

## 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.

### Happy Fathers Day!

To celebrate our fathers, please join us for a soup and rolls brunch this morning, following the morning service. All welcome!



### Coffee Morning - Thursday 5th September, 10.00 am

This month the coffee morning will be at 196 Thelma Road North, Mangawhai Heads, hosted by Celia and Lindsay McCaw. All welcome!

### Update from Wayne

Check the noticeboard for Wayne's latest update and photos from Slovenia and Venice.

### Auckland Anglican Synod

The Synod will meet at Holy Trinity Cathedral from 5th - 7th September. Our representatives are Bernard Chivers and Jo Sarah. Please keep them and Synod in your prayers this coming week.

### Update from Bishop Jim

Bishop Jim reports that there has been a change in his treatment regime. He has begun some new rounds of chemotherapy and will have another series of tests in late September so should have a further update then. He is grateful for your continued prayers for his health and for Jane and the family.

### Anglican Junior Youth Camp

**Sunday 6th October—Tuesday 8th October**

Sir Peter Blake MERC - Long Bay. Years 6-9 \$100

Register by 24 September - [aym.org.nz/juniorcamp](http://aym.org.nz/juniorcamp)



### Forgiveness Workshop

With the Rev Dr Karen Kemp, Dean - Tikanga Pakeha, College of St John the Evangelist. **Saturday 19 October, Christ Church, Whangarei**  
All workshops will run 11am– 3 pm Free of Charge - BYO lunch  
Register at: [www.bit.ly/Forgivenessworkshop](http://www.bit.ly/Forgivenessworkshop)

### Trading Table

Don't forget to check out the Trading Table for baking, preserves, books, crafts and other items. All contributions much appreciated!

## Bernard's Reflection

The Gospel reading this week has messages for both guest and host . . . for now I'd like to consider the message for hosts.

A host is a giver . . . often of hospitality and such is the context of the Gospel . . . giving a dinner party. It would seem though that this description is but a metaphor for giving generally. Certainly that is how William Barclay sees it. So what does it have to say about giving?

It comes down to the "Why?" . . . the motivation and probably the method. If our giving is done in the hope of receiving a reward what merit is there in that? The Gospel is clear on this; don't give to those who are not really in need but who may repay you. Rather give to those who are needy and from whom there is little chance of repayment.

To continue this question of motive, if we give in the hope of some recognition the gesture is an empty one. Similarly, if our giving is done to fulfil a sense of duty then there isn't any generosity of heart in the offering and should any recipient be aware of a "duty" motivation there could well be a feeling of hurt.

Barclay remarks that the Rabbis have a saying to the effect that the best giving is where the giver doesn't know to whom the gift is going and the recipient doesn't know from whom the gift came. Now this is fine when we are looking at money donations, goods and perhaps sometimes a gift of opportunity, but there will be occasions when the gift is of time and involvement and that is usually face to face. However, this gift can and should be given with quiet sincerity and love.

What can we take from all this?

Our giving should be offered quietly and without fuss and from a feeling of love and simply wishing to help . . .

If nobody notices, so what? A needy person or group will have been helped and will have benefitted. They will know how: the giver will know who . . . both held in the mystery of God's love.

Bernard Chivers





**Please keep in your prayers:**

Peter Burnett, Paula, John and Jenny B; Maralynne and Tevita; Terry Bardwell, Bishop Jim, Carol, Amanda, Marjorie Blake, Jean and Brian, Rev. Edith McCarthy; Diana; Jocelyn Cullen; Jonathan; Sibyl Canning, Elspeth Cooze and Jac.

**Visiting:** If you are aware of people you think need or would appreciate a visit from the visiting team, please let Fay know. Also if there is anyone who would appreciate Home Communion.

**What's on: 02 - 08 Sept 2019**

Tues.	03 Sept	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Christ the King	10.00 am
Wed.	04 Sept	Holy Communion	Christ the King	9.00 am
Thurs	05 Sept	Craft Group Coffee Morning	Christ the King 196 Thelma Rd Nth Mangawhai Heads	9.30-12 noon 10.00 am
Sun.	08 Sept	Holy Communion	Christ the King	9.00 am

**Next week**

**08 September Service at 9 am**  
**Theme: Rules for Being a Disciple**

**Readings:** Psalm 1  
Luke 14: 25-33

**MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS**

**Priest in Charge:** Wayne Thornton 431-4122 (returning 18 September)  
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# Pew News

**Christ the King, Mangawhai**

**01 September 2019**

**Rules for Being a Guest**

OT: Proverbs 25: 6-7  
Gospel: Luke 14: 7-14



**Theme & Readings**

Prayer Book, P 456

**Scripture for the Week (Sentence)**

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. *Luke 14: 11*

**Prayer for the Week (Collect)**

**Celebrating God, in the humble Christ you take the lowest place among us; may we see and serve you in the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind; through Jesus our help, 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 Bishop Ross Bay, Asst. Bishop Jim White, Dep. Vicars-General, Carole Hughes and Michael Berry, the Episcopal Team, Diocesan Chancellor and Enablers, The Cathedral of the Holy Trinity and the Archdeaconry of Auckland.

In our Mission District we pray for our Clergy team, Communion Assistants, welcomers, morning tea helpers, all involved in hospitality and home communions. In our community we pray for all involved in the legal sector, especially lawyers, judges and the police.

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