

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

What's on 25th - 31st December

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

Mon 25th Dec	Holy Communion	Christ the King	9.00am
Sun 31st Dec	Morning Prayer	Christ the King	9.00am
Sun 31st Dec	No Service at St Michael's		

READINGS

Isaiah 61: 10– 62-3

Ps 148

Luke 2: 22-40

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Christ the King
24th December 2023
Theme: Faith

Readings

Rom 16: 25-27

Ps 89: 1-4, 19-26

Luke 1: 26-38

SENTENCE

The Angel Gabriel said, do not be afraid Mary for you have found favour with God, and now you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. Luke 1:30-31

COLLECT

God of all hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome, that your Son Jesus Christ at his coming may find in us a dwelling prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER CYCLE

In our diocese we pray for Bishop Ross and Archdeacon Jonathan Gale.

Archdeaconry of Waimate; Mission District of Bream Bay; St Paul Ruakaka, St Peter Waipu, Mark Henrickson, Priest in Charge, Local Clergy: Jacky Ancliffe, Vivien Goldsmith, Annette Herbert. Tutukaka Coast Community Church: Community Church, Ngunguru; Patanga O TeTai Tokerau; Waimate-Taumarere Pastorate; With Permission to Officiate-David Williams, John Wilson, (Maureen) John Zimmermann. In Our Wider Church- Anglican Missions Board, Diocesan Committee for Overseas Mission, Church Missionary Society, Church Army in New Zealand.

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

WELCOME TO CHRIST THE KING

We welcome Jo who will be leading Morning Prayer today.

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

BIRTHDAY



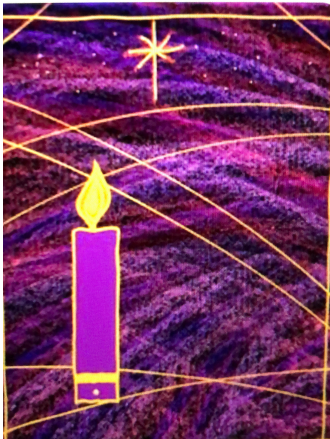
26th — Gwen Lawrence

NOTICES

Carol Service tonight — 24th December— at St Michael's, Valley Road, Hakaru at 7.00pm. All welcome.

Christmas Morning Service at Christ the King, Holy Communion 9.00am.

Christmas Morning Service at St Paul's, Kaiwaka, Family Service 10 am.



Jonathan's Word

Merry Christmas, Everyone!

Christmas comes to us with tinges of both excitement and sadness. We remember good times, and we remember sad times. We give thanks for those near and dear, and we grieve for those no longer with us. At least, I do.

But what is Christmas really about – aside from the fun and games, that is? In one sense it's the most serious thing that has ever hit history. It's an invasion of a rebellious earth by a God whose love compels him never to let us go, but to fight to the death (literally) for us, to save us, and to embrace us in a love that is pure and never-ending. It's huge!

If that is so, then Christmas is a time of gratitude. Thank you God for saving us, for setting us an example, for encouraging us to take hold of that for which you have taken hold of us. What follows gratitude, is joy!

2023 has been a year of recovery from a Covid-dominated time in our history. Let's press on with that recovery in 2024 by making it plain to everyone – and I mean everyone – that Jesus is what is most important to us.

God bless you!

Jonathan Gale