

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 26th - 3rd Mar

Tues 27th Feb	Lenten Bible Study		10-11 am
Thurs 29th Feb.	Rhythm'n'Riggle	Christ the King	9.30am
Sun 3rd Mar.	Morning Prayer	Christ the King	9.00am
Sun 3rd Mar.	Holy Communion	St Paul's	9.00am

READINGS

Exodus 20: 1-17

Ps 19

1 Cor 1: 18-25

John 2: 13-22

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Christ the King

25th February 2024

Theme: Self Denial

Readings

Gen 17: 1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22: 23-31

Mark 8: 31-38

SENTENCE

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. Mark 8:34

COLLECT

Servant God, grant us opportunity, give us willingness to serve you day by day; that what we do and how we bear each other's burdens, may be our sacrifice to you. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

PRAYER CYCLE

In our diocese we pray for Bishop Ross and Archdeacon Jonathan Gale. Archdeaconry of Waimate; Parish of Kerikeri -St James, Stan Pilbrow, Priest in Charge, Fiona Gillibrand, Priest Assistant, Local Clergy: Pat Collins, Pam Harrison-Boyd, Yvonne Hooper, Shirley Tubbs. Local Shared Ministry Unit of Kawakawa Towai Paihia-St Thomas, St Michael, St Paul- Ministry Support Team: Christopher Williams, Priest & Education Co-ordinator. Janice Phillips, Priest & Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, Val Mack, Priest & Outreach Co-ordinator, Local Clergy:Lynette Corr, Liz Martin, Enabler.Mission District of Russell, Christ Church- Peter Minson, Priest in Charge. Local Clergy: Paula Franklin, Heather Lindauer, Emil Nye, Chris Swannell. Parish of Waimate North: St John the Baptist, Holy Trinity, St Catherine-Elgin Edwards, Priest in Charge. Mangonui Mission District: St Andrew- Bob Carr, Priest in Charge. Te Pihopatanga O Te Tai Tokerau: Whangaroa Pastorate. Clergy Widows:: Lesley Anderson, Rosemary Atkins, Andrea Barnett, Pat Blood,The Reverend Sister Valerie Bridge, Vera Brown, Dinah Buttle, Pauline Cameron, Marion Campbell, Sally Couper., Mary Dang.

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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.

Please join us for a refreshment after the service.

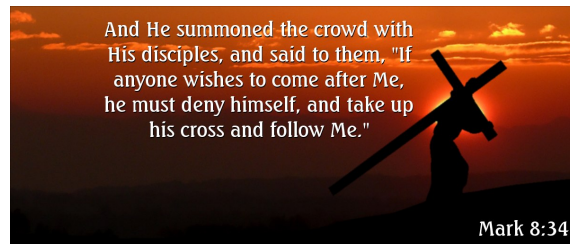


NOTICES

The next Bible Study (Lenten) with Archdeacon Jonathan will be Tuesday 27th February at Christ the King from 10 -11 am.

For those kind people who assist in greeting on a Sunday, please pay special attention when you receive your March roster as there will be a few extra tasks for you to do on a Sunday.

Looking forward. Our AGM will be held on Palm Sunday, 24th March at Christ the King, 10.15am. Please note the venue. The AGM was due to be held at Archie Bull Hall, Kaiwaka this year, but as St Paul's are not having a service that day, it has been decided by the Governing Body the AGM be held at Christ the King.



Lent.

Ah. The time of year when we, Christians, conveniently rely on our faith to help us stick to our diets!

While that was typed tongue-in-cheek, I do think that we sometimes make too light of the Lenten Season, especially when it comes to figuring out what we should give up. Some people treat the 40 days as a quick diet scheme: No carbs or no caffeine or no sugar or no chocolate - which is good and all. I don't want to be the Lenten Police and belittle what people are giving up. It's just that sometimes we say we're giving up those things without any rhyme, reason, purpose or intention.

We give up things during the Lent season to remind ourselves of the suffering and pain that we know Jesus will experience at the end of the season. We also give up things to be reminded of our dependence on God. Caffeine shouldn't be the thing that compels us to live. God's love and grace is what should compel us to live and love. Giving up coffee is not trivial at all. When that dull headache starts rolling in, we reflect on our mortality, our weakness, and our dependence on coffee (it's only 9am — how am I getting a caffeine headache already?) which should remind us of God's mercy and grace and presence.

Lent can also be understood as some sort of house cleaning. Just like how we may clean our house in preparation for a guest, we take time to examine our lives and clean our hearts to prepare to encounter the Risen Christ at Easter. So we clean out the things that hinder our relationships with God and with others.

The main purpose of "giving up" things in Lent is to bring us closer to God; to prioritise God; to put God in the centre of our minds and lives; to make God the focal point. So if you're thinking about giving up chocolate — do it! But also ask yourself "how will that bring me closer to God?" One way it could bring you closer to God is that every time you start craving for chocolate, you take that as a cue to be in prayer; to confess your weakness, to confess your need for God's grace, to be reminded that God is with you and that God has always been with you.

May this Lenten season bring you ever so closer to God.