

# Pew News MP

## Please keep in your prayers:

Kevin, Helga & Terry, Trewby & Rosie, Lynne & Eddie, Gus Holgate-Simpson, Amanda, Nigel, Paul Brom, Jan W, Judith and Jonathan.  
Margaret Haverfield, Lindsay.

If you would like to add people or situations, and having made sure the people would like to be on our list, please phone 431 4122, or email [admin@mangawhaianglican.co.nz](mailto:admin@mangawhaianglican.co.nz)

## What's on 18th -24th December

Rhythm'n'Riggle is finished for this year and will resume one week after school starts.

Sun 24th Dec. Morning Prayer Christ the King 9.00am

### READINGS

**Rom 16: 25-27**

**Ps 89: 1-4, 19-26**

**Luke 1: 26-38**

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**Christ the King**  
**17th December 2023**  
**Theme: Mary: blessed to be a blessing**

### Readings

**Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

**Luke 1:47-55**

### SENTENCE

The Angel Gabriel came to her and said, "Hail, O favoured one!"

### COLLECT

God of love, you chose the Blessed virgin Mary to be the mother of your only son; grant that we who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through the same Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

### PRAYER CYCLE

In our diocese we pray for Bishop Ross and Archdeacon Jonathan Gale. Archdeaconry of Hunua: Parish of Pukekohe, St Andrew, St Paul Buckland; Jan Wallace, Vicar, Local Clergy: Marlene Walker. Local shared Ministry Unit of Mauka-St Bride, Mauku- Ministry support Team- David McSorley, Priest, Lyn Tidwell, Pastoral Co-ordinator, Sally Matheson, Priest, .Sue Lapis, Outreach Co-ordinator, Megan Means, Enabler. Parish of Bombay-Pokeno— St Peter in the Forest, Bombay, St Mary on the Hill, Pokeno, St Jude, Mercer. Congregations at Maramarua, Mangatangi and Kailua; Andrew Beyer, Priest in Charge, Bruce Owen, Priest Assistant. Local Shared Ministry Unit of Tuakau-St John, St Stephen, Onewhera; Ministry Support Team- Alan Rowe, Priest, Amanda Caldwell, Priest, Gaye Rowe, Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, Lynne Graham Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, Madeline Dodds, Administrator, Tricia Carter, Enabler. Te Pihopatanga O Te Manawa O Waikato, St John Tuakau. Clergy with Permission to Officiate- Kim Parker, Sarah Pidgeon-Walton, Bruce Postlewaight, Margot Postlewaight, Anne Priestly, Anne Priestly, Lyn Pushong.

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

## WELCOME TO CHRIST THE KING

## Bronwyn's Word

We welcome Marilyn who will be leading Morning Prayer today.

We hope you find God's presence in the service this morning.

**We are having our Morning Tea after the service this morning and would love everyone to stay and partake.**

### BIRTHDAY



15th — Lynda Wintle

18th — Harvey Smith

### NOTICES

**Carols at St Paul's, Kaiwaka this evening at 7.30pm. All welcome.**

**On Christmas Eve we will be holding our traditional Carol Service at St Michael's, Valley Road, Hakaru at 7.00pm. Again, everyone is welcome.**

**Christ the King will be holding a Eucharist Service on Christmas Morning at 9.00am**

Secularism has covered over the true meaning of Christmas with tinsel, overspending and overeating, and has created a great deal of anxiety in a season that should be filled with joy and renewal.

In a similar way, the modern perception of Angels has been reduced to images of cute and benign young things that look like humans but with wings in pastel colours, and covered with glitter.

This lets us dismiss Angels as imaginary and cartoonish things that we don't have to take seriously.

The Bible makes it very clear that Angels are real, and terrifying.

They bring with them light, and the awesome power of God. They are not soft and sweet, they are stern and uncompromising and bring a message that is non-negotiable. When they appear, they always have to say, "Do not be afraid."

Angels come to bring the holy, the awesome, surprising, and disturbing presence of God.

They bring their messages in person, in dreams, in visions, in the silence of prayer.

Let us not be foolish like Zechariah when an Angel comes but be ready and willing to hear the message they bring.

The forces that make us harried and hurried at Christmastide when we should be quietly waiting and watching, also seek to lull us into a false idea that the messengers of God are not real. They are, and scripture tells us so.

