

Christ the King—prior to landscaping



and after landscaping

# *CHURCH LIFE*

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St Paul's Thanksgiving Service - April 2018

## Magazine for Mangawhai Mission District

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## Minister's Musings

Most Sundays when we gather for worship, we use our Anglican Prayer Book: *He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa – A New Zealand Prayer Book*. And when we do, mostly we use it for the communion services on pages 404 to 490. But there are over 900 pages and a whole lot of other interesting and useful things between the covers. We have now had it for 28 years and it is important to appreciate what a *taonga*, a real treasure, our Prayer Book is. It is recognised around the world; used by people in other denominations and even those who claim no Christian belief! The hope was to provide a comprehensive resource for public liturgical worship as well as cater for family and personal devotion.

This all goes back to Archbishop Thomas Cranmer and the first *Book of Common Prayer* published in 1549. There was a desire to have a prayer book freely available, written in the language of the people, for the people. The prayer book was the product of the English Reformation following the break with Rome. It was the first to include the complete forms of Sunday and daily worship in English. There were also the full orders for Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Prayers for the Sick and the Funeral Service. It contained the collects, epistle and gospel readings for Sunday communion; Old and New Testament readings for daily prayer; psalms and canticles. It is impossible to overstate just what a revolutionary resource for public and private worship this first prayer book was!

The 1549 book was revised in 1552 and modified under Elizabeth 1 in 1559 to make it acceptable to a wide range of worshippers in a church going through a time of great fluctuation. James 1 made further changes in 1604 and a major revision was published in 1662, giving us the forms and services many of us remember so fondly. At the heart of all this was the recognition that worship was not just something involving those in 'fancy clothes up front'. The Prayer Book enabled the inclusion and participation of all people. It helped order and integrate the spiritual dimension into daily life.

Our *He Karakia Mihinare - A New Zealand Prayer Book* stands in this tradition. There is a wealth of resources for so much more than just Sunday. Have you ever flicked through it, or cast your eyes down the list of contents, or checked out the index? There is something that can be used or adapted for any occasion. May I encourage you to take some time to look through our Prayer Book and see for yourself what amazing range of resources it contains. For example note the artwork at the beginning of each section (list of artists on page 950); Prayers for Various Occasions on page 138; some suggested readings and songs for weddings on page 806.

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## *Winter*

*The trees  
with arthritic fingers  
beckoning  
in the wind  
accusing:  
who stole my clothes?*

Wayne M. Thornton



As always, the aim is to be inclusive and not just Anglican. Note this final sentence of the Introduction: "It is our hope that the use of these services will enable us to worship God in our own authentic voice, and to affirm our identity as the people of God in Aotearoa-New Zealand."

Shalom, Wayne

P.S. A challenge for the more adventurous - can you find: the artwork that includes a jet plane; a different version of the Lord's Prayer that begins "Eternal Spirit ..."; poems by Edward Carpenter and James K. Baxter; a Prayer for a Study? [Answers will be in the next magazine, but if anyone gives me the answers there will be a prize]



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blessings  
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## Christ the King

Gosh how time has flown! We seem to be racing through the year and it feels like a couple of weeks since we celebrated Easter. We had a beautiful service with a great congregation of 51 people, enjoying Christ risen and among us. There was also a Harvest Festival service with lots of goodies donated to be shared amongst the food banks, giving to those who need our help. The picnic with Wellsford was to be at Port Albert, however we bowed to the rather damp weather and instead met at All Saints, Wellsford. We had a great time with plenty of food, good fellowship and lots of fun trying our hands at indoor bowls, (some of us had more talent than others there!!). Our AGM was held at Christ the King with lunch afterwards, and our Governing Body was elected, but at that time there were no volunteers for People's Warden. At a special meeting later, two wonderful ladies, Ann Dowson and Lynda Wintle came forward and were duly elected to share the role - well done and our heartfelt thanks. Our coffee mornings continue to be a success with all enjoying fellowship, food and a cuppa in some of our congregation members' homes. Thank you to all who make this possible. In March we had a stall in the village market and made the most of the Easter influx of visitors to Mangawhai. We raised \$598.00!! Well done us and thanks to our bakers, preservers, growers and stall minders. We plan to do this again before the end of the year. Rhythm and Riggle continues with great numbers! We are getting 16-25 children most weeks and our team is enjoying watching the "littlies" develop skills and confidence each week. We had a lovely service at Hakaru with our usual shared feast afterwards, and this time was rather special as we celebrated Wayne's birthday. Ann Dowson made a fantastic cake (check out the photo in this magazine) and a rousing happy birthday was sung by all. We now have a pastoral care team co-ordinated by Fay Burnett so that we can hopefully contact all those people who might need the support of a visit and a chat or a meal to heat and eat. Please make sure that if you know of anyone who would like to benefit from this, to let Fay or Wayne know. How great do our grounds look?!! Thank you to all our supporters who have given so generously to allow for our car park and grounds makeover. We now have a space that is so much easier to maintain and once our driveway project has sufficient funds, we will have concrete to the brow of the hill. Thank you to our flyer "posties" and those who have given in response to them in their letterboxes. Well at the rate this year is going, it will be Christmas before we can blink. Thank you to all of our wonderful helpers in all things - they say that love makes the world go around, and love certainly makes our church the caring community that it is.

