

What's on 17th -23rd June

Thurs 20th June Rhythm'n'Riggle Christ the King. 9.30am

Sun 23rd June Holy Communion Christ the King 9.00am

Patronal Service St Alban's Whakapirau —details in notices.

READINGS

1 Samuel 17:57 – 18:5, 10-16

2 Corinthians 6: 1-13

Mark 4:3 5-41

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Christ the King 16th June 2024

Theme: Faith in God

Readings: 1 Sam 15: 34–16:13

2 Cor 5: 6-10, 14-17

Mark 4: 26-34

SENTENCE

We have waited eagerly for you O Lord; for you are our help and our shield; our hearts shall rejoice in you, because we have hoped in your holy name.

COLLECT

Eternal Father, your Son Jesus Christ, now exalted Lord of all, pours out his gifts on the Church; grant us that unity which your Spirit gives, keep us in the bond of peace, and bring all creation to worship before your throne; for you live and reign one God for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER CYCLE

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

Please keep in your prayers:

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

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

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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

Sue Hamilton-Wallace 20th June

NOTICES

Our dear friend Rosie remains in hospital and although in some discomfort is retaining her good humour. Please, remember her and her family in your prayers.

There will be a Patronal Service at St Alban's, Whakapirau, on Sunday 23rd June, at 11.30am. It would be wonderful for folk from Christ the King to celebrate this day with the people of the Paparoa Mission District.

Rev Stan Pilbrow will be the celebrant.



Reflection

In the mustard seed parable, the Sower scatters seeds on different types of ground. Some seeds fall on the path and are eaten by birds, some fall on rocky ground and wither under the sun, some fall among thorns and are choked, but some fall on good soil and produce a bountiful harvest. This is a vivid illustration of the different responses to the gospel message. Some people hear the word of God but do not understand it, and so the evil one snatches away what was sown in their hearts. Others receive the word with joy, but when trouble or persecution comes, they quickly fall away. Still others hear the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. But those who hear the word, understand it, and produce a crop are the ones who have truly sown a seed for the Saviour.

There is a certain level of risk and vulnerability: Just as a farmer cannot control the weather or the growth of the seed, we cannot control the outcome of our faith journey. We can only do our part - to sow the seed, water it, and trust God for the growth. This requires a deep level of trust and surrender, knowing that God is in control and His plans for us are good. It also requires patience, as the growth of a seed is a slow and gradual process. We may not see the fruit immediately, but we can trust that God is at work in our lives, shaping us and moulding us into the image of Christ.