

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 **Mary Hargreaves, Sara McAulay and Neville Dowson**, celebrating their birthdays this week.



Blessing of the Animals—St Francis of Assisi Service
Sunday 7th October - Christ the King Church 9 am
All pets welcome (suitably restrained).

Leprosy Mission

On **Sunday October 14** Gillian Whitley will be speaking to us about the work of the Leprosy Mission. We will be taking a special cash offering to support this vital mission, so you might like to bring something for this.



Christianity, Creation and Climate Change

- How is climate change affecting our Earth and our country?
- What does our faith tell us about how to live in "our common home"?
- How can we respond?

An ecumenical and community event on **Saturday 13 October, 1.30 pm at Christ the King Church.**

Auckland Heritage Festival: "Hatched, Matched and Dispatched"

An exhibition featuring christening gowns, wedding dresses and mourning items. October 5-14, 10am to 4pm daily in the Selwyn Library, 8 St Stephens Avenue Auckland. See the poster on the board.

Bible 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: Let My People Go, Exodus 5:1-21. Wednesdays, 10am at Christ the King Church.

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.



Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

THE GREATEST?

"Who is greater?" Jesus once asked. "Is it the man who eats at the most expensive restaurant and pays by Gold Amex? Or is it the one who brings this man his meal?"

The answer is obvious isn't it ... The one eating the meal is greater! The one who lives in the penthouse apartment is greater. The one who rides in a chauffeur driven Rolls Royce, but also owns a Ferrari is greater. The one with their picture on the magazine cover is greater. The one who presents the TV news is greater. All these are greater than the one who cleans their restrooms, delivers their newspapers, collects their rubbish. You get the picture ...

What Jesus asks just doesn't make sense – does it? The answer is obvious: the more important, successful, known, useful person is surely the greater. But here is what Jesus says in Luke chapter 22, verses 25-27: *Kings like to throw their weight around and people in authority like to give themselves fancy titles. It's not going to be that way with you. Let the senior among you become like the junior; let the leader act the part of the servant. Who would you rather be: the one who eats the dinner or the one who serves the dinner? You'd rather eat and be served, right? But I've taken my place among you as the one who serves.*

Jesus says he has taken his place as 'the one who serves'. And he is asking his followers to do the same. Now Jesus is not talking about being a wimp who is walked all over. Serving and being a servant – even as a leader – means not looking to grab all the glory. Being selfless rather than selfish in using our time, our abilities and our possessions. It involves looking out for the best interests of others. We are to help, encourage and support others – even people we do not particularly like. It means living and acting in such a way to enhance others' enjoyment of life. That, says Jesus, is what "being great" is all about.

Billy Graham said that "true greatness is not measured by the headlines a person commands or the wealth he or she accumulates. The inner character of a person – the undergirding moral and spiritual values and commitments – is the true measure of lasting greatness."

Or maybe to put it in a nutshell: real greatness means being great in little things.

Shalom, Wayne



"His idea of 'servant leadership' is we serve, he leads."



Please keep in your prayers:

Bernard Chivers, 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: 24—30 September

Tues.	25 Sept	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Christ the King	10.00 am
Wed.	26 Sept	Holy Communion Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Thurs.	27 Sept	C + K Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30am—3pm
Sunday	30 Sept	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Christ the King St Michael's, Hakaru (followed by lunch in the hall)	9.00 am 11.30pm

Next week

30 September Service at 9 am
Theme: For or Against?

Readings: James 5:13-20
Mark 9: 38-41

MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS

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Pew News

23 September 2018
Theme: The Greatest?

Theme & Readings

Prayer Book P. 456

OT: Psalm 1
Gospel: Mark 9:33-37



Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all. (Mark 9:35)

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

Holy God, in your economy the last will be first and the first will be last; grant us such humility that we may recognise and welcome all your children with open hands, warm hearts and generous minds, in the hospitality of the Father, the grace of the Son, and the warmth of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer Cycle

In our Diocese we pray for the Parish of Whangarei and the Local Shared Ministry Units of Onerahi/Manaia and Maunu, Whangarei Anglican Care Centre, Northland Urban Rural Mission and Northland Polytechnic. In our Mission District we pray for Sunday children's ministry and Rhythm'n'Riggle. In our community we pray for all schools, colleges and places of learning.

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