Sue Hamilton-Wallace

## Why is there winter?

Some of you might be aware of the church cat, "Chester", at Christ the King who makes an appearance and shares some thoughts most Sundays. Here is a discussion between Chester and our minister, Wayne, about winter.

Chester: Why does God let it get so cold? Why does he allow so much rain? Why is there winter? Why can it not be summer all the time old bean?

Wayne: *That's a good question Chester. Why can't it be summer all year round? What do you think?*

Chester: I do not have an answer. My job is to ask the questions. You are the minister dear chap, your job is to answer!

Wayne: *Ok then. Here goes ... God gave us seasons because it's part of creation. It would be boring if it was all the same. There is a natural rhythm that God is in charge of and there is beauty in every season.*

Chester: Brrrr. There is not much beauty in being cold old thing!

Wayne: *No – but it makes you appreciate the warmth, and enjoy sitting by the fire. Anyway, here are a couple of Bible verses, first from Ecclesiastes 3: "For everything there is a season"; and from Psalm 104: "You have made the moon to mark the seasons".*

Chester: Fair enough. But what is God doing about the rain?

Wayne: *You know there are lots of verses in the Bible about rain – Hebrews 6 tells us: "For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God; ..."*

Chester: So, my good man, rain is a blessing. But we also need to make sure our neighbours are warm and dry. Give them an umbrella; share fire and fellowship.

Wayne: *Sounds good. And I guess wild weather makes nice photos too – helps us appreciate God's creation.*

Chester: That's all very well old chap. But how about something practical to get warm ... you could sing an action song. I, of course, will not sing – because cats do not sing – but I promise I will do the actions ... in my bag!



### “Special Focus” Month

During July on each Sunday we will have a focus on a particular group, community initiative or topic.

- July 01 Refugee Sunday – remembering and praying for all refugees  
*see Psalm 13 and Matthew 10:40-42*
- July 08 Sea Sunday – remembering and praying for sailors, fishermen and all who work on the sea; acknowledging the work of the Mission to Seafarers  
*see Job 38:1&4-11 and Mark 4:35-41*
- July 15 Bible Sunday – giving thanks for the gift of God's Word in Scripture  
*see 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and Luke 4:16-21*
- July 22 Grandparent Sunday – acknowledging the special place of grandparents, and praying for grandparents and grandchildren  
*see Isaiah 40: 28-32 & 46: 3-4 and Luke 2: 25-32 & 36-38*
- July 29 Social Services Sunday – remembering and praying for social service agencies and those who need the support provided  
*see Micah: 6: 6-8 and Mark 6: 32-44*

### St Michael's, Hakaru

Hello everyone -

"Good News" - St Michael's original burial register is at the Archives Office in Auckland. Paul Perkins knew of its location and has very kindly sent up a copy of it with each page and the cover sealed in plastic. Paul has also updated the burials for the last five years in an additional book. We are very grateful to Paul for doing this work for us.

The service on the 29th of April was well attended with 29 present including visitors from Auckland, and it was good to socialise at lunch in the Hakaru Hall after the service.

Neville has had enquiries from people requesting burial plots which he and Len have attended to, but a decision will have to be made where the next Ashes strip at the head of the plots will be, as we only have 4 plots left. We need guidance as to whether we have another line or maybe a separate square or even a wall for ashes! The committee would welcome feedback from anyone who has any ideas.

A working bee is to be held shortly to clean the walls of the church, at the rate the year is flying the wedding on October the 3rd will be upon us soon. It is two years since the church was chem washed.

There is no more news for now. It is surprising how many people like to visit the Church and see inside. One high school student has done a project with pictures etc, which hopefully we get the chance to see one day.

