

Please keep in your prayers:

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

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 6th— 12th May

Thurs 9th May Rhythm'n'Riggle Christ the King. 9.30am
Sun 12th May Holy Communion Christ the King 9.00am
Sun 12th May. **No service at St Paul's**

READINGS

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

Ps 1

1 John 5: 9-13

John 17: 6-19

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Christ the King

5th May 2024

Theme: Unconditional Love.

Readings: Acts 10: 44-48 Ps 98

1 John 5:1-6 John 15: 9-17

SENTENCE

My command is this: that you love one another as I have loved you. John 15:12

COLLECT

Almighty God, You teach us in your word that love is the fulfilling of the law; Grant that we may love you with all our heart And our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYER CYCLE

In our diocese we pray for Bishop Ross Bay (Jacquie) and Archdeacon Jonathan Gale.

Archdeaconry of Tamaki: Parish of St Andrew Epsom—St Andrew, Sarah Stevens-Cross (Richard), Vicar, Nicky Roper (Priest in Charge), Local Clergy: Philip Austin, Priest Assistant. Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia: General Synod Office— Michael Hughes (Carole), General Secretary, Marissa Alix, GSO Administrator, Vanda Breslin, Events & Projects Administrator. Diocese of Christchurch: Bishop Peter Carrell (Teresa Kundycki-Carrell). Clergy with Permission to Officiate: John Carter, Peter Chapman, Trevor Cheeseman (Hilary), Shashikant Christian (Ruth), Allanah Church, Paul Clarke.

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

WELCOME TO CHRIST THE KING

We welcome Rev. Stan Pilbrow who will be leading Holy Communion today. We hope you find God's presence in the service this morning.

Please join us for a refreshment after the service.



BIRTHDAY

David Ellery 4th May

FUNERAL NOTICE

It's with sadness we inform you all that Margaret Haverfield passed away peacefully on Wednesday morning. A blessing in a way and we give thanks to God for a life well-lived.

Her funeral service will take place at **Christ the King on Tuesday 7th May at 11.00 am**. All those who would like to attend will be very welcome.



Jo's Word

In our readings today, we carry on God's theme about love. Jesus says that the best way to express that love, to express our thanks to him in our life, is by serving each other. In fact, showing love to others is the completion of the love Jesus has given to us. We know that we can't love in exactly the way Jesus loved, right? Nothing we do or sacrifice for someone else is going to get rid of someone's sins. Nothing we do or sacrifice is going to rescue someone from hell. But that's not what Jesus is saying. Jesus is not saying to love like he did so that it brings about the same result.

No, when he says that we should love like he does he's speaking about the spirit of that love, the motivation of that love. We do not show love to someone to get something in return. We show love to someone just to love them, to sacrifice for them. Laying down our life may not, and in fact most often will not be the dramatic, over the top, saving of someone's life by sacrificing your own. Laying down your life may mean sacrificing the time that you had set aside for something really fun that you were looking forward to, to help someone in their time of need. It may mean delaying something you had planned to talk with someone going through a difficult time. It means using your time, money, energy, whatever, to help someone who has a need.

And this goes beyond your family, beyond your friends, beyond your sisters and brothers in faith. This love, this self-sacrificing love can and should be shown to others. The stranger, the neighbour you don't get along with, the person who seems to hate you with no reason. Your response? Love. Self-sacrificing love. As Jesus has said earlier (John 13:34-35), continues to apply for us today, "Just as I have loved you, so also you are to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another". Remain in God's love that was freely given to you. Remain in God's love by loving like he loves. Remain in God's love because by that love you will be with him forever. Amen