

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 **Sibyl Canning**, celebrating her birthday on **Tuesday, 11th September**, and **Jocelyn Cullen**, celebrating on **Wednesday 12th September**.



Taonga Magazine - The latest issue of this magazine relating to the life of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand is available on the entry table.

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 Escapes to Midian, Exodus 2:11-25. Wednesdays, 10am at Christ the King Church.

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**. 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.

Sermons etc

Remember Wayne's sermons, our Bible Studies and Pew News are all available “on line” on our website: www.mangawhaianglican.org.nz. Sermons are also available on the entry table, or on request.

Special Lecture: The Interfaith Struggle Against Modern Slavery

This is the Vaughn Park Sir Paul Reeves Memorial Lecture for 2018. The speaker will be Bishop Sir David Moxon. Thursday 27 September, 7.30pm at Massey University Albany. Please email admin@vaughnpark.org.nz to register. See the full notice on the board.

Pastoral Care

After our recent focus on “Pastoral Care”, we now have a Coordinator – Fay Burnett, and a team of visitors. What we are all encouraged to do is notice and be observant. If you become aware of people or a situation where a visit on behalf of the church would be helpful, please contact our Coordinator, Fay; or Minister, Wayne.

Pastoral Care Coordinator: Fay Burnett 431 2449

Minister: Wayne Thornton 431 4122

Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

FAITH

There are all sorts of definitions of “faith”. Alongside this are learned articles, books and personal stories. So I kind of warmed to this which I came across during the week as I was looking for something a little “out of the ordinary” on the subject.

About a year and a half ago, I bought a new navy blazer at Nordstrom. It was one of those cases you may have gone through where you buy an item of clothing and the more you wear it, the more you realize you don't like it. My blazer wasn't the right colour, and to make matters worse, it attracted lint like it was going out of style. After wearing it pretty regularly for six months or so, I stuck it in my closet and didn't wear it for a long time.

Tucked away in the back of my mind all the while was that famous Nordstrom unconditional-return policy. I thought, I've had this thing for a year and a half. I've worn it lots of times, and there's just no way they're going to take it back. About two weeks ago I decided I had nothing to lose. I pulled the blazer out, threw a lot of lint on it to make it look bad, and took it down to Nordstrom's men's department. I walked in, and immediately I felt nervous. I felt like I was about to pull a scam of some sort, but I played it straight. I walked right up to the first salesman I saw and gave this little prepared speech. I said, "I am about to put your famous unconditional-return policy to its ultimate test. I have here a blazer. I've worn it lots. I've had it for a year and a half. I don't like it. It's the wrong colour, and it attracts lint like it's going out of style. But I want to return this blazer for another blazer that I like." Then I stood there.

I couldn't believe it. This guy with a big handlebar moustache just looked at me and shook his head. He said, "For heaven's sake, what took you so long? Let's go find you a blazer." Ten minutes later I walked out with another blazer that was marked seventy-five dollars more than I paid for the one that I brought in. It was perfect for me. Didn't cost me a penny. God is like Nordstrom.

God makes all sorts of outlandish promises that we cannot bring ourselves to believe. Can we? When we get up enough courage or we're desperate enough, we finally take him at his word. He looks at us and he shakes his head. "For heaven's sake," he says, "what took you so long?"

Makes you think ... and hopefully act!

Shalom, Wayne

faith
does not
make things easy
it makes them
POSSIBLE
luke 1:37



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: 10—16 September

Tues.	11 Sept	Rhythm 'n' Riggle Governing Body	Christ the King Christ the King	10.00 am 1.00 pm
Wed.	12 Sept	Holy Communion Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Thurs.	13 Sept	C + K Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30am—noon
Sunday	16 Sept	Holy Communion Morning Worship	Christ the King St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00 am 9.00 am

Next week

16 September Service at 9 am
Theme: Taking up the Cross

Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-9a
Mark 8: 31-38

MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS

Priest in Charge: Reverend Wayne Thornton, 431 4122
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Office Administrator: Fay Burnett - Fridays 8am – 12 noon, 431 4122
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Pew News

09 September 2018
Theme: Faith

Theme & Readings

Prayer Book P. 476

OT: Psalm 146
Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28



Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

So speak and so act as those to be judged by the law of liberty.
(James 2:13)

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

O God, whose word is life, and whose delight is to answer our cry: give us faith like that of the woman who refused to remain an outsider, so that we too may have the wit to argue and demand that our children be made whole, through Jesus Christ. Amen

Prayer Cycle

In our Diocese we pray for the Parishes of Mount Albert and Mount Roskill, the Mission District of Balmoral, the Diocese of Polynesia Indian Congregation and Unitec. In our Mission District we pray for our Clergy team, Communion Assistants, welcomers, morning tea helpers, all involved in hospitality and home communions. In our community we pray for all involved in the legal sector, especially lawyers, judges and the police.

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