

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.

Birthdays

We extend our best birthday wishes to **Tevita Latu**, celebrating his birthday on **Friday, 26th July**.



Farewell and Best Wishes!

Today will be the final service Rev Edith McCarthy attends at St Paul's, Kaiwaka. Edith is leaving after living in Bream Bay for 32 years and will be moving to Tauranga via a stay in Auckland with her son. Following the morning service, folk will be meeting at the Pizza Barn, Waipu at 11.30 am to farewell Edith. All welcome.

CAP Christians Against Poverty

We will have a guest speaker with us next **Sunday 28th July** from Christians Against Poverty. Esther Matayabas hails from Bedfordshire in the UK. She studied Geography and International Development at Bath Spa University, and it was here, through church, that she first heard about CAP. Esther spent a year interning at CAP UK in Bradford, before grabbing the opportunity to come to New Zealand - and to complete another internship here! She loves NZ so much that she's stayed on. Esther works in the Fundraising Team, where she enjoys encouraging CAP Supporters about the difference their giving

Sue is leaving us!

We are very sorry to report that our lovely Sue will soon be off on a new adventure.

Sunday 28th July will be her last service with us at Christ the King Church. We will have a farewell morning tea for her on that date, and it will be a chance to extend our thanks and best wishes to Sue. Please bring a plate to share.

A message from Sue: Hi all the big move is taking place!!! I will be in Tauranga on the 1st August. I have loved living in Mangawhai and will miss all the people who have been such a big part of my life but am excited about living with family again and being closer to Stella and Natalie and Danica, although sadly it means a distance from Andrew and Kelly and Trish and Althea, and all our Auckland friends. My new address will be 157 Waipapa Block Road RD8 Tauranga 3180. Both phone numbers and my email are the same. Au revoir and love. X Sue

Rhythm 'n' Riggle - will recommence on Tuesday 23rd July at Christ the King, 10.00 am.

Bible Study - there will be no study on Wednesday 24th July. Check the insert for details of the study on Wednesday 31st July.

Fundraising—Christ the King We are seeking donations towards a storage shed and new microphones for the church, an overall cost of **\$6,000**. Funds raised to date: **\$1,270.00**. Thank you to all who have been able to make a donation.

John's Reflection

Luke 10:38-42

Mary and Martha

The story of Martha and Mary maintains that doing without listening is equally futile. It seems more like a typical family squabble that Jesus settles by giving each participant the right to do her own thing. A closer examination not only of the story but its location following the parable of the 'Good Samaritan', however, yields a different conclusion.

Martha comes on the scene first welcoming Jesus into her home, which possibly indicates she is the leader of the household. Martha very naturally becomes upset that her sister, Mary, spends all her time with Jesus and does not help with the family chores. Martha seems more distracted by the work that has piled up, with guests in the house, than by some inner need to see to it that if she is working, then by golly, Mary is going to work too.

Why does Martha go to Jesus with her complaint rather than to Mary? We don't know the answer to the question. Maybe there is a family rift or is it the narrator's way of leading into Jesus' response that "Mary has chosen the better part" (10:42).

What is the better part that Mary has chosen? Interestingly, the narrator tells us only two things about Mary. She "sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying" (10:39). This act is a way of declaring her discipleship. She has made herself a learner of Jesus. Hearing what he says means that she has received Jesus as a prophet. Mary is doing what loyal disciples should do—she is listening.

We come back to the parable of the 'Good Samaritan' in the Scripture reading last week where we focused on being compassionate. "Compassion is about making connection between the heart of my being and the heart of yours, and following that connection". It follows a 3-fold path of compassion:

1. The courage to **see**
2. The courage to **feel**
3. The courage to **act**

This 3-fold path needs to incorporate listening to what God is saying. In other words Mary, who is distinguished not for her action, but for her attentive listening to the words of Jesus. Her place alongside the Samaritan affirms that discipleship has to do not only with love of neighbour but also with the love of God, not only with active service but also with a silent and patient waiting upon God's supreme voice. The Samaritan and Mary belong together. Doing without listening can easily degenerate into busyness that loses its purpose. Listening without doing soon becomes no more than a mockery of the words.

Keep journeying in faith.
Blessings John



Please keep in your prayers:

Jenny B; Kathy Bygrave, Maralynne and Tevita; Trewby and Rosemary; Terry Bardwell, Bishop Jim, Pam Murphy, Carol, Paul, Amanda, Marjorie Blake, Jean and Brian, Rev. Edith McCarthy; Bev. Jaques; Diana; Jocelyn Cullen; Jonathan; Sibyl Canning, Elspeth Cooze and Jac.

Sympathy: We extend our prayers and condolences to Sue Skelton and family following George Skelton's passing last week. George's funeral was held on Saturday 13th July at St Mark's Church, Paparoa.

What's on: 22 - 28 July

Tues.	23 July	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Christ the King	10.00 am
Wed.	24 July	Holy Communion No Bible Study this week	Christ the King	9.00 am
Thurs	25 July	Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30 - 12 noon
Sun.	28 July	Holy Communion (farewell morning tea for Sue Hamilton-Wallace)	Christ the King	9.00 am

Next week

28 July Service at 9 am
Theme: Prayer

Readings: Psalm 138
Luke 11: 1-13

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Pew News

Christ the King, Mangawhai

21 July 2019

Mary and Martha

OT: Psalm 15
Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42



Theme & Readings

Prayer Book P. 456

Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength. *Isaiah 30: 16*

Prayer for the Week (Collect) God our home, in Christ you are always with us; in all our daily activities help us not to be so worried and distracted by many things that we forget the one thing we need, and lose the better part, which will be ours forever; kept in Jesus, the Christ, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer Cycle

In our Diocese, we pray for the Parish of St John, Campbell's Bay, Parish of St Mary, Torbay; the Vaughan Park Retreat and Conference Centre; Ministry Education and students at St John's College.. In our Mission District we pray for Sunday children's ministry and Rhythm 'n' Riggle. In our community we pray for all schools, colleges and places of learning..

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