

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

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)

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'.



Farewell to Marjorie and Robin

On 9th December we will be farewelling 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.

Rhythm'n'Riggle - We continue to have good attendance and a good time on Tuesdays at 10am. Come along and see what we get up to!



Christmas Gifts under the Tree - Help to make this Christmas special for children less fortunate. Please leave gifts at Christ the King Church, Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai Village between 9 –11 am, Mon. - Wed. , Friday & Sundays. Label parcels boy or girl and age group. Gifts will be distributed in the Kaiwaka/ Mangawhai area.

Planned Giving

Our regular members contribute financially to provide for our ongoing mission and ministry. If you would like to be part of this you may like to join the envelope system of giving: please talk to Trewby Bull (phone 431 4565). Alternatively, you may like to pay by automatic payment or internet banking (you would still need to talk with Trewby to get a "Giving Number."). Our bank account is with the ANZ, account name: Mangawhai Mission District; account number: 010137 : 0096373 : 00. Please use your surname/ giving number as a reference. If you have any questions, please talk to our Priest-in-Charge, Wayne,



"Things have been quiet for some time in your line of work."

Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

The King?

There's a story I like about a king ...
The lion is the king of the jungle – everybody, but everybody knows that!

One day a lion is walking proudly, majestically, regally, through the jungle. He sees a snake, "Who is the king of the jungle?" roars the lion. "You are O mighty lion," says the snake slithering low. The lion walks on and sees a monkey and roars, "Who is the king of the jungle?" The monkey bows low, "You are O mighty lion." Further along the lion comes across an elephant and roars, "Who is the king of the jungle?" The elephant picks up the lion with his trunk, whirls him around and dashes him against a tree. The lion, dazed and seeing stars, looks up at the elephant and says, "Just because you don't know the answer is no reason to get violent!"

Perhaps today this whole concept of kingship - extreme hierarchy, total, unquestionable authority - is seen as backward looking and out of date. Even more so in our democratic, egalitarian, equal opportunity society. Yet perhaps this is all the more reason to highlight "Christ the King".

This celebration is a relative latecomer to the church calendar, being the creation of Pope Pius IX back in 1925. The church had always celebrated images of 'Christ as King', but it was really needed at that time. Mussolini had been head of Italy for three years. The church in Mexico was being persecuted and priests arrested and shot. A rabble-rouser named Hitler had been out of jail for a year and his Nazi party was growing in popularity. The world lay in the grip of the Great Depression.

In such a time Pope Pius IX asserted that in spite of all this, Christ is "King of the Universe". This celebration became the church's great *nevertheless* to the godlessness of the modern world. Despite the dictators, gloom, modernism, "Christ the King" said loudly, boldly, clearly: *nevertheless* Jesus Christ is Lord, and he shall reign forever and ever and ever. So when we gather on "Christ the King" Sunday we are proclaiming loudly, boldly, clearly that Jesus Christ is King ... no matter what.

When Jesus hung on the cross, the crowds and the soldiers jeered: "If you are a king, save yourself!" But of course he is not a king in the only terms they could understand. For it was by dying Jesus displays the kind of king he is: one who suffers in the trust of God and punishes no one. And yes, he does have a kingdom - though not in the way normally understood. A kingdom established by showing what God is like. A kingdom established by exposing the fragility of every human achievement and contrasting that with the permanence of the love of God. A kingdom established by building bridges. Bridges between us and God, us and others we live amongst, us and our lost innocence. All in God's gracious embrace

Nevertheless ... in spite of everything: CHRIST IS THE KING. No matter who is Prime minister, President or Supreme Leader. Despite the wars and famines, the continuing flow of refugees. In the face of disasters and troubles in our very own backyard. Christ *IS* the King!

And that makes all the difference.
Shalom, Wayne



Please keep in your prayers:

Bernard Chivers, Rev. Edith McCarthy; Trewby and Rosemary; Tony and Jo; Althea and Trish, Bev. Jaques; 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: 26 Nov - 02 December

Tues.	27 Nov	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Christ the King	10.00 am
Wed.	28 Nov	Holy Communion Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Thurs.	29 Nov	C + K Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30am—3 pm
Sunday	02 Dec	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Christ the King St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00 am 9.00 am

Next week

02 December Service at 9 am
Theme: Advent 1: Hope

Readings: Jeremiah 33: 14-16
Luke 21: 25-36

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25 November 2018

Theme & Readings

Christ the King

NT: Revelation 1: 4-8b
Gospel: John 18: 31-37



Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing. (*Revelation 5:12*)

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

Majestic God, ruler of all creation, your kingdom is not of this world. Christ revealed a new truth. Raise up truth in our lives, that as servants of your kingdom we may see your glory, sing your praises, and live a new way. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, 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 parishes of Waimate North and the Bay of Islands; the Mission Districts of KeriKeri and Mangonui, the Local Shared Ministry Units of Kawakawa/Towai/Paihia and Russell; and Local Shared Ministry in the Diocese. In our Mission District we pray for overseas mission and stamps for mission, and the groups who use our facilities. In our community we pray for our local businesses and enterprises.

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