

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

Bible Study 2019

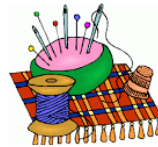
We have begun our first study series on: "James: Faith that Works", the next two studies will link with the Sunday preaching series on the Letter of James, on 24 February and 4 March. Copies of the studies are available on the Entry table, or on our website.



Rhythm'n'Riggle

We bounced right back into action last Tuesday with 23 children and their parents! Do let interested people know of this great opportunity – and come along yourself and see what goes on. 10am at Christ the King.

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



Church Life Magazine - March edition

We hope to print this early in March. Please forward all items to the church office by **Friday 02 March - could all reports be forwarded by this date.** (Sorry wrong date published last week!)

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.

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.

Foodbank

We have a basket in the foyer of Christ the King Church for donations of grocery items, to be distributed to local foodbanks. All donations very welcome



Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

A (Very) Brief Introduction to the Epistle of James

In one sense the Epistle of James looks a bit like the Old Testament book of Proverbs dressed up in New Testament clothes. Its consistent focus on practical action in the life of faith is reminiscent of the Wisdom Literature in the Old Testament, encouraging God's people to act like God's people. The pages of James are filled with direct commands to pursue a life of holiness. He makes no excuses for those who do not measure up. In the mind of this early church leader, Christians evidence their faith by walking in certain ways and not others. For James, a faith that does not produce real life change is a faith that is worthless (James 2:17).

In the opening of his letter, James calls himself a servant or slave of God, an appropriate name given the practical, servant-oriented emphasis of the book. Throughout the book, James contends that faith produces authentic deeds. In other words, if those who call themselves God's people truly belong to Him, their lives will produce deeds or "fruit". In language and themes that sound similar to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, James rails against the hypocritical believer who says one thing but does another.

For James, faith is no abstract proposition, but has effects in the real world. James offered numerous practical examples to illustrate his point: faith endures in the midst of trials, calls on God for wisdom, controls the tongue, sets aside wickedness, visits orphans and widows, and does not play favourites. He stressed that the life of faith is comprehensive, impacting every area of our lives and driving us to truly engage in the lives of other people in the world. While James recognized that even believers stumble (James 3:2), he also knew that faith should not coexist with people who roll their eyes at the less fortunate, ignore the plight of others, or curse those in their way.

More than any other book in the New Testament, James places the spotlight on the necessity for believers to act in accordance with their faith. The Epistle of James asks bluntly: "How well do your actions mirror the faith that you proclaim?" This is a question that followers of Jesus seem to struggle to answer well. We would all like to point to the ways our faith and works overlap, but too often there are some glaring gaps.

I encourage you to read this letter from James – it's only five chapters and can be easily read in one sitting. And as you read, focus on those areas that he mentions: your actions during trials, your treatment of those less fortunate, the way you speak and relate to others, and the role that money plays in how you live your life. Allow James to encourage you to do good, according to the faith you proclaim.

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: 18 - 24 February

Tues.	19 Feb	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Christ the King	10.00 am
Wed.	20 Feb.	Holy Communion Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Thurs.	21 Feb.	C+K Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30 am—Noon
Sunday	24 Feb.	Holy Communion	Christ the King	9.00 am

Next week

24 February Service at 9 am
Theme: It's All About Tongues!

Readings: Luke 6: 27-36
James 3: 1-10

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Pew News

Christ the King, Mangawhai

17 February 2019

**James 1:
The 'How to ..' Book**



Theme & Readings

Power Point Service

Gospel: Luke 6: 20-26
NT: James 1: 19-27

Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

Blessed are you when people hate you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. *(Luke 6:23)*

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

Righteous God, you challenge the powers that rule this world, and you show favour to the oppressed: instil in us a true sense of justice, that we may discern the signs of your kingdom, and strive for right to prevail; for the sake of 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 Pukekohe and Bombay-Pokeno, and the Local Shared Ministry Units of Mauku and Tuakau. In our Mission District we pray for our Treasurer and Finance team, Property committee, Administrator and all involved in administration and roster organisation. In our community we pray for our local newspapers and media, for all involved in radio, communication and public relations.

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