

What's on 29th July—4th Aug

- Thur 1st Aug** **Rhythm 'n' Riggle** **Christ the King** **9.30 am**
- Sun 4th Aug** **Holy Communion** **Christ the King** **9.00 am**
- Sun 4th Aug** **Holy Communion** **St Paul's.** **11.00am**

READINGS

2 Samuel 11: 26–12:13a
Ephesians 4: 1-16
John 6: 24-35

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Christ the King 28th July 2024

Theme: No Earthly King

Readings: 2 Samuel 11:1-15

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

SENTENCE

Through the abundance of your steadfast love, I will come into your house and bow low in reverence toward your holy temple.

COLLECT

All-seeing God, teach us to be open with you about our needs, to seek your support in our trials, to admit before you our sins, and to thank you for all your goodness, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. 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 especially we are thinking of Maralynne who has been taken to hospital with a respiratory infection.

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

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.

[The Archbishops' Statement on the Royal Commission Inquiry
on Abuse in Care
24 July 2024](#)

E te whānau a Te Karaiti, tēnā tātau.

The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in State and Faith-Based Care has released its report, which highlights abuse that occurred in Anglican communities in Aotearoa New Zealand between 1950- 1999. Please hold the survivors of abuse in your hearts and prayers – some of whom participated in the Inquiry, courageously sharing traumatic experiences for justice and change. Our Archbishops Don Tamihere, Justin Duckworth and Sione Ulu'ilakepa have asked that we share this statement from them within each of our churches across Aotearoa New Zealand.

“We acknowledge and take full responsibility for our failures to provide the safe, caring and nurturing environment those who have been in our care had a right to expect and to receive.” “Our apology at the Royal Commission to survivors of abuse was heartfelt and genuine and we can only stand in awe of their courage and endurance. We owe it to survivors to ensure that this Report is a catalyst for great change. It is crucial that the whole Church takes direction and advice on this. We know that we still have a long way to go. We call on all who identify as Anglican; whether churches, schools or agencies to study this Report's recommendations and to commit themselves to the principles and practices that ensure the highest standards of care.”

The archbishops have also reminded us of the safeguards we have in place to help make our church a safe space for everyone.

Anyone who is a survivor of historic abuse in the Anglican Church who wish to engage with the Church about that abuse are encouraged to email: contact@anglicanredress.nz. Anyone wishing to make a current complaint can contact the Ministry Standards Commission registrar by email on: registrar@ministrystandards.org.

The archbishops have shared the following prayer...

Merciful God, we come to you in sorrow. We would not hear, we did not believe, our silence condemned the innocent and the powerless. Lord, strengthen and empower the survivors now, and align our hearts with your justice. God, hear our prayer. Amen.

Reflection

Sometimes Jesus makes us face up to the magnitude of our problems to demonstrate our dependence upon Him. It is a comfort to know that He already knows what He is going to do

Poor Philip was overwhelmed, quickly calculating in his head that even eight months wages would only provide a small portion for each person. However, Andrew volunteers a boy with his lunch: “but what is that among so many?” says John. Our gifts and offerings seem so small, a drop in the ocean: but as Mother Theresa of Calcutta once said, each drop goes toward filling the ocean.

“The men” is generic. The people - men, women and children – literally “reclined,” as the custom was. However, when it came to counting them, the second mention of “men” refers specifically to there being 5,000 adult males.

Jesus “gives thanks” and transforms the bread and fish into plenty. Distribution is delegated to the disciples, and they gave to the people; both bread and fishes “as much as they would.”

This feeding of so many was a repeat of the miracle of the manna in the wilderness: ‘he that gathered much had nothing left over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating’ (cf. Exodus 16:18).

And there was more gathered up in leftover fragments than there had been at the start. There were twelve baskets full, the same number as the tribes of Israel, symbolising God's sufficient provision for all His people.

This sign was so powerful that the Galileans said, “This is of a truth that the prophet should come into the world.”

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