

## 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.

### **5th Sunday Service at St Michael's and All Angels**

**This morning, 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!**

### **Happy Birthday!**

We extend our best birthday wishes to **Sara McAulay** celebrating her birthday on **Monday 30th September** and **Christine Bygrave** on **Thursday 3rd October**.



### **Bible Studies**

**Starting again Wednesday 2nd October, 10 am at Christ the King Church.**

We are going to do a series on "Christian Community", however the material has not yet arrived. So in the meantime we will look at some Old Testament Characters. This week: 'Elijah and Knowing God's Power', 1 Kings 18: 16-40. Studies are available on the entry table.



### **Coffee Morning - Thursday 3rd October, 10.00 am**

This month the coffee morning will be at **2 Thelma Road, South, Mangawhai**, hosted by Maralynne and Tevita Latu. 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.



### **Sabbath, The Hidden Heartbeat of our Lives**

**Thursday 17 October, 10am-4pm**

Vaughan Park Retreat Centre, 1043 Beach Rd, Torbay

\$80 includes retreat and catering

\$25 dinner only

Join UK poet and author Nicola Slee in a reflection on the meaning of rest in a busy world. Dinner with Nicola option also available. Learn more and register at [www.vaughanpark.nz/events](http://www.vaughanpark.nz/events)

## **Wayne's Reflection**

### **WHAT DID HE DO???**

If you haven't read the parable of 'The Rich Man and Lazarus' (Luke 16:19-31) that is this Sunday's Gospel reading, I encourage you to read it. Even if you have, it's worth reading again – because it's quite a story. Much has been written trying to understand and explain it, which I guess is good because one function of a parable is to get us to engage. It certainly made me think; and the one thing that stands out for me is: "what did the rich man do that was so wrong?"

It seems to me that Lazarus, the beggar, did nothing but beg, eat scraps and be covered in sores. When he dies, he goes straight to the bosom of Abraham, the heavenly version of the lap of luxury. On the other hand the rich man did nothing except eat and drink and get on with his life. Yet when he dies he finds himself in eternal torment.

Just what did the rich man do that led him to this fate? Reflecting on this I call to mind the confession from the 1662 Prayer Book service of Evening Prayer, which includes the line: "we have left undone those things which we ought to have done ..." And I wonder if perhaps the rich man's "crime" was that he didn't do what he could have done. He left undone that which he ought to have done.

Specifically the rich man was indifferent to the plight of Lazarus. It's no excuse to say he didn't notice. Lazarus was at the rich man's gate for heaven's sake! He could easily have helped. It would have been no trouble to have Lazarus brought in, cleaned up and fed. The rich man could have added Lazarus to his household and barely noticed. But he didn't. His crime was not something he did, but something he did not do.

This is disturbing, worrying, challenging; because it seems to indicate we might also be judged for something we do not do. We might be held to account for help we do not give. Perhaps this points to the heart of what it is to be a follower of Jesus: to notice what is going on around us and not be indifferent to it. To see what we have that we might contribute.

The life of the Rich Man was actually connected to the life of Lazarus, but the Rich Man chose not to see and honour and respond to that connection. We are connected to the people we live among, and we are to respond because we are connected. What do we have that we can share to enhance the life of our community? Are there people, groups, situations being overlooked that we need to notice and respond to?

In some ways Luke 16:19-31 is a rather chilling story. It is meant to arouse us from indifference and looking inward to see who or what is at our gate. It certainly makes me want to keep my eyes and my heart wide open!

Shalom, Wayne





**Please keep in your prayers:**

Bishop Jim, Peter Burnett, Paula, John and Jenny B; Maralynne & 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: 30 Sept - 06 Oct 2019**

Tues.	01 Oct	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	(on holiday)	
Wed.	02 Oct	Holy Communion Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Thurs	03 Oct	Craft Group Coffee Morning	Christ the King 2 Thelma Rd Sth Mangawhai	9.30-12 noon 10.00 am
Sun.	06 Oct	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Christ the King St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00 am 9.00 am

**Next week**

**06 October Service at 9 am**  
Theme: Faith and Service

Readings: Psalm 37: 1-9  
Luke 17: 5-10

**MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS**

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# Pew News

**Christ the King, Mangawhai  
St Michael's, Hakaru  
29 September 2019**



**Theme & Readings**

Prayer Book, P 476

**Rich and Poor**

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

**Scripture for the Week (Sentence)**

Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. *James 5: 16*

**Prayer for the Week (Collect)**

**God of resurrection, where there is death, you bring new life; challenge our attachment to**

**wealth and power, so that we may release others from the chains of poverty, hunger and injustice, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through the Risen 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 Auckland City Mission, Selwyn Foundation, Anglican Trust for Women and Children, Hospital Chaplaincy and Clergy Widows and Widowers..

In our Mission District we pray for our Treasurer and Finance team, Property Committee, Administrator and all involved in administration and roster organisation. In our community we pray for our local newspapers and media, for all involved in radio, communication and public relations.

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