

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

Christmas Services



Carols by Candlelight at St Paul's Church, Kaiwaka

We will be singing by candlelight at St Paul's **tonight, 7.30 pm**, with Christmas refreshments to follow.

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

Christmas Eve - Monday 24 December

Carol Service at St Michael's, Hakaru, 7 pm

Christ the King Church - Midnight Christmas Communion 11pm

Christmas Day

Christ the King Church - Family Communion 9 am

St Paul's, Kaiwaka - Family Communion 9 am

Readers for Services at Hakaru and Mangawhai

We need 2 readers for the 24 December 7pm Carol Service at St Michael's Hakaru; and 2 readers and welcomers for the 24 December 11pm service and 25 December 9am service at Christ the King. Please add your name to the list on the board if you can help. Thank you.



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.

Advent Calendar - The Diocese has put together an "on line Advent Calendar".

Check it out at: www.advent-anglican.nz

Sermons etc

Remember Wayne's sermons, our Bible Studies and Pew News are all available "on line" on our website: www.mangawhaianglican.org.nz. Sermons are also available on the entry table, or on request.

Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

What Should We Do ... ?

This is the question that the Gospel reading for this Sunday puts before us: "what should we do?". We have this time leading up to Christmas to ponder this question carefully and thoughtfully, and make our response. Here's another poem from "G. E. S." that might give some helpful direction:

CHOICES

*All over the earth at Christmas time each person is making a choice ...
To hear the clatter of media noise, or listen to that Inner Voice.
To be so absorbed in parties and gifts, get caught up in one hectic race ...
Or quietly choose and simply enjoy the gift of God's loving grace.
Be charmed by the tinsel and glitter, that brightly can hide from our sight
the calm and unwavering Presence of Heaven's perpetual Light.
To question the age-old traditions of angels and shepherds and kings ...
Or choose to remember the promise that Jesus at Christmas time brings.
Now is the time to make choices, a power we each have been given,
To chose to worship the Christ Child, to learn His secret for living.
For choices we make as we travel determine where we will arrive.
After the trappings have all gone away, God's love alone will survive.*

May your ponderings and preparations be fruitful!

Shalom, Wayne





Please keep in your prayers:

Celia McCaw, Jean and Brian, 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, Elspeth Cooze and Petronella and Jac.

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: 17 - 23 December

Wed.	19 Dec.	Holy Communion	Christ the King	9.00 am
Sunday	23 Dec	Holy Communion	Christ the King	9.00 am

Next week

23 December Service at 9 am
Theme: Advent 4: "Promise"

Readings: Micah 5: 2-5a
Luke 1: 46-55

MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS

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Pew News

Christ the King, Mangawhai

16 December 2018

Theme & Readings

Prayer Book P. 456

Advent 3: "Celebrate"

OT: Zephaniah 3: 14-20
Gospel: Luke 3: 7-18



Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

Do not fear. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love. (Zephaniah 3:16-17)

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

Loving God, John foresaw repentance and justice to signal your coming: shape our lives; sift our thoughts; weigh our actions; and make us ready for that great day; 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 Papatoetoe, Otahuhu and Mangere East, and for the Diocese of Polynesia Tongan and Samoan Congregations. In our Mission District we pray for "Social" gatherings, Pastoral care, Wardens and Governing Body. In our community we pray for Renewal and Revival; that God's Spirit would move to heal and transform.

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