

## 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 **Margaret Whitaker**, celebrating her birthday on **Wednesday 5th December**, and also to **Kevin Thomlinson**, celebrating on **Friday 7th December**.



**Combined Churches Carol Service** - We will be joining with our local churches for a carol service at Christ the King Church, **Sunday 9th December, 7.00 pm**. This service will be 'Nine Lessons and Carols'. **Please bring a plate for supper to share with our visitors.**

### **Combined Churches Carol Service – Readers**

We are responsible for 3 Bible readings. The introduction and actual Bible readings are all printed. Please put your name of the list on the noticeboard if you can be a reader. Wayne will give you the printed reading this week.

**Farewell to Marjorie and Robin** - On 9th December we will be saying farewell to Marjorie and Robin Blake after the morning service at Christ the King as they will soon be moving on to their next big adventure! **Please bring a plate to share with them for morning tea.**

**BLAKES ARE MOVING.** When you read this we will have only one week left to worship with you. It is with mixed feelings we do this but we think the time is right and believe God is guiding us. We also believe we have a ministry at Selwyn Village which is to invite friends to stay if they or their relatives need to stay a night at the Whangarei hospital or have an early morning appointment. So if you find yourself in that situation you know where to come. Even if you do not have to stay you are most welcome to come and have a cuppa with us. Our new address is 1 Sutton Close. Maunu. Whangarei. 0110. Email and phone numbers stay the same. With you in Christ.  
*Marjorie and Robin Blake.*

### **Carols by Candlelight at St Paul's Church, Kaiwaka**

We will be singing by candlelight at St Paul's on **Sunday 16th December, 7.30 pm**, with Christmas refreshments to follow. All welcome!



**Advent Bible Study** - As we prepare to celebrate the amazing event of God coming among us at Christmas we are going to look more closely at three passages from Luke's Gospel. This week – Luke 1:26-38. Christ the King 10am. (Copies of this study are available on the entry table)

**Rhythm'n'Riggle** - Our last Tuesday for the year will be **11 December**. We will have a Christmas theme and special morning tea. If anyone would like to join us at 10am and see what goes on, you are most welcome.

## Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

**WOW!!!**

Advent – the four weeks leading up to Christmas - is very important. It makes us focus. It directs us not to take for granted the amazing stupendousness of what we celebrate at Christmas. The One who created the universe: stars, supernovas, planets, black holes, comets ... the One who made this world and its bewildering variety of life ... the Power behind thunder and waterfalls, volcanoes and snow, sunrise and rainbows ... the One who does all this came among us as a baby. A tiny helpless baby born to ordinary people, in a small town in an insignificant corner of the world. Advent is a time to ponder and get ready to respond to such a bold step of love. Madeleine L'Engle writes:

*He came, throwing off glory like fiery suns, leaving power behind, leaving the storms of hydrogen clouds, the still-forming galaxies, totally vulnerable as he emptied himself.*

*She took him in – into the deepest part of her being; she contained the tiny Word,*

*smaller than the smallest subatomic particle growing slowly from immortality into mortality, mother and child together in the greatest act of love the Maker could give the made ...*

*This whispered Word made the sun and stars, wind and water, planets and moons and all of us.*

*But he left this joy to be  
God With Us!*

Word of Love, enter our hearts as you entered the virgin's womb. Come, Lord Jesus!  
Shalom, Wayne





**Please keep in your prayers:**

Celia McCaw, Bernard Chivers, Rev. Edith McCarthy; Trewby and Rosemary; Tony and Jo; Althea and Trish, Bev. Jaques; Robin Morgans; Diana and Grant; Jocelyn Cullen; Marjorie Blake; Judith Brown; baby Jonathan; Sibyl Canning and Elspeth Cooze.

Margot's sister Susan has received a positive 6 monthly report and Margot extends her thanks to you all for your kind concern and prayers over past months.

**Visiting:** If you are aware of people you think need or would appreciate a visit from Wayne, please let him know. Also if there are people who would appreciate Home Communion.

**What's on: 03 - 09 December**

Tues.	04 Dec.	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Christ the King	10.00 am
Wed.	05 Dec.	Holy Communion Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Sunday	09 Dec	Holy Communion Combined Carol Service	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 7.00 pm

**Advent Calendar** - The Diocese has put together an "on line Advent Calendar". Check it out at: [www.advent-anglican.nz](http://www.advent-anglican.nz)

**Next week**

**09 December Service at 9 am**  
**Theme: Advent 2: "Prepare"**

**Readings:** Malachi 3: 1-4  
Luke 3: 1-6

**MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS**

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**Christ the King, Mangawhai**

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**Theme & Readings**

**Prayer Book P. 404**

**Advent 1: Hope**  
**"Why the Waiting?"**

OT: Isaiah 2: 1-4  
Gospel: Luke 1: 26-28



**Scripture for the Week (Sentence)**

"In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it." (*Isaiah 2: 2*)

**Prayer for the Week (Collect)**

**God of all hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome, that your son Jesus Christ at his coming may find in us a dwelling prepared for himself; who lives 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 St Paul's Symonds Street, St Matthew in the City; the Mission Venture of St Augustine; the Mission to Seafarers, Ranfurly Veterans Home and Hospital and the Disability Community. 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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**Christ the King Mangawhai, St Michael & All Angels Hakaru, St Paul's Kaiwaka**