

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

This Week:



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. This week: Moses Born and Saved, Exodus 2:1-10. Wednesdays, 10am at Christ the King Church.

“Busy Hands” Craft Display – Raffle Winners

Thank you to all those who contributed to this. There were three prizes: Pink Basket – Maureen; Roses – Heather; Picnic Bag – Hazel.

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.

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.

Fire Drill - We are required to have a fire drill at least once a year, and it has been a while since the last one ... so this is advance warning that one Sunday morning in the next few weeks there will be a fire drill.

WELLSFORD OP SHOP - Help - Warm winter clothing needed!

With the drop in temperatures and heavy rainfalls, the demand for warm winter clothing has increased and stocks are low. Please give any items to Wayne, or drop into the shop.

Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

Life and Hard Words

At the end of Chapter 6 in John's gospel, the “Bread of Life” chapter, Jesus speaks some difficult words; or at least words that both the crowd and his disciples struggled with. There is grumbling, turning away, bewilderment and downright refusal. There is also a message of life and hope. To help pick a way through all this I consulted Professor of New Testament Brian Peterson, who writes:

The issue raised in this text revolves around a division between those who believe and those who do not. The text makes clear, however, that unbelief can be found not only among “them” on the outside, those we so easily forget or write off. The pain of unbelief is found among us (and within us!), reflected in this text both in those disciples who leave and in the one who stays to betray Jesus. Where will we find ourselves in this narrative? Are we the disciples who turn and leave, or those who with Peter confess that Jesus is the one - the only one - with the words of eternal life?

Chapter six begins with a huge crowd that needs to be fed and is interested enough to track down Jesus across the lake, but soon becomes disenchanted and grumbling. Even many of his disciples who stay around through the long sermon, in the end, cannot accept it. At the end of the chapter, only twelve are left, and even one of them will betray Jesus. The direction of chapter 6 is not, as far as “flesh” is concerned, a promising trajectory.

Yet God is working life in the midst of apparent failure and rejection. The church is still called to see that it is in such places that the Word of Life is doing its work around us, among us, and within us. The presence of Peter the denier, and even of Judas the betrayer, at the end of this text is a striking note of hope. Our natural inclination is to turn and leave, to avoid the difficult call and above all to avoid the cross. Yet the Word, the Spirit, and the Father continue to call, and enlighten, and draw us to life.

Peter's response to Jesus is not a word of despair or a statement that they will have to settle for Jesus because there is nothing else. Peter and the others who remain have been given the gift of knowing that Jesus is the one who can give genuine life ... Peter and the others (and we too) are asked for a response. Peter and the other twelve “choose” to remain, recognising that the Father has indeed drawn us to faith in Jesus, and thus to eternal life.

Where else could we go indeed ...



Shalom, Wayne



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: 27 Aug. - 02 Sept

Tues.	28 Aug	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Christ the King	10.00 am
Wed.	29 Aug	Holy Communion Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Thurs.	30 Aug	C + K Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30am—3pm
Sunday	02 Sept	Morning Worship Holy Communion	Christ the King St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00 am 9.00 am

Next week

02 September Service at 9 am
Theme: **Words of the Heart**

Readings: Psalm 15
Mark 7: 14-20

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Pew News

26 August 2018
Theme: **Dressed for Work**

Theme & Readings

Prayer Book P.476

NT: Ephesians 6: 10-20
Gospel: John 6: 61-69



Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

Jesus said, 'It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.' (*John 6:63*)

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

Gracious God, your law is life and love, where evil has no place; set our minds and hearts on holy living, that our outward lives may reflect the truth set within us by the call of your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 Northern Wairoa and Paparoa Mission Districts, and the Cooperating Parish of Ruawai. In our Mission District we pray for "Social" gatherings, Pastoral care, Wardens and Vestry/Governing Body. In our community we pray for Renewal and Revival; that God's Spirit would move to heal and transform.

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