in the Easter story, focusing on the resurrection narratives. Visitors will begin in the nave and journey across the entire cathedral site. Stations will engage different senses, pose questions for reflection and invite a deepening of faith. re.cognition is the result of a collaboration between Sarah Park and Mark Pierson from The Upper Room and author of *The Art of Curating Worship*. It's our hope that re.cognition will be a creative way to invite the public into our sacred story.

## Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

### Did Jesus of Nazareth really rise from the dead?

Lee Strobel in his books *The Case for Easter: A journalist investigates evidence for the resurrection* and

*The Case for Christ* outlines the "yes!" answer on a rational and logical basis – here are some excerpts:

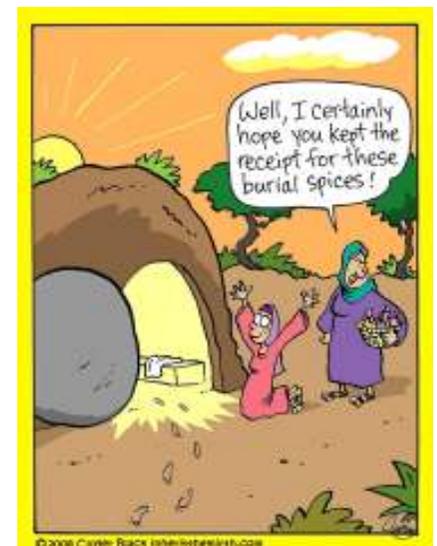
The site of Jesus' tomb was known to Christian and Jew alike. So if it weren't empty, it would be impossible for a movement founded on belief in the resurrection to have come into existence in the same city where this man had been publicly executed and buried. We can tell from the language, grammar, and style that Mark got his empty tomb story from an earlier source. In fact, there's evidence it was written before AD 37, which is much too early for legend to have seriously corrupted it.

Then there's the simplicity of the empty tomb story in Mark. Fictional apocryphal accounts from the second century contain all kinds of flowery narratives, in which Jesus comes out of the tomb in glory and power, with everybody seeing him, including the priests, Jewish authorities, and Roman guards. Those are the way legends read, but these don't come until generations after the events, which is after eyewitnesses have died off. By contrast, Mark's account of the story of the empty tomb is stark in its simplicity and unadorned by theological reflection. Also the unanimous testimony that the empty tomb was discovered by women argues for the authenticity of the story, because this would have been embarrassing for the disciples to admit and most certainly would have been covered up if this were a legend.

Finally, the earliest Jewish polemic presupposes the historicity of the empty tomb. In other words, there was nobody who was claiming that the tomb still contained Jesus' body. The question always was, "What happened to the body?" The Jews proposed the ridiculous story that the guards had fallen asleep. Obviously, they were grasping at straws. But the point is this: they started with the assumption that the tomb was vacant! Why? Because they knew it was!"

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!!!

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.

**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: 02 - 08 April 2018**

Tues.	03 Apr.	Rhythm'n'Riggle	Christ the King	10.00 am
Wed.	04 Apr.	Holy Communion Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Thurs.	05 Apr.	C + K Group Communion Coffee Morning	Christ the King 196 Thelma Road North	9 am—4pm 10.00 am
Sunday	08 Apr.	Family Communion followed by AGM and shared lunch	Christ the King	9.00 am

**Next week**

**08 April Service at 9 am  
Responding to the Good News**

**Readings:** Acts 4: 32-35  
John 20: 19-31

**MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS**

**Priest in Charge:** Reverend Wayne Thornton, 431 4122

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# Pew News

**01 April 2018  
Easter! - The Empty Tomb**

**Theme & Readings**

NT: Acts 10: 34-43  
Gospel: Mark 16: 1-8



**Scripture for the Week (Sentence)**

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Alleluia! (*Luke 24:34, Revelation 1:6*)

**Prayer for the Week (Collect)**

**Jesus Christ our Saviour, you have delivered us from death and sin. You have brought with the dawn a new beginning and an empty tomb; grant us strength and humility to enter into life. Amen.**

**Prayer Cycle**

In our Diocese we pray for the parishes of St Paul Symonds Street, St Matthew in the City, Ponsonby, the Mission Venture of St Augustine; Mission to Seafarers Auckland, Ranfurly Veteran's Home and Hospital and the Disability Community. 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.

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