

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 5th- 11th Feb

Thurs 8th Feb. Rhythm'n'Riggle Christ the King 9.30am

Sun 11th Feb. Holy Communion Christ the King 9.00am

READINGS

2 Kings 5: 1-14

Psalm 30

Mark 1: 40-45

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Christ the King

4th February 2024

Theme: Compassion

Readings

Isaiah 61: 1-3

Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c

Mark 1: 35-42

SENTENCE

Shout for joy, you heavens: rejoice, you earth: burst into song, you mountains! For the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones. Isaiah 49: 13

COLLECT

Jesus, our Redeemer, give us your power to reveal and proclaim the good news, so that wherever we may go the sick may be healed, those with leprosy embraced, and the dead and dying given new life; for the glory of your holy name.

PRAYER CYCLE

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

Archdeaconry of Auckland: Parish of St Mark Remuera- Tony Surman (Bernadette) Vicar. Parish of St Aidan Remuera- Louise Anderson, Vicar, Kerry Davis (Vaoa), Priest Associate, Christina Turner, Deacon Assistant. Parish of St George Epsom—Josh Jones (Kim), Vicar, Jeremy Woods, Priest Assistant, Stanley Thorburn (Doreen), Priest Associate. The Diocesan Council. Diocese of Wellington- Bishop Justin Duckworth (Jenny). Clergy with Permission to Officiate- Graham Black, Michael Blakely, John Bundell (Jenny), Win Blyth, Richard Bonifant (Emily Colgan), Charmaine Braatvedt (Geoffrey), Irene Brodie.

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WELCOME TO CHRIST THE KING

We welcome Lynda who will be conducting Morning Prayer today.

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

Please join us for a refreshment after the service.

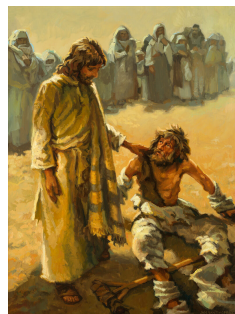
NOTICES

Church Directory Update. If you have had any changes to your address, phone number or email address, it would be appreciated if you notify Jo as soon as possible so that the correct information is entered in the Church Directory. Likewise any new members should contact Jo with their details. Thank you.

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Bible Study led by Archdeacon Jonathan, will start on Tuesday 13th February. During Lent, which commences on Wednesday 14th February (Ash Wednesday), we will be having Bible study each Tuesday 10.00am – 11.00am approx. The reason for the weekly study is that it will take the form of a Lenten study, leading up to Easter.

Ash Wednesday, as mentioned above, is on 14th February. There will be a service that evening at 5.00pm. and with this in mind, if you still have the cross you received on Palm Sunday last year, could you bring this along next Sunday? These are burnt and the ashes used during the Ash Wednesday service.



Jesus heals a man with leprosy. Mark 1: 40-42

Jonathan's Word

Life is not perfect. Even Jesus' twelve close followers faced the tough conditions of living as peasants in a dirt-poor little Roman territory. Until Christ returns in person, and in spite of conditions being much easier for us now, we will always be painfully aware of our limitations.

The first few verses of Isaiah 61 were claimed by Jesus as a kind of mission statement. It was his purpose to bring salvation, peace, healing and release from oppression. The Kingdom had broken into an earth much in need of God's reign. What we experience in Christ now is a foretaste of a glorious future when all are resurrected, heaven and earth are joined in a marvellous entity, and the Kingdom of God is fully manifest.

That's the big picture. In the meantime it's shoulder to the wheel building for the Kingdom of God. When people ask us what the final version of the Kingdom of God will look like we should not somewhat lamely answer, "Well, Jesus will be king." That's because the next question will be, "What will that look like?" Here we should be able to point to the things we are doing in anticipation of that future state. The work of the Leprosy Mission, which Gillian heads as its CEO, is a perfect example of Kingdom preparation work.

And it's not just the physical disease itself we would like to eliminate, but the stigma associated with the disease. Today people like the wonderful David Brooks, speak eloquently as to the negative effects of alienation upon society. Sufferers of leprosy have been burdened with alienation for millennia! May God strengthen us in our resolve to lend a hand where we can towards doing God's work on earth. It's a wonderful opportunity to prepare for life in the Kingdom as it shall be.

Blessings
Jonathan