

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.

Welcome Back!

This morning we welcome Wayne back from his overseas travels, and trust he is refreshed and full of enthusiasm for the busy months ahead!

Happy Birthday!

We extend our best birthday wishes to **Mary Hargreaves Neville Dowson and Sylvia Money**, all celebrating their birthdays on **Wednesday 25th September!**



Visiting Team Meeting

We will meet on Tuesday 24th September, 12 noon, Christ the King Church, for a brief meeting over lunch. Governing Body meeting will follow at 1 pm.

5th Sunday Service at St Michael's

Next Sunday, 29th September, there will be a 5th Sunday service at St Michael's, Hakaru, **11.30 am**, followed by a shared lunch at the Hakaru Hall.

All welcome!



Blessing of the Animals Service

Christ the King Church - Sunday 13th October 9 am

Bring all living creatures, whether they be pets, birds, farm animals, etc (suitably restrained). Where people are not able to bring an animal, they may like to bring a photo or picture of an animal they love, or a soft toy.

There are posters advertising the service, available in the foyer. Please take one to place on your local community notice board.

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 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

Wayne's Reflection

SEEING FOR THEMSELVES

In my travels it has been encouraging and heartening to discover that so many people know about New Zealand. And what's more, they know where it is ... even if half of them get the accents muddled and call us "Australian"!

There are two things that seem to have made people know about our country. The number one thing that has put us on the world map is the "Lord of the Rings" films. Yes, even now people have seen them and know they were made here; they marvel over the scenery and want to come and see for themselves. In fact if we were not so far away from everywhere else we would probably be inundated with tourists flocking to enjoy our beautiful mountains and rivers and beaches and bush ... The number two thing that people seemed to know us for is the All Blacks. And sorry guys, in spite of the triumphs and sporting prowess, what most people seem to remember is the haka!

How is this relevant? Something attracts people to New Zealand. They are aware of our clean, green, beautiful country and want to see it for themselves. They have seen the exploits of our men in black, and want to see where they come from. With so many great places in the world vying for people's attention, we are right up there. This is not to do with marketing or advertising. It is what people have picked up for themselves.

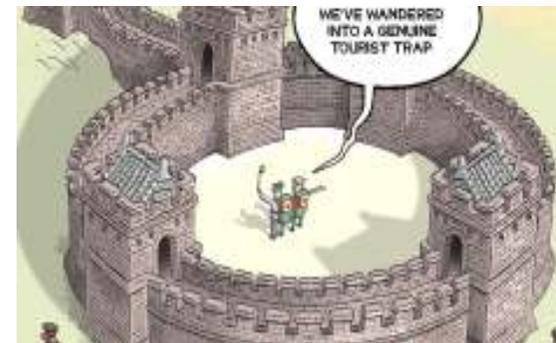
Contrast New Zealand as a highly desirable tourist destination with Christianity and the Church. For so many this is not something they wish to see for themselves. In fact people often seem as keen on going anywhere near a church as they would be to holiday in a known terrorist hot spot!

There is a lesson for us here I think. People's interest and desire to "see for themselves" will grow when they see the Christian expressions of grace, joy, peace and welcome reflected in how we are living and how the church is acting. It has to be real. It has to be part of our ordinary life. What happens inside the church has to be seen outside. The story of God's love and grace contained in the Bible has to be seen in us and through us.

Wouldn't it be great if people looked at us the way they look at the scenery in "Lord of the Rings" and said: 'I really want to go there and see for myself?! Wouldn't it be great if people saw our exploits and wanted to see what was behind it?!

That's our challenge and our inspiration. To live so that others are keen to come and visit ... and maybe stay ...

Shalom, Wayne





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.

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

What's on: 23 - 29 Sept 2019

Tues.	24 Sept	Rhythm 'n' Riggle Visiting team meeting Governing Body	Christ the King " " " " " "	10.00 am 12 noon 1.00 pm
Wed.	25 Sept	Holy Communion	Christ the King	9.00 am
Thurs	26 Sept	Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30-12 noon
Sun.	29 Sept	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Christ the King St Michael's, Hakaru	9.00 am 11.30 am

Next week

29 September Service at 9 am
Theme: Rich and Poor

Readings: Amos 6: 1, 4-7
Luke 16: 19-31

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Christ the King, Mangawhai

22 September 2019

Church - Community and People

OT: Amos 8: 4-7
Gospel: Luke 16: 1-13



Theme & Readings

Prayer Book, P 456

Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. *2 Corinthians 8: 9*

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

God our true wealth, may we be faithful in things both small and great, and serve the needy and the poor, so that finally we can be entrusted with your true riches; through Jesus, the Christ, our Lord, who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Prayer Cycle

In our Diocese, we pray for the Parish of Hibiscus Coast, the Parish of Whangaparaoa Peninsula, the Parish of Warkworth, Wellsford Mission District, Te Tai Tokerau: Nga Tapuwae o Te Ariki Pastorate—St Mary, Kaiwaka.

In our Mission District we pray for Overseas mission and stamps for mission, and the groups who use our facilities. In our community we pray for our local businesses and enterprises.

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