

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 Eve - Monday 24 December

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

Christ the King Church - Midnight Christmas Communion 11 pm

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 1 reader for the 24 December 7pm Carol Service at St Michael's Hakaru; and a welcomer for the 24 December 11pm service and 1 reader and welcomers for 25 December 9am service at Christ the King. Please add your name to the list on the board if you can help. Thank you.

Note: St Michael's, Hakaru

There will be no 5th Sunday Service in December. Instead, there will be a service on the 4th Sunday in January - **27th January at 11.30 am.**

Happy Birthday!

We extend our best birthday wishes to **Gwen Lawrence**, celebrating on **Wednesday 26th December**, and looking forward to early January:

Best wishes to **Elsbeth Cooze** on **Thursday 3rd January**, and **Celia McCaw** on **Sunday 6th January**.



Office Hours for the 'Holiday' Period

The church office is now closed until **11th January 2019**, and the next Pew News will be printed for Sunday 13th.

During the 'holiday period' for any enquiries or assistance, please phone the office number 09 431 4122 and someone will be available to help you.

Wednesday Communion Services

Please note: there will not be Communion Services on Wednesday 26 December and 02 January. Wednesday Holy Communion services will resume at 9am, 09 January.

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

It Gets Everywhere!

This is the final "Wayne's Word" for 2018. As I look back it has been a full and eventful year and I take this opportunity to say thank you for the time, gifts, energy, support, encouragement you have given to the mission of God in this place. I leave you with this reflection, based on my words from the Combined Churches Carol service:

Have you put up your Christmas tree? What about the decorations? Have you put them all up? And did you use tinsel, Christmas streamers – that glittery, shimmery, shiny stuff? If you did, I wonder if you've noticed it too ... that it gets everywhere. Everywhere!

Bits break off, fall off, become detached and go all over the place. You vacuum it up and then just after you've put the vacuum cleaner away, you notice more little bits. For days and days after you still find it, because it gets everywhere! Then, long after Christmas; after you've taken down the tree and carefully put away all the decorations, you find bits of tinsel in odd corners, hidden away. In the middle of winter you'll suddenly see something glinting as it picks up the light.

I was getting kind of annoyed or frustrated with all these loose bits of tinsel, but then I realised that it is a metaphor, an image, a picture of Christmas - because Christmas gets everywhere, and it's supposed to! Christmas is God's love made visible, tangible, touchable, believable, real ... and it gets everywhere.

The Spirit of Christmas can reach people and situations that are closed off at other times. This happens and we can rejoice and be thankful that it does; that just like those bits of tinsel, it gets everywhere. The Good News of God who loves us so much and comes to share our life and be alongside us that begins with the baby born in a Bethlehem stable.

But then I also realised that there is another aspect to this – our part. Christmas and the Good News of God-with-us gets everywhere through us. We can be like those shiny bits of tinsel glinting on a miserable winter's day. We are the signs of hope, praise, peace and joy, love and life because that's how Christmas gets everywhere ... and we're supposed to!

May the blessings of this special season be yours, may you find rest and refreshment and enjoy a new year of opportunity and promise.

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: 24 - 30 December

Mon.	24 Dec.	Carol Service "Midnight Communion"	St Michael's, Hakaru Christ the King	7.00 pm 11.00 pm
Tues.	25 Dec.	Christmas Communion Christmas Communion	Christ the King St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00 am 9.00 am
Sunday	30 Dec	Holy Communion	Christ the King	9.00 am

Next week

30 December Service at 9 am
Theme: Christmas 1: Afterwards

Readings: Colossians 3: 12-17
Luke 2: 41-52

MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS

Priest in Charge: Reverend Wayne Thornton, 431 4122

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Office Administrator: Fay Burnett - Fridays 8am – 12 noon, 431 4122

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Rev Derek Christensen, Rev Edith McCarthy, Rev John McClean,
Rev Dr Tony Stroobant

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Pew News

Christ the King, Mangawhai

23 December 2018

Advent 4: "Promise"

OT: Micah 5: 2-5a
Gospel: Luke 1: 46-55



Theme & Readings

Prayer Book P. 404

Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord. *(Luke 1:45)*

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

God, your purpose exceeds our understanding: grant us the grace you gave to Mary; help us to recognise your presence; and, at our end, know the joy of your embrace; 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 Eden and Grey Lynn, the Telugu, Asian and Waiheke Island Mission Districts, the Tongan Anglican Mission and Great Barrier Island. In our Mission District we pray for Worship Leaders, Liturgists, and Musicians, Bible readers and intercessors, sound and technology operators. In our community we pray for all churches, their ministers and elders, and their people.

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