

## 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 **Tanya Ritter** celebrating today **Sunday 13th January**, and also **Len Lawrence** celebrating on **Wednesday 16th**.



### Wednesday Communion Services

These have begun again for 2019 – 9am at Christ the King.

### New Year Opportunities

The beginning of the year is a good time to consider how and where you can contribute to our church. You may already be on one, two or more rosters – if so, thank you very much; your help is greatly appreciated. If you are not currently on a roster, or would like to “expand your horizons”, you can choose from flowers, cleaning, Bible reading, intercessions, sound and technology, garden and grounds. Please talk to one or one of our Wardens about this.

**Sermons etc:** Remember Wayne's sermons, our Bible Studies and Pew News are all available “on line” on our website: [www.mangawhaianglican.org.nz](http://www.mangawhaianglican.org.nz). Sermons are also available on the entry table, or on request.



**Trading Table** - Don't forget to check out our trading table in the foyer. All donations of baking, produce, preserves or any saleable item are very much appreciated!

### Pastoral Care

After our recent focus on “Pastoral Care”, we now have a Coordinator – Fay Burnett, and a team of visitors. What we are all encouraged to do is notice and be observant. If you become aware of people or a situation where a visit on behalf of the church would be helpful, please contact our Coordinator, Fay; or Minister, Wayne

Pastoral Care Coordinator: Fay Burnett  
431 2449  
Minister: Wayne Thornton 431 4122



## Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

### Baptism and “Mystery”

The earliest teaching on baptism we have from the first century says that if no water can be found then one should simply use sand! The church fathers were obviously not as hung up on the form of baptism as we seem to be today. In fact they seemed to recognise something that has been overlooked – baptism truly is a “mystery”.

Jesus' baptism presents an even greater mystery. John the Baptist, who did the baptising, was not expecting it and tried to talk his way out of it. There was nothing mysterious at all about the baptism he was calling people to out in the wilderness: it was a baptism of repentance. A graphic demonstration of cleansing from sin and taking a new path in life.

Then there He was – Jesus – the 'Lamb of God'; asking John to baptise Him. John knew He had no sins to be washed away. So what was going on here? It would have made more sense if Jesus had asked to baptise John. But that is not what Jesus desired. And so something truly astounding and amazing takes place: the sinner symbolically washes away the “sins” of the Sinless One. The two cousins taking part in what was perhaps even to both of them a mystery.

At that moment the voice of God was heard: “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” Jesus did something which was much more than just being immersed in water. Something in which God the Father saw the deepest meaning. “My Son,” God said to himself and everyone else who had ears to hear. All these centuries later we reflect on this event and wonder at the mystery of Jesus and baptism and what it means for us ...

Singer and songwriter Michael Card offers these words to help our reflection:

*In the desert a voice is crying,*

*“Prepare the way for Messiah's coming!”*

*A stone that makes men stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.*

*By the banks of the Jordan he was waiting*

*For the sign of the One who would surely come.*

*When he heard what the thunder now was saying,*

*It was clear this must be the Chosen One.*

*The deaf will hear and the dumb will talk.*

*The blind will see and the lame will walk.*

*A stone that makes men stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.*

*He came gently and stepped down into the water;*

*With the light of the Father in His face.*

*Son of God He had been since the beginning.*

*Now as Son of Man Jesus took His place.*

May the grace and mystery of Jesus and baptism enfold us, and carry us into the beginning of this new year.

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; 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: 14 - 20 January**

Wed.	16 Jan.	Holy Communion	Christ the King	9.00 am
Sunday	20 Jan.	Holy Communion Family Worship	Christ the King St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00 am 9.00 am

**Next week**

**20 January Service at 9 am**  
**Theme: Gifted People**

**Readings:** 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11  
John 2: 1-11

**MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS**

**Priest in Charge:** Reverend Wayne Thornton, 431 4122

**Priest's Warden:** Lindsay McCaw 431 3460

**Co-People's Wardens:** Ann Dowson 431 5913  
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**Office Administrator:** Fay Burnett - Fridays 8am – 12 noon, 431 4122

**Assisting Clergy:**

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

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# Pew News

**Christ the King, Mangawhai**

**13 January 2019**

**The Baptism of Jesus**

OT: Isaiah 43: 1-7  
Gospel: Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22



**Theme & Readings**

**Prayer Book P. 456**

**Scripture for the Week (Sentence)**

My people, I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, "You are my servant, I have chosen and not rejected you. (Isaiah 41:8.9)

**Prayer for the Week (Collect)** Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed him as your beloved Son; grant that we who are baptised into his name may give up our lives to your service and be found worthy of our calling; 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 Howick, Pakuranga, Bucklands Beach, the Whitford Mission Venture, Asian Mission District and Seasons Grief and Loss Programme. In our Mission District we pray for Worship Leaders, Liturgists, and Musicians at Sunday services, 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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