

## 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 Birthday!

We extend our best birthday wishes to **Terry Bardwell**, celebrating his birthday on **Saturday, 21st September**



### Welcome Back!

Wayne advises that, all going well, he will arrive home on Tuesday 17th September.

### Update from Bishop Jim

Bishop Jim announced at Synod that he would step down from his episcopal ministry for medical reasons, at a time yet to be determined. He is grateful for your continued prayers for his health and for Jane and the family.

### Update from Sue

Sue has sent a photo of the items she purchased with her farewell gift from Mangawhai Mission District. The photo and email are on the notice board.

### Anglican Missions Spring Appeal

Anglican Missions has launched their Spring Appeal in support of two NZCMS families: Andy and Shona Miller and family in Costa Rica and Neill and Rebekah Dunbar and family in Cambodia. For further information contact Linda Dear at the Anglican Missions Office, 04 473 5172 or email: [info@angmissions.org.nz](mailto:info@angmissions.org.nz)  
Donation envelopes for NZCMS are available in the foyer.



### 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, produce, books, crafts and other items.  
All contributions much appreciated!



## Bernard's Reflection

Beauty, they say, is in the eye of the beholder and it is quite probably the same for "behaving strangely." After all, we mostly don't go about thinking or saying, "I am beautiful" any more than we are likely to go about "behaving strangely."

So, when Jesus decided to meet or dine with "tax collectors and sinners" he wouldn't have done so to make a show of "behaving strangely," but the eagle eyed Pharisee and scribe would have been on to it immediately and wouldn't have been shy in making the point . . . What point? Well, that he did associate with the so called "unpopular elements" in society and was behaving strangely by the conventions of the day, and even worse! He dismissed any suggestion of strangeness in his behaviour with his explanation of his reasons by parable and illustration: the shepherd and the lost sheep; of joy in heaven over one sinner who repents.

With modern media coverage we do hear about or perhaps see evidence of "behaving strangely" and then again it comes down to individual perception. Some might say that the words and actions of Donald Trump, Boris Johnson and Kim Il-sung amount to "behaving strangely," but many citizens of their respective countries would not agree

When thinking about behaving strangely we have to be careful and consider objectivity! However, I'll stick my neck out! I, along with about three hundred other people may well have been seen to be behaving strangely in today's secular society when, recently, we attended a Eucharist service at St. Mary's in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Auckland, to open Synod. None of us would have thought so! A packed church, a choir, an organ, inspiring hymns and prayers, a thought-provoking sermon and the Eucharist . . . nothing strange about it, but an uplifting and reinforcing experience

So, if, as believed by some, we are behaving strangely by worshiping, by praying, by having faith and by giving loving help to others, we are in good company. Jesus was in effect so labelled (and worse), by the then religious establishment, but he carried on . . . so should we.

Bernard Chivers.





**Please keep in your prayers:**

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

Please pray for safe travelling for Wayne and Kim, now on the final leg of their overseas trip.

**What's on: 16 - 22 Sept 2019**

Tues.	17 Sept	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Christ the King	10.00 am
Wed.	18 Sept	Holy Communion	Christ the King	9.00 am
Thurs	19 Sept	Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30-12 noon
Sun.	22 Sept	Holy Communion	Christ the King	9.00 am

**Next week**

**22 September Service at 9 am**  
**Theme: Dishonesty Pays**

**Readings:** Amos 8: 4-7  
Luke 16: 1-13

**MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS**

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

**Christ the King, Mangawhai**

**15 September 2019**

**"Behaving Strangely"**

OT: Jeremiah 4: 22-27  
Gospel: Luke 15: 1-10



**Theme & Readings**

Prayer Book, P 404

**Scripture for the Week (Sentence)**

Jesus said, "There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous persons who have no need of repentance." (Luke 15: 7)

**Prayer for the Week (Collect)**

Rejoicing God, you pursue us, more than we seek after you, and exult when even one finds new life in you. When we seek out and care for the lonely and lost may we share in your delight; through Christ the Good Shepherd 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 Archdeaconry of Manukau, the Parish of Clevedon, the Beachlands Maraetai Mission Venture, and the Mission District of East Tamaki..

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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