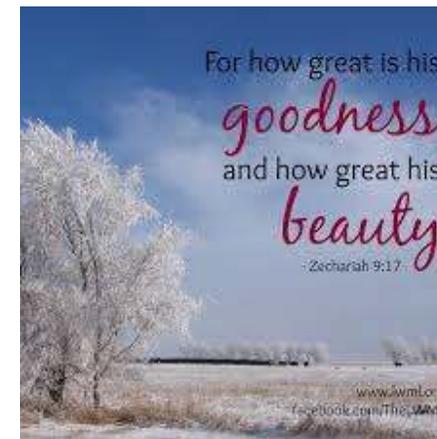
Take care, keep warm and "God Bless"

Ann Dowson

### Mangawhai Mission District

#### Church Service Times

<b>Christ the King, Mangawhai</b>	Wednesday Holy Communion	9 am
	Sunday Holy Communion	9 am
<b>St Paul's, Kaiwaka</b>	First Sunday of the Month - Holy Communion	9 am
	Third Sunday of the Month - Family Worship	9 am
<b>St Michael's, Hakaru</b>	5th Sunday Holy Communion	11.30 am



## St Paul's, Kaiwaka

The Easter Day Service was led by John McClean. It was a joy and pleasure to welcome eight visitors to the service including a family from Auckland who are building a new home at Oneriri.

The service on 15<sup>th</sup> April was a time of thanksgiving very ably led by Derek. The front of the church was a wonderful testament to the very creative talents of Derek & Isa. The service provided an opportunity to reflect with gratitude on the good things that surround us and a time to look outwards towards others – the harvest aspect included contributions of items for the Kaiwaka Food Bank which was gratefully received as their supplies were getting low.

The highlight in May was a "Thank You" afternoon tea to show our appreciation and thankfulness to the ladies who undertake to clean the church and hall and provide beautiful floral arrangements for our services. We also celebrated a milestone birthday, David's 80<sup>th</sup> at morning tea on the 6<sup>th</sup> May.

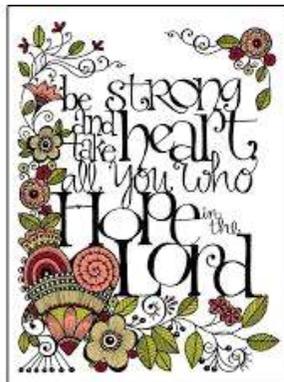
Archie Bull Hall continues to be booked on a regular basis by three educational related groups and some community organisations but the Kaiwaka After School group has now returned to school for their activities.

The kitchen renovations discussion is ongoing and plans and quotes are being sought. The format of the new Church Noticeboard has been discussed and decided on. We now await the final approval from the Governing Body and the finished product from the signwriter's workmanship.

We look forward to having a Cub & Scout service in August and the NZ Scout Venture using the hall and grounds for activities in January during their Illuminate 2019 event.

Our prayers and support for Robin & Felicity Morgans continues as Robin begins the long road of recovery after his recent operation in Auckland Hospital.

*Mary Hargreaves*



These years were spent on the Playcentre Committee, supervising Playcentre, co editing the Bugle with my dear friend Liz, taking on roles on the PTA at Kaiwaka Primary and briefly Otamatea, Kaiwaka Lions Club, and a very strong involvement in Cubbing and Scouting. I cleaned houses to top up our income. We camped on the banks of the Kaipara, fished and had good family fun on the farms we managed. I also went back to school - as a Mother Help initially, then was offered a paid position being a teacher aide for a special needs child. Nearly 30 years later I am still there - so perhaps that Guidance Counsellor knew his stuff after all.

Hugh and I separated, though we remained very good friends and continued to attend family events together, with Ross joining us after our marriage in 2002. Sadly we said farewell to Hugh just two years ago. We all miss him terribly. My Mum lives in the retirement village in Maungaturoto.

Over the years I have dabbled in many forms of art, before finding my passion with mosaics. I exhibited my first piece this year at a Gallery in Orewa. It didn't look out of place with the other art works I decided. I enjoy gardening, love my little flock of Wiltshire sheep, and am finding there just aren't enough hours in the day to get done what I'd like to. Maybe that's age cue laughter!!

Being a member of St Paul's Church family is pretty special. We are a close bunch, and care deeply for our other 'Family Members'. I take bookings for The Archie Bull Hall - I enjoy the links with our community this allows me. I am honoured to have my job at school, and I like to think my life experiences make me an understanding and sympathetic adult for some of these kids. I also get to use my artistic flair and personality to work with children. I love the company of like minded adults.

Moving to Kaiwaka counts as one of the best things I ever did. It's a fantastic community to be a part of.

*Sara*



## Church Profile - Sara McAulay

I was born in 1957, in Sydney Australia. I am of convict stock, with gypsy heritage, on my Mother's side. My Father's family were from Tonbridge Wells...the District Court my convict relatives were dispatched from. I often wonder if their paths crossed all those years ago.

