

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

We hope you find God's presence in the service today. Please join us for a cuppa after the service and share our hospitality and fellowship

Happy Birthday!

We extend our best birthday wishes to **Rev. Edith McCarthy** celebrating her birthday on **Thursday 14th February**.



Bible Study 2019 - We will get going for the year on **Wednesday 13 February**, 10am at Christ the King. Our first study series is: "James: Faith that Works", and will begin with three studies linking with the Sunday preaching series on the Letter of James, which will commence on Sunday 17 February. Copies of the studies are available on the entry table, or on our website.

Rhythm'n'Riggle

After a refreshing break we are bouncing back into action on **Tuesday 12 February**. 10am at Christ the King. Please let everyone know!



Craft Group - has begun again, meeting at Christ the King, Thursday mornings, 9.30 am—until 12 Noon.

New Year Opportunities

The beginning of the year is a good time to consider how and where you can contribute to our church. You may already be on one, two or more rosters – if so, thank you very much; your help is greatly appreciated. If you are not currently on a roster, or would like to "expand your horizons", you can choose from flowers, cleaning, Bible reading, intercessions, sound and technology, garden and grounds. Please talk to Wayne or one of our Wardens about this.

Church Life Magazine - March edition

We hope to print this early in March. Please forward all items to the church office by **Friday 22nd March**

Sermons etc

Remember Wayne's sermons, our Bible Studies and Pew News are all available "on line" on our website: www.mangawhaianglican.org.nz. Sermons are also available on the entry table, or on request.



Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

Following Jesus

When a rabbi asked someone to follow him, it was an incredible honour. It was an offer of unlimited access to the rabbi. It not only gave them complete access

to ask the teacher probing questions, but they also lived alongside the rabbi, experiencing firsthand how the Scriptures should be lived out. Becoming a disciple required an unwavering commitment to submit to the rabbi's authority, but it also meant that everyday was full of opportunities to learn new things about God.

Disciples went where their rabbi went. They slept where their rabbi slept. They ate what their rabbi ate. And largely, they shared their rabbi's passions and beliefs. As a rabbi, this is the kind of relationship Jesus invited the disciples to experience. For them, following Jesus included sharing his enthusiasm for declaring the good news. This meant taking short-term trips to share his teachings, and eventually, spreading those teachings throughout the world.

Great for the disciples back then, but what does it mean to follow Jesus today? A few thoughts ... Eventually, the disciples learned that they weren't just following a rabbi - Jesus was the promised Messiah. The Lord had come to teach them about himself, and they were going to help establish his kingdom. If we want to follow Jesus too, we have to recognize him as more than a great teacher. Our lives, words, actions are to "declare Jesus as Lord."

For us, following Jesus means recognizing him for who he really is. Messiah. Lord. The Son of God. Saviour of the world. The first step to following Jesus is believing that he is who he says he is. And the Holy Spirit empowers us to understand and live out Christ's teachings (1 Corinthians 2:14-16).

While Christians today can't physically follow Jesus like the disciples did, the New Testament makes it clear that following him includes applying his teachings. Jesus communicated it this way: "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32). Paul's letters to the early church also emphasize the need for Christians to follow Jesus' teachings and apply them to their lives - just as his disciples did. As it was in the early church, the Holy Spirit is still equipping the church to follow Jesus.

Then we are to find our place in the body of Christ. In Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth, he calls the church "the body of Christ" (1 Corinthians 12), explaining how each person has been uniquely gifted to fulfill a role in the church, and the body can't function as it was intended unless each person does his or her part. With this metaphor, Paul gives us the image of Christ as a head controlling his body (the church) to do his will. By choosing to follow Jesus, we become part of Christ's body. Paul wants us to understand that we all serve a purpose within that body, and each one of us has unique gifts to help the church accomplish its mission.

As we each discover our unique place within the body of Christ, the church is built up and equipped. Though we are all followers, each one of us has a unique journey as a disciple. We each play a different role in the body of Christ. Our path as a disciple may not be the same as our neighbour's, and that's just fine. The main thing is to keep following ...

Shalom, Wayne



Please keep in your prayers:

Margaret Whitaker, Celia McCaw, Marjorie Blake, Jean and Brian, Bernard Chivers, Rev. Edith McCarthy; Trewby and Rosemary; Tony and Jo; Bev. Jaques; Robin Morgans; Diana and Grant; Jocelyn Cullen; Judith Brown; Jonathan; Sibyl Canning, Elspeth Cooze and Petronella and Jac.

Visiting: If you are aware of people you think need or would appreciate a visit from Wayne, please let him know. Also if there are people who would appreciate Home Communion.

What's on: 11 - 17 February

Tues.	12 Feb	Rhythm 'n' Riggle Governing Body	Christ the King Christ the King	10.00 am 1.00 pm
Wed.	13 Feb.	Holy Communion Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Thurs.	14 Feb.	C+K Craft Group	Christ the King	9 am—Noon
Sunday	17 Feb.	Holy Communion Morning Worship	Christ the King St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00 am 9.00 am

Next week

17 February Service at 9 am
Theme: James 1: The "How to" Book

Readings: Luke 6: 20-26
James 1: 19-27

MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS

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Pew News

Christ the King, Mangawhai

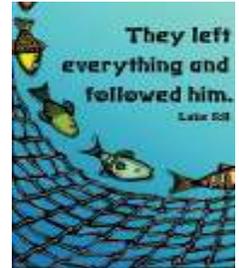
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Theme & Readings

Prayer Book P. 404

Choosing and Following

OT: Psalm 139: 9-16
Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11



Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

In Christ we have been given our share in the heritage, as was decreed in God's design, whose purpose is everywhere at work. (Ephesians 1:11)

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

All-knowing God, by the lake Christ called disciples to abundant life: Guide us in all you would have us do; give us the will and the wisdom to obey you; help us to follow you trustfully and fearlessly, that our lives may be rich and fruitful; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Prayer Cycle

In our Diocese we pray for the parishes of Blockhouse Bay and Avondale, and the Cooperating Parish of Lynfield. In our Mission District we pray for Overseas mission and stamps for mission, and the groups who use our facilities. In our community we pray for our local businesses and enterprises.

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