

## 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**

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 2:1-13 – 'Who's the Judge'. Wednesdays 10am at Christ the King. Studies available on the entry table or from our website.

### **Rhythm'n'Riggle**

We had another great turn out last Tuesday with 24 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.

### **Church Life Magazine - March edition**

Please collect your copy from the foyer, and if possible, pick up and deliver copies to those who are not at church today.

### **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.

# AGM

### **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.



### **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!

### **Sermons etc**

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

**Trading Table** - check out the trading table in the foyer, for baking, produce, books, etc. All donations very welcome.

### **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

### Do the Math

#### 1: *Forty Days?*

The more astute may have worked out that although "Lent" is a forty day season stretching from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day, there are more than forty days in this period! This is because the Sundays are not counted. Even during the sombre season of Lent, each Sunday is a celebration when we remember that although Jesus died, he rose again and as we celebrate communion his life continues in us. The number "forty" has great significance: Jesus was tempted in the desert for forty days; he was in the tomb forty hours between Good Friday and Easter morning; for forty years the Hebrews wandered in the wilderness before entering the promised land; the ark was tossed on the flood waters for forty days; Jesus walked with his disciples for forty days after his resurrection. The early Church Fathers held that the number forty when applied to time (forty hours, forty days, forty years) was the necessary period for cleansing, testing and strengthening which allowed the fullness of God's wisdom and action to become reality.

#### 2: *Why is there no fixed date for Easter?*

Everyone knows that Christmas is December 25. On that day, every year, we celebrate the birth of Jesus. However when it comes to the day that Jesus' resurrection is marked, we know it is Easter Sunday, but it is a different date each year! It seems confusing that this most important celebration is not fixed. It can be accounted for like this ... The Christian faith originated in the Holy Land, where the lunar calendar was used. When Christianity arrived in Rome there was a difficulty with dates because there the sun calendar was used. Early church leaders, both Jewish and Roman, agreed that everything to do with the coming of Jesus Christ had been prepared – even the position of the moon, the sun and the stars. But they could not agree on how to fix a date for the yearly celebration of Easter. Then, in the fourth century, with the help of astronomers who took into account the position of both the moon and the sun in relation to the earth, a decision was made. Easter would be celebrated on the first Sunday after the full moon that follows the Spring (according to the northern hemisphere!) Equinox (March 20 or 21). This is why Easter can be any day between March 22 and April 25.

Happy counting and following through the days of Lent.

Shalom, Wayne



"I couldn't decide what to give up for Lent, so I gave it all up."



**Please keep in your prayers:**

Peter Linnell, Margaret Whitaker, Celia McCaw, Marjorie Blake, Jean and Brian, Bernard Chivers, Rev. Edith McCarthy; Trewby and Rosemary; Tony and Jo; Bev. Jaques; 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 March**

Tues.	12 Mar.	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Christ the King	10.00 am
Wed.	13 Mar.	Holy Communion Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Thurs.	14 Mar.	C+K Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30 am—Noon
Sunday	17 Mar.	Holy Communion & Baptism Family Worship	Christ the King St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00 am 9.00 am

**Next week**

**17 March Service at 9 am**  
**Theme: Lent 2: St Patrick and Celebration of Baptism**

**Readings:** Psalm 96: 1-7  
Matthew 28: 16-20

**MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS**

**Priest in Charge:** Reverend Wayne Thornton, 431 4122  
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Rev Derek Christensen, Rev Edith McCarthy, Rev John McClean,  
Rev Dr Tony Stroobant  
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**Theme & Readings**

Prayer Book P.404

**Scripture for the Week (Sentence)**

Worship the Lord your God and serve only him. (Luke 4:8)

**Prayer for the Week (Collect)**

**Holy God, tested by the evil one, your Son did not yield: defend us from the deceits of wealth and power; shield us from despair; and hold us fast to you our rock and our truth; 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 Henderson, Te Atatu and Northwest Anglican, Laidlaw College and Whenuapai RNZAF. In our Mission District we pray for Worship Leaders, Liturgists, and Musicians at Sunday services, Bible readers and intercessors, sound and technology operators. In our community we pray for all churches, their ministers and elders, and their people. We also pray for Carolann Clews being baptised next Sunday, and for her parents as they prepare for this special celebration.

**Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-12 noon**  
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**Christ the King Mangawhai, St Michael & All Angels Hakaru, St Paul's Kaiwaka**

# Pew News

**Christ the King, Mangawhai**

**10 March 2019**

**Lent 1:  
Jesus and the Devil**

OT: Psalm 91: 9-16  
Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13