As I watch Call the Midwife on television, I have to keep reminding myself that the era portrayed is how life with a baby would have been for my parents in those times. Those funny prams, and grey fashions and austere times were all part of the late 50s.

We moved up the Coast to Lismore when I was a preschooler, and it was here I did my Primary and most of my Secondary Schooling. I will explain the 'most' shortly. It is also where I attended Sunday School, as both a participant and then 'teacher'. I did my confirmation at St Andrews, a lovely big brick, almost cathedral, in town. I remember as a child looking at all the pipes in the organ alcove and being nothing short of amazed that anybody could master such a large musical instrument. I belonged to the Girls Friendly Society, and wholesome things such as visiting the elderly and being a good citizen were encouraged and practiced. I found a photo recently - I am wearing a beret and gloves, and clutching a posy to present to a recipient. How things change!!

In the early 70s my Father decided a move to New Zealand would benefit his little family...by then I had a sister 6 years younger than myself. As things were back then, we had very little say in this decision. The catalyst was Dad re-establishing contact with a family member he had not been in contact with since he joined the Navy and left England for the War. We all know people change, and this bright new beginning fell far short of everyone's expectations. I moved to my new school in my 5th form year, and scraped through a vastly different education system to get School C. My sister struggled at her new primary school. I left school shortly afterwards and became a Vet Nurse. A job I loved, for the next 4 - 5 years. The day I left school the Guidance Counsellor told me I'd make a great school teacher - I wasn't spending another day of my life in a school I disliked as much as I did that one - I kept on walking. Mum and Dad moved to Auckland. My sister attended Kristen School.

I married Hugh in 1977, and we had two children, Matthew and Kate. He was a contract fencer/stockman and we worked firstly at remote Tangowahine Valley, then in the early 80's we moved to Kaiwaka, managing several properties here. I made a promise to myself I would make sure my children got every chance at their education without moving, and we were lucky enough to stay put and allow our children that privilege. Matt is now a Geotech Engineer in Tauranga, and Kate works for an Agency supporting victims of Sexual Abuse/Domestic Violence. I have six Grandsons.

## GRANDPARENTS SERVICE

SUNDAY 22 JULY

Christ the King Church, Mangawhai

**Grandparents are Special!**

Someone once said: "If I'd known grandchildren were so much fun, I would have had them first!"

A grandmother writes:

Ah, grandparenthood! Let me count the ways it is wonderful! First, it is such a delight to see your own children doing such a great job of parenting! Second, if something goes wrong with a child, they blame the parents, not the grandparents. Third, the freedom from total responsibility is wonderful! Fourth, grandparents really KNOW how fleeting childhood is and we make the time to really stop and smell the roses. Examine a leaf. Look for shapes in the clouds. Fifth, we don't sweat the small stuff. While parents may worry about the child's health, behaviour or manners. Most of the time we realize that most of it is a stage that they will outgrow. If we are concerned, then parents should really listen. Last, the amount of love we have for these little ones is so enormous that it defies description. It is the great payoff for growing old!!! Best thing that ever happened to us!

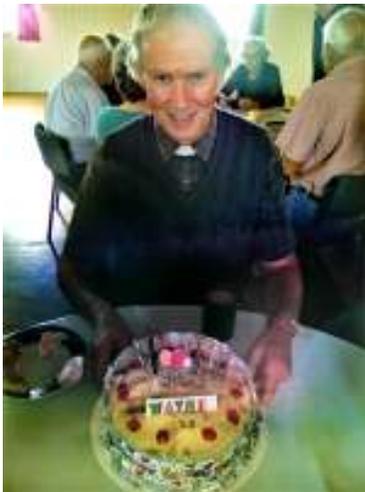
Grandchildren say: Grandparents make the world ... a little softer, a little kinder, a little warmer

At our service on July 22 we will celebrate the blessing that grandparents are, and also include the special blessing that grandchildren are. This is an occasion to invite all grandparents and grandchildren to share in - so please invite those in your family and neighbourhood. There will be a delicious morning tea following the service! If there are grandchildren who are willing and able to be involved in this service in some way, please let our minister, Wayne, know. Mark your calendars and diaries for this special occasion:

**9am on Sunday 22 July at Christ the King Church.**



**Combined Mission District Bowling Tournament  
at All Saints, Wellsford**



**Celebrating Wayne's birthday at  
Hakaru Hall**



**Harvest Festival at  
Christ the King Church**

**St Paul's fundraising afternoon tea  
for the Kaiwaka Foodbank**



**Lynda & Jim Wintle on their overseas adventure, following the Silk  
Road across Asia - at the UNESCO World Heritage Registan Square  
Samarkand, Uzbekistan**