

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

Notices:



A Special Candle

At every service from now until Holy Week, there will be a special lit candle on the altar as a sign of our thoughts and prayers for the victims of last Friday's tragedy in Christchurch; and as a sign of the Christian hope we believe in and share.

Statement from our Archbishops

Archbishops Philip Richardson and Don Tamihere issued a statement on the wake of the Christchurch shootings. For those who would like to read it, it is on the noticeboard.

Passion Narrative Reading – Readers Required Please

This will take place on "Passion Sunday", 07 April.

4 readers are required at Christ the King.

3 readers required at St Paul's Kaiwaka.

Please see the notice on the board and add your name if you would like to do this.



Bible Study 2019

For our "Lent Studies" this year we are working through the Letter of James under the heading 'Faith that Works'. This coming week we will be studying James 3:13-4:10 Makers and Breakers of Peace'. Wednesdays 10am at Christ the King. Studies available on the entry table or from our website.

Happy Birthday!

We extend our best birthday wishes to **Peter Pedrotti**, celebrating on **Friday 29th March**.



Palm Sunday is 14 April

Please let Wayne know if you are able to make Palm Crosses for blessing and distribution on this day. Thank you.



Harvest Festival – March 31 at Christ the King

An opportunity to celebrate God's goodness and the great place we live in; and to pray for local farmers, growers and producers. Please bring non-perishable harvest items that can be blessed and distributed. Please invite family, friends, neighbours, farmers, growers etc to this special celebration.

Annual General Meeting – Sunday 07 April 11am, Archie Bull Hall – Kaiwaka

Following the services at Christ the King and St Paul's, we will gather for our AGM and have a shared lunch afterwards. Please note this important meeting on your calendar and plan to be there. Nominations are sought for Governing Body, People's Warden and Synod Representatives. Nomination forms are available on the entry table at Christ the King and St Paul's. Please give this your prayerful consideration.

Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

Our Response

The Aotearoa New Zealand after Friday afternoon 15 March 2019 is very different to the Aotearoa New Zealand of Friday morning 15 March 2019. The tragic events in Christchurch have forever marked and changed us as a nation and as people. Some are talking about the "loss of innocence". I find myself still questioning how could this happen here? But it has happened and no amount of "if only ..." or handwringing will do anything helpful. Yes we are to be wiser and stronger and more prepared in the wake of this tragedy. However let us not harden our hearts and our thinking. Rather let us endeavour to become kinder, more forgiving, more generous.

You may be aware of the saying: "it is better to light a candle than curse the darkness". Romans 13:12 tells us: "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light." May we each in our own way, in our own lives, light a candle in response to the shadow that looms over our land as a result of Friday afternoon 15 March 2019.

Let us be very clear that our Christian faith assures us of some vital truths:

* Even when it looks like God is not there, God is

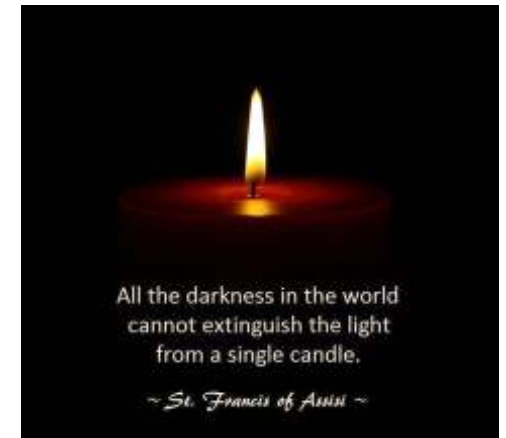
* Light will always overcome darkness

* There is new life

* Love is stronger than all kinds of hate

Our calling as followers of Jesus Christ is to embody these vital truths in the places we are, with the people we live and work among; in what we say, how we react, and what we do.

In hope, and peace, and love;
Shalom, Wayne





Please keep in your prayers:

Carol, Peter Linnell, 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: 25 - 31 March

Tues.	26 Mar.	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Christ the King	10.00 am
Wed.	27 Mar.	Holy Communion Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Thurs.	28 Mar.	C+K Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30 am—Noon
Sunday	31 Mar.	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Christ the King St Michael's, Hakaru	9.00 am 11.30 am

Next week

31 March Service at 9 am
Theme: Lent 4: Refreshment - Harvest Festival

Readings: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11
Luke 6: 43-45

MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS

Priest in Charge: Reverend Wayne Thornton, 431 4122
Priest's Warden: Lindsay McCaw 431 3460
Co-People's Wardens: Ann Dowson 431 5913
Lynda Wintle 431 4766
Office Administrator: Fay Burnett - Fridays 8am – 12 noon, 431 4122

Assisting Clergy:

Rev Derek Christensen, Rev Edith McCarthy, Rev John McClean,
Rev Dr Tony Stroobant

Christ the King Church: 9 Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai Village
Postal address: PO Box 58, Mangawhai Village, 0540



Pew News

Christ the King, Mangawhai

24 March 2019

Lent 3: Grow or Go!

OT: Psalm 63: 1-8
Gospel: Luke 13: 6-9



Theme & Readings

Prayer Book P.456

Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.
(Isaiah 55:6)

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

Holy God, merciful and patient over all creation, your Son confronts our casual and fruitless ways: fire our hearts with compassion; quicken our minds against deceit and shallowness; strengthen our wills to resist evil and follow Christ; 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 Parish of Whangarei and the Local Shared Ministry Units of Onerahi/Manaia and Maunu; the Whangarei Anglican Centre, Northland Polytechnic and Northland Urban-Rural Mission. In our Mission District we pray for Bible studies and small groups. In our community we pray for our Member of Parliament, Mayor and Councillors, District Council, local boards and committees.

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-12 noon
Phone: 431 4122 Email: mangawhaichristking@xtra.co.nz
Website: www.mangawhaianglican.org.nz

Christ the King Mangawhai, St Michael & All Angels Hakaru, St Paul's Kaiwaka