

## 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 **Fay Burnett**, celebrating her birthday today, Sunday 4th March and also **Maralynne Latu** on Thursday 8th March.



### Harvest Festival – Next Sunday 11 March at 9 am

An opportunity to celebrate God's goodness and the great place we live in; and to pray for local farmers, growers and producers. Please bring non-perishable 'harvest items' that can be blessed and distributed. Please invite family, friends, neighbours, farmers, growers etc to this special celebration.

### Rhythm'n'Riggle - Christ the King

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 five Lent Studies. (Studies available on the entry table or on the website)



### 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.

### Coffee Morning, Mangawhai - Advance Notice

Our next coffee morning will be **Thursday 5th April** - details to be advised.

**Fundraising Stall—Mangawhai Market, Saturday 31st March.** See details on insert.

## Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

### The Value of the Desert

(see Mark 1:11-13)

In the midst of all that Jesus was going to come across, in the thick of all Jesus was going to have to deal with as soon as he emerged from the desert: the hustle and bustle, the clamour of people, the cheering, the booing, the arguments and difficulties, the triumphs ... and trials - Jesus would want to be sure of being able to recognise the one voice that would lead him through all of that. The one voice that would keep him on track. The one voice that was true and dependable. He needed to be sure he could recognise that voice.

Forty days and forty nights in the desert enabled Jesus to recognize that voice in any circumstance. I am not suggesting that we all troop off to the desert for forty days. Nor am I suggesting that we all go on retreat for forty or even four days or even four hours. I am suggesting that during this time of Lent we take a cue from Jesus and focus on finding and listening to the voice from heaven.

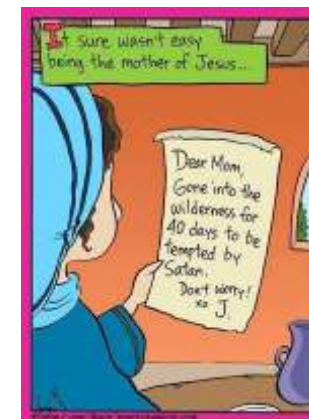
Because there is a voice, from heaven, which says to us, which says to you: *You are my own dear daughter, and I am pleased with you. You are my own dear son and I am pleased with you.* There is a voice of encouragement from heaven for each and every one of us. We just need to hear it.

Only one voice leads in the right direction, for it is the voice of guidance. A voice that leads on the right path: the voice of life. Jesus knew that and took forty days and forty nights to familiarise himself with that voice. I encourage you to follow Jesus' lead: seek that voice, become familiar with it, and let it lead you on the way ahead. And "the desert" is a good place to do that because there are few other things to distract us.

So let us all take some "desert time", encouraged by these words from Ruth Burgess:

*The desert waits, ready for those who come,  
who come obedient to the Spirit's leading;  
or are driven, because they will not come any other way.  
The desert always waits, ready to let us know who we are -  
the place of self-discovery.  
And whilst we fear, and rightly, the loneliness  
and emptiness and harshness,  
we forget the angels whom we cannot see for  
our blindness,  
but who come when God decides that we need  
their help;  
when we are ready for what they can give us.*

Shalom, Wayne





**Please keep in your prayers:**

Dianne and Kevin Hawken, 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 05 - 11 March

Tues.	06 Mar.	Rhythm'n'Riggle	Christ the King	10.00 am
Wed.	07 Mar.	Holy Communion Lent Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Thurs.	08 Mar.	C&K Craft Group Garden Club	Christ the King Christ the King	9am—Noon 1.00 pm
Sunday	11 Mar.	Harvest Festival & Holy Communion	Christ the King	9.00 am

### Next week

**11 March Service at 9 am  
Harvest Festival**

**Readings:** Deuteronomy 26: 1-11  
John 3: 14-21

### MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS

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### Assisting Clergy:

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Rev Dr Tony Stroobant

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## Theme & Readings

Prayer Book P. 456

### Lent 3

**The Ten Commandments**

OT: Exodus 20:1-17

Gospel: John 2: 13-22



## Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

“Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy” (*Exodus 20:8*)

## Prayer for the Week (Collect)

**God of Moses, you guide us with your law, you welcome our worship on the mountain and in the temple; we worship you. Draw us deeper into you that we might reflect your love and faithfulness and serve your kingdom with holiness. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Prayer Cycle

In our Diocese we pray for the Parishes of Mount Eden and Grey Lynn, the Telugu and Asian Mission Districts, the Tongan Anglican Mission, the Local Shared Ministry Unit of Waiheke Island and Great Barrier Island. In our Mission District we pray for “Support services” - eg lawnmowers, gardeners, those who work around the grounds, cleaners, flower arrangers, “odd job” helpers. In our community we pray for doctors and nurses, St John, medical centres, and the Fire Service.

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