

## 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



**Coffee Morning - Thursday 11th October, 10.00 am**  
at **2 Thelma Road Sth, Mangawhai**, hosted by Maralynne and Tevita Latu. All welcome!

### Happy Birthday!

We extend our best birthday wishes to **Lorraine Benfield**, who celebrated her birthday on **Saturday 6th October**, and also to **Robin Blake**, celebrating on **Friday 12th October!**



### 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.

### Funding for Driveway—Christ the King Church

We have received a very generous donation from the Mangawhai Community Op Shop Trust, and following a change in contractor, we are hopeful of making a start on the driveway as soon as possible!



### 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

We are taking a break for the school holidays. Copies of the latest study available on the entry table.

**Rhythm'n'Riggle** We are taking a much deserved break for the school holidays. Starting again on Tuesday October 16 at 10am.

### Quiet Day - Saturday 27 October

**Theme:** Transitions. Anglican Church Hall, Warkworth. See full notice on the board.

## Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

### US, THE WORLD AND BEYOND ...

St Francis had the attitude of holding very lightly to the things of this world. Holding so lightly in fact that you end up with nothing permanently. I was reflecting on this and reading through an article on "Creation" in The Christian Handbook of Nearly Everything, and I came across the following which I think St Francis would have found some agreement with:

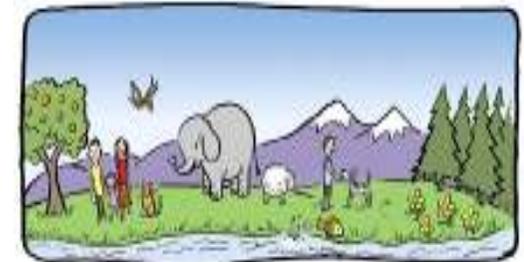
We are to see ourselves as passing through the world, not belonging there permanently. We are, so to put it, tourists rather than residents. In his *Geneva Catechism* Calvin suggests that we should "learn to pass through this world as though it is a foreign country, treating all earthly things lightly and declining to set our hearts upon them." In other words, we are encouraged to enjoy, respect and explore the world - while realizing that it is not our home.

All things that are connected with the enjoyment of the present life are sacred gifts of God. If we abuse them, however, we pollute them. Why? Because we always dream of staying in this world - with the result that those things which were meant to help us pass through it instead become hindrances to us, in that they hold us fast to the world. So it was not without good reason that Paul, wishing to arouse us from this stupidity, calls us to consider the brevity of this life and suggests that we ought to treat all the things of this life as if we did not own them. For if we recognize that we are strangers in the world, we will use the things of this world as if they belong to someone else - that is, as things that are lent to us for a single day.

One of the finest statements of this attitude may be found in Jonathan Edwards's sermon "The Christian Pilgrim", in which he affirms that "it was never designed by God that this world should be our home." Speaking with the eighteenth-century situation in New England in mind, Edwards declared:

*Though surrounded with outward enjoyments, and settled in families with desirable friends and relations; though we have companions whose society is delightful, and children in whom we see many promising qualifications; though we live by good neighbors and are generally beloved where known; yet we ought not to take our rest in these things as our portion ... We ought to possess, enjoy and use them, with no other view but readily to quit them, whenever we are called to it, and to change them willingly for heaven.*

THE EARTH AND ALL THE PEOPLE, PLANTS AND ANIMALS  
ARE GIFTS FROM GOD.



GOD WANTS US TO TAKE CARE OF THESE GIFTS.

Shalom, Wayne



**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.

Also remember in your prayers, Heather Skinner and Adam Gallagher, to be married Friday 12 October at Christ the King.

**What's on: 8 - 14 October**

Tues.	09 Oct	Governing Body	Christ the King	1.00 pm
Wed.	10 Oct	Holy Communion	Christ the King	9.00 am
Thurs.	11 Oct	C + K Craft Group Coffee Morning	Christ the King 2 Thelma Rd Sth	9.30am—Noon 10.00 am
Fri.	12 Oct.	Wedding	Christ the King	2.30 pm
Sunday	14 Oct	Holy Communion	Christ the King	9.00 am

**Next week**

**14 October Service at 9 am**  
Theme: **What Must I Do?**

**Readings:** Psalm 22: 25-31  
Mark 10: 17-27

**MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS**

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# Pew News

**07 October 2018**  
**St Francis and the Animals**



**Theme & Readings**

OT: Isaiah 2: 1-5  
Gospel: Matthew 5: 7-9

**Scripture for the Week (Sentence)**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! (*Psalm 148:1*)

**Prayer for the Week (Collect)**

**Gracious and merciful God, you kindled in the heart of Francis such a flame of love that he became wholly yours; increase in us a wholehearted trust in you and a humble love of all your creatures, that we may know the joy the gospel brings; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

**Prayer Cycle**

In our Diocese we pray for the Parishes of Tamaki, Panmure and Meadowbank; and for St John's Theological College. In our Mission District we pray for our Treasurer and Finance team, Property committee, Administrator and all involved in administration and roster organisation. In our community we pray for our local newspapers and media, for all involved in radio, communication and public relations.

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