

**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 1st - 7th January

Rhythm'n'Riggle will resume one week after school starts.

Sun 7th Jan      Morning Prayer      Christ the King      9.00am

**No service at St. Paul's**

### READINGS

**Gen 1: 1-5**

**Mark 1: 4-11**

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# Pew News MP

**Christ the King**

**31st December 2023**

**Theme: Becoming Christ-like**

### Readings

Isaiah 61: 10- 62:-3

Ps 148

Luke 2: 22-40

### SENTENCE

He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease.' John 3: 9

### COLLECT

Almighty God, you sent your son Jesus to live and die in order that we might live and not die. Help us so to live towards our fellows that they might see in us the same spirit that was in Jesus, and in so doing be drawn to your life-giving presence. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

### PRAYER CYCLE

In our diocese we pray for Bishop Ross and Archdeacon Jonathan Gale.  
Episcopal Team: Carole Hughes-Central, Jonathan Gale-Northern, Liz Williams- PA to the Bishop, Michael Berry- Southern, Sarah Moss-Diocesan Ministry Educator, Sonia Maugham- Diocesan Manager. Diocesan Chancellor- Amanda Mark, Bishop's Chaplain for Retired Clergy-Rhys Lewis, Bishop's Ministry Advisers, Bishop's Commissary in England- Jo Kelly-Moore. Retired Bishops of the Diocese-John Paterson, Richard Anderson, Bruce Gilbert.

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

## WELCOME TO CHRIST THE KING

We welcome Lynda who will be leading Morning Prayer today.

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

### BIRTHDAYS



3rd Jan — Daniel Twinn

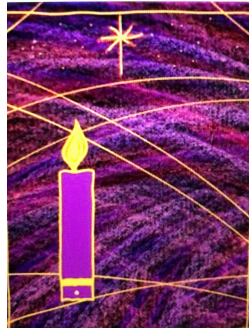
4th Jan — Brian Money

6th Jan — Celia McCaw

### NOTICES

St Michael's Carol Service at Hakaru, on Christmas Eve, was "standing room only" and Christ the King's Christmas morning service was also well attended. Jo would like to thank all those who helped with these services.

We are looking for someone to assist Gavin Riley, who has kindly offered to go on the Cleaning Roster. Please let Jo know if you are willing to help. You only have to clean every 8 weeks or so.



## Jonathan's Word

One of the great temptations in life is to support God the way we support the All Blacks. I've been known to shout, "Kill him!" Of course I don't mean that literally, but I do want to see the opposition thoroughly trounced, humiliated even. Not good. Triumphalism is not a Christian trait.

Sometimes we confuse the enemy (Satan and his hordes) with those who oppose us in the faith. That really can trip us up! It is the very people who make life difficult for us, who will often be watching our lives carefully for signs that we are different. It is the old story: what you are speaks so loudly, I can't hear a word you're saying.

We are required to love, and that means self-sacrificing love. It's the only kind that changes hearts.

Forgive me if I've mentioned this before but I have a friend whose number plate reads, "Im 2<sup>nd</sup>." He lives up to it too! It's why I am drawn to him. Everyone knows Christians are meant to behave like Jesus. That's why we get tested, again and again, to see if our faith is real. Developing Christ's character in our lives is a real challenge, and it will always be so!

**Jonathan Gale**