

What's on 12th —18th Aug

Thur 15th Aug Rhythm 'n' Riggle Christ the King 9.30 am

Sun 18th Aug Holy Communion Christ the King 9.00 am

Sun 18th Aug Holy Communion St Paul's 11.00am

READINGS

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

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Christ the King 11th August 2024

Theme: Bread of Life

Readings: 2 Sam 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33

Eph 4: 25-5: 2

John 6: 35, 41-51

SENTENCE

As the new heavens and the new earth which I am making shall endure in my sight, so shall your race and your name endure; all people shall come to bow down before me, says the Lord.

COLLECT

Merciful God, you gave your only Son to be a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly life; help us gladly to receive all that he has done for us and follow in his footsteps; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

PRAYER CYCLE

In our diocese we pray for Bishop Ross Bay (Jacquie) and Archdeacon Jonathan Gale (Faith). Please keep in your prayers:

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

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 Paul's

Reflection

The Gospel reading today revolves around the profound statement, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” This theme, steeped in theological depth, reveals the heart of the Christian mystery: the incarnation of God in the ordinary, the divine in the mundane. It challenges us to recognise God’s presence in the everyday, often masked by our preconceptions and expectations. This conflict between expectation and reality extends to our understanding of God’s presence today. We often look for God in grandiose moments, missing the divine in the simple and everyday occurrences of life. To truly grasp this, we must reflect on how God’s presence manifests in our daily lives, often in the most unexpected ways.

Consider the story of John, a middle-aged man who works as a caretaker in a large city hospital. John’s life, by most standards, is unremarkable. He sweeps floors, cleans restrooms, and takes out the trash. Yet, his presence in the hospital is a testament to God’s quiet work in the world. John greets every patient with a warm smile and a kind word. He listens to their worries and offers prayers for their healing. Over time, he becomes a beacon of hope and comfort for many who are suffering.

Recognising God’s presence in our lives requires us to look beyond the surface and see the divine in the ordinary. It demands that we open our hearts and minds to the possibility that God is at work in ways we may not expect. This is not always easy, especially when we are caught up in the busyness and challenges of daily life

<https://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/the-bread-that-came-down-from-heaven-dr-john-singarayar-8-August-2024>

WELCOME TO CHRIST THE KING

Rev. Stan Pilbrow will lead us in
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

Ellen Thomlinson 18th Aug

