

## 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

**Stations of the Cross:** Once again we are inviting people to contribute crosses for our Holy Week morning devotions. Please see Wayne if you have a cross to contribute.

### Readers Required for Good Friday Service

Our Good Friday Service, 9am on March 30, will take up the themes from our Lent Studies; recreating the events of that day in symbol, story and song. Six readers are required. Please add your name to the list on the noticeboard.

### Happy Birthday!

We extend our best birthday wishes to **Margot Christie-Linnell** who celebrates her birthday today, **Sunday 18th March!**



**Harvest Festival Thank You** - Thank you for the great variety of "harvest goods" brought for our Harvest Festival. These have now been given to local foodbanks, who were very pleased to receive them on behalf of families in need.

**PICNIC: Sunday 25 March:** The first "Combined Mission District Event" for 2018 is a picnic at Port Albert (through Wellsford and on to SH16, then turning on to Port Albert Road). We will have our church services as usual and gather at Port Albert around 12.15pm. In the event of bad weather, we will picnic in the All Saints' Church Hall. The All Saints' congregation have extended an invitation to join them for worship at 11am, on the way to the picnic]

# AGM

**Mangawhai Mission District AGM 2017 – Sunday 08 April, after the service at Christ the King Church:** 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 Reports:** Could all reports be forwarded to the church office by 28th March please - Priest-in-Charge, Wardens, Worship Centres and Finance.

**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

### "Passion" Sunday

"Passion" always seemed to me a rather unusual, and perhaps even mistaken, word to describe this Sunday. It could be because the images that initially sprang to mind were all in the Mills and Boon, Hollywood movie, steamy romance style! I could not quite equate that with the image of Jesus hanging on the cross. "Passion" on the one side and "Jesus on the cross" on the other seemed at the very least inappropriate; and more likely glaringly out of place.

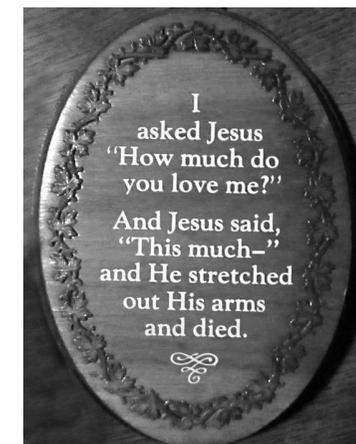
"Passion" is reserved for relationships of an intimate nature, and not usually talked about much anyway. Perhaps too down to earth and graphic to be about Jesus and us? Then when I was ordained Priest, a friend gave me a plaque with some telling words on it. Words that helped me make sense of all this: "I asked Jesus 'How much do you love me?' And Jesus said, 'This much - ' and He stretched out His arms and died."

Jesus loved his disciples, the crowds, and yes even those Pharisees, with a passion greater than the most in-love couple in a Harlequin Romance. Jesus loves us that much. Passionately. John 3:16 tells us that God loved the whole world, us and all creation, so much that he gave his one and only Son. Jesus embodied that – literally gave his body - to show this on the cross.

Jesus gave absolutely everything in order to love us as we have never been loved before. John 15:13 records: *No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.* That verse says "friends", but Passion Sunday reminds us we are so much more than Jesus' friends. We are the love of Jesus' life (and his death, and his resurrection)! You are the love of Jesus' life. Doesn't that just blow your mind?!

Move over Mills and Boon, "Women's" magazines and Hollywood. Today we celebrate, yes celebrate, what real love is all about. Passion Sunday. There couldn't be a more fitting title.

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.

**Thank You!** "Thank you for the lovely card and to all who have prayed for and send messages of support over the time of my sister Barbara's death last month. Her family are still experiencing the shock and grief that accompanies a sudden accidental death, and continued prayer would be very much appreciated. Special thanks to the St Paul's congregation for the memorial plants which are already flourishing!" Margot Christie-Linnell

## What's on 19 - 25 March

Tues.	20 Mar.	Rhythm'n'Riggle	Christ the King	10.00 am
Wed.	21 Mar.	Holy Communion Lent Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Thurs.	22 Mar.	C&K Craft Group	Christ the King Lounge	9am—Noon
Sunday	25 Mar.	Holy Communion followed by Combined Picnic at Port Albert from 12.15 pm	Christ the King	9.00 am

### Next week

**25 March Service at 9 am  
Palm Sunday**

**Readings:** Philippians 2: 5-11  
Mark 11: 1-11

### MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS

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

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### Assisting Clergy:

Rev Derek Christensen, Rev Edith McCarthy, Rev John McClean,  
Rev Dr Tony Stroobant

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### Theme & Readings

# Pew News

18 March 2018

### Passion Sunday

Gospel: Mark 14 and 15



### Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow. (*Lamentations 1:12*)

### Prayer for the Week (Collect)

**Most merciful God, by the passion of your Son Jesus Christ, you delivered us from the power of darkness; grant that through faith in him who suffered on the cross, we may be found acceptable in your sight, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### Prayer Cycle

In our Diocese we pray for the Parishes of Takapuna, Milford and Devonport; and the Royal New Zealand Navy, Devonport. In our Mission District we pray for Worship Leaders, Liturgists, and Musicians at Sunday services, Bible readers and intercessors, sound and technology operators. In our community we pray for all churches, their ministers and elders, and their people.

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