

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



“Busy Hands” Craft Display – THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all those whose “busy hands” contributed to a wonderful display of talent and creativity. Thanks also to those who came along and helped make the day such a great success.

This Week:

Happy birthday!

We extend our best birthday wishes to **Helga Bardwell**, celebrating her birthday on **Thursday 23rd August**



As a St John Chaplain, Wayne will be attending the annual Professional Development Seminar in Wellington, August 21 and 22. Please remember him and indeed all the gathered Chaplains in your prayers.

Rhythm'n'Riggle

We are all set to go again this Tuesday. If you would like to help with this fun and lively ministry, please come along to Christ the King Lounge at 10am.

Bible Study – A New Study: “God Rescues His People”

We have begun a new series using the “Conversations” method of Bible study. The focus will be the Book of Exodus. Studies are available on the entry table.

***Please note:** *no study this week, August 22, as Wayne is at a Professional Development Seminar.*



Mangawhai Market Fundraising Stall—Labour Weekend - Volunteers needed!

We are planning another fundraising stall at the Mangawhai market, **Saturday 20th October** and will need confirmed volunteers before we book a space. If you can help on the day, setting up, (8 am), selling items, or packing up (after 12 noon), please let Wayne or Fay know.

September issue of Church Life Magazine

This issue is due out mid September. Please forward any items to Fay in the office by **Friday 7th September**.

Food Bank Thanks

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so generously to our regular food bank collection. It is much appreciated and has really helped some families out at a difficult time of year.

Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

The Work of Our Hands

In her book of reflections on hands, gifts and God: *A Show of Hands*, Rita F. Snowden writes:

The people of Ashanti are outstanding wood-workers - and no wonder. Before they begin a day's work, they pray this prayer: 'Thou hast made all things beautiful. Thou hast made this lovely world, and this beautiful timber. . . . We must help Thee and serve Thee. We have come to lend Thee a helping hand. Help us this day to carve truly and well.'

They recognize no man-made dividing line between things sacred and secular. They remember that when God sought to communicate with men and women, He did not propound theological propositions, discuss philosophical ideas, or lay social schemes for raising the status of craftsmen earning their living by the sweat of their brows - He set a wood-worker in their midst.

When He came to Nazareth later, to exercise a speaking, healing ministry, the words which came readiest to the lips of those who would fashion a sneer, were: 'Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda and Simon?' (Mark 6: 3). Dr William Barclay assures us that the word rendered 'carpenter' in our versions really means 'craftsman' - a skilled man who, with few tools, could turn his hand to any job. Jesus, he is confident, had that skill. Far from being cause for offence, this was one of the clearest points at which the meaning of the Incarnation was to be understood.

With the words of Divine approval at His baptism, 'Thou art My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased,' we ought to be able to get this all-important issue into focus. No piece of slipshod work ever came from His bench, or He would never have had the audacity to come back and face those village people whom He had served; even greater proof lies in the fact that when that approval was given, He hadn't then preached a single sermon, or healed a single sick person. All that He had done was a task of honest wood-work, of craftsmanship.

It doesn't need any stretch of imagination to think of Him praying, morning by morning as He came to His bench, an earlier version of that prayer of the Ashanti craftsmen. And you and I must make our own prayer, as we set our hands to our daily task. If it is true that the Word became flesh, it is also true that the flesh can be made to utter the authentic Word. Arnold Toynbee, speaking in our day, is right: 'Man at work can be happy and spiritually healthy, only if he feels that he is working in God's world, and for God's glory, through doing what is God's work.'

Food for thought, inspiration for work ...

Shalom, Wayne



Piglet noticed that even though he had a very small heart, he could hold a rather large amount of gratitude.



Please keep in your prayers:

Rev. Edith McCarthy; Trewby and Rosemary; Ann and Neville's grandson, Chris; Helga and Terry's nephew, Wayne; Bob and Jan Vartan; Bev. Jaques; Peter Burnett; 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, or home Communion from Wayne, please let him know.

What's on: 20 - 26 August

Tues.	21 Aug	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Christ the King	10.00 am
Wed.	22 Aug	Holy Communion	Christ the King	9.00 am
Thurs.	23 Aug	C + K Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30am—3pm
Sunday	26 Aug	Family Communion	Christ the King	9.00 am

Next week

26 August Service at 9 am
Theme: **Dressed for Work**

Readings: Ephesians 6: 10-20
John 6: 61-69

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Pew News

19 August 2018
Theme: **"Busy Hands"**

Theme & Readings

OT: Exodus 35: 25-29
Gospel: Mark 1: 40-42



Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands — O prosper the work of our hands! (*Psalm 90:17*)

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

God, you are working still, breaking down and building up; open our eyes to discern your hands, so that we may take our place as labourers together with you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Takapuna, Milford and Devonport, and the Royal New Zealand Navy Devonport. 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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