

## 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 **Lynda Wintle**, celebrating her birthday on **Saturday 15th December**.



### **Farewell to Marjorie and Robin Blake**

This morning we farewell Marjorie and Robin as they will soon be moving on to their next big adventure! They have made a huge contribution to our church in many different ways and will be very much missed.

**Combined Churches Carol Service** - We will be joining with our local churches for a carol service here at Christ the King Church, tonight, **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.**



**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.



**Carol Service at St Francis, Tomorata**  
**Tuesday 18 December, 7 pm**

**Advent Bible Study** - As we prepare to celebrate the amazing event of God coming among us at Christmas we have been looking more closely at three passages from Luke's Gospel. This week – Luke 2:22-40. Christ the King 10am. (Copies of this study are available on the entry table). This is our last study for the year. We'll be back studying, sharing and reflecting in February 2019.

### **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

### On the Way to Christmas ...

During the week I came across a collection of poems given to me quite a few years ago now. They are from a parishioner who had a friend who wrote a poem for Christmas every year. I never had the pleasure of meeting the poet, who simply signs her work "G. E. S.", but I found the poems very helpful in pointing the way and preparing in this Advent season. Here is one titled "Global Christmas"

*In these days of electronics and whirring satellites,  
of email and the internet and darkness turned to light,  
May we pause again to wonder why Mankind cannot see  
that all are ONE on planet Earth, linked up globally.  
We share the sun, the soil, the sky, we breathe the self-same air,  
God's love is there for humans all, for each one he cares.  
At Christmastime in every place there's worship, gifts and singing,  
Thoughts turn to Jesus, Holy Babe, he is the new beginning.  
"Forgive!" he says, "Release the Power of Love that is within you!  
Believe! Rejoice! I am the Way! Let praise of God continue!"  
As waves of electronics flood our minds with new ideas  
May we ever know for certain, "Christ is Lord", of all the years.*

May these words help you make a path, make time,  
make space, for this special One. Come, Lord Jesus!  
Shalom, Wayne



Yes Mabel it looks very festive, but Advent wreaths are only supposed to have four candles!



**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.

**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: 10 - 16 December**

Tues.	11 Dec.	Rhythm 'n' Riggle Governing Body	Christ the King Christ the King	10.00 am 1.00 pm
Wed.	12 Dec.	Holy Communion Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Sunday	16 Dec	Holy Communion Community Carol Service	Christ the King St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00 am 7.30 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**

**16 December Service at 9 am**  
**Theme: Advent 3: "Celebrate"**

**Readings:** Zephaniah 3: 14-20  
Luke 3: 7-18

**MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS**

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**Christ the King, Mangawhai**

**09 December 2018**

**Advent 2: "Prepare"**

OT: Malachi 3: 1-4  
Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6



**Theme & Readings**

Prayer Book P. 476

**Scripture for the Week (Sentence)**

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God (*Isaiah 40:3*)

**Prayer for the Week (Collect)**

**Gracious God, John the Baptist prepared your way: help us to hear your word to us; and give us the grace to respond; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

**Prayer Cycle**

In our Diocese we pray for the parishes of Mt Albert and Mt Roskill, the Mission District of Balmoral, the Diocese of Polynesia Indian Congregation and Unitec. In our Mission District we pray for "Support services" - eg lawnmowers, gardeners, those who work around the grounds, cleaners, flower arrangers, "odd job" helpers. In our community we pray for doctors and nurses, St John, medical centres, and the Fire Service.

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**Christ the King Mangawhai, St Michael & All Angels Hakaru, St Paul's Kaiwaka**