

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

Ash Wednesday – March 6

To mark the beginning of the season of Lent, we will be having a service with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion at 9am, at Christ the King. You might like to bring last year's palm cross to be burnt to help make the ashes. We have invited folk from the local Catholic church to share in this special service with us. (We need one person to do a Bible reading – please see Wayne if you would like to do this.)



Coffee Morning - Thursday 7th March, 10.00 am

This month our coffee morning is at **15 Park Avenue, Park View Waters, Mangawhai**, hosted by Margaret and Alan Whitaker. All welcome!

Happy Birthday!

We extend our best birthday wishes to **Fay Burnett**, celebrating on **Monday 4th March**, and also **Maralynne Latu**, celebrating on **Friday 8th March**.



Bible Study 2019

For our "Lent Studies" this year we will be working through the Letter of James under the heading 'Faith that Works'. This coming week we will be studying James 1:1-18 – 'Dependable or Double-minded'. Wednesdays 10am at Christ the King. Studies available on the entry table or from our website.

MMD AGM—Advance Notice

Our AGM this year will be held at St Paul's, Kaiwaka, Sunday April 7th, following morning services. There will be car-pooling from Christ the King Church.

3 Steps For Life - St John's Awareness Sessions

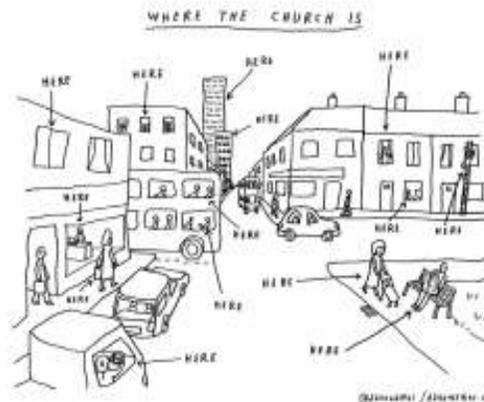
Mangawhai St John is hosting sessions at St John's Station on the first Saturday of each month for 1 hour between 10.00 and 11.00 am. Further details on the notice board or talk to Lindsay.

Fundraising Stall - Advance Notice

We are planning a stall at the Mangawhai Village Market, **Easter Saturday, 20th April**, selling baking, produce, plants, bric a brac, etc. Gardeners, it would be great to start those cuttings, seedlings now!

Seasons for Growth - Supporting those Dealing with Change or Loss

Volunteers needed - Details on the notice board.



Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

Just what is "Church"?

In the Apostles' day, "church" *never* meant a building. If you had walked up to Peter or Paul and said, "Where do you go to church?" they probably wouldn't have understood what you meant. The Church was and is the people of the Body of Christ. Nowhere in the Bible was a building ever called a "church." They never attended a building that they called "church." They never built a building that they called "church."

The word "church," in the Greek language was "ekklesia." It was a word that was created by two separate words: "ek" a preposition that denoted the point from where action or motion proceeded - like "of," "out" or "from"; and "kaleo," which meant "call." The church is the "called out," or "those who are called".

In response, one writer says: 'have you ever thought that the Church is the origin from where the message is "called out"? The Church is that catalyst from where the Gospel goes forth into the world. The Apostles and saints "never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ ... in the temple courts and from house to house" (Acts 5:42). The Church didn't wait for people to come to them. The first Church went out into the field and preached the Truth.'

Another answers: 'The most common use of the word church today refers to the building used for public worship. The deeper Biblical meaning is the body of believers or followers of Jesus Christ. We speak of "Going to church on Sunday" and we think of the church building. The fact is that if the building were to burn down on Saturday night, the church would still meet, still have church services, and in fact "BE" the church all the while.'

Considering "church" in the 21st century, Travis East wrote these lines:

*Going through the motions, putting on a show
Look around and wonder are we ever going to grow?
Two or more are gathered, are you really here?
Are you pleased with what you see or holding back the tears?
The stained glass tells the story of the price you have paid
Have we all forgotten the sacrifice you made?
Lord, help us to remember that you took our place
You brought us from the depths of Hell and saved us with your grace.
Lord, help us to remember, we are the shadow of your cross
That we don't just go to church ... the church resides in us*

Wood and bricks and glass and decorations can make a magnificent building; however we are the church.

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: 04 - 10 March

Tues.	05 Mar.	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Christ the King	10.00 am
Wed.	06 Mar.	Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Thurs.	07 Mar	C+K Craft Group Coffee Morning	Christ the King 15 Park Avenue Mangawhai	9.30 am—Noon 10.00 am
Sunday	10 Mar.	Holy Communion	Christ the King	9.00 am

Next week

10 March Service at 9 am
Theme: Lent 1: Jesus and the Devil

Readings: Psalm 91: 9-16
Luke 4: 1-13

MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS

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Theme & Readings

Prayer Book P.476

Pew News

Christ the King, Mangawhai

03 March 2019

**James 3:
The Church**

Gospel: Luke 6: 39-45
NT: James 5: 13-20



Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

'My word shall not return to me empty,' says the Lord, 'but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:11)

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

God our rock, the solid ground of our being; help us dig deeply into your rich soil, graft us into Christ the good tree, so that we bear fruit that will last; through Jesus Christ who is alive 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 Onehunga, Royal Oak and Hillsborough. In our Mission District we pray for "Social" gatherings, Pastoral care, Wardens and Governing Body. In our community we pray for Renewal and Revival; that God's Spirit would move to heal and transform.

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