

## 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 **Lorraine Benfield** celebrating her birthday **today, Sunday 6th October**.



### Update from Rev. Edith McCarthy

'I am now in care and just love my choice of home . Only 29 folk, everyone staff and residents always smiling, meals great and plenty to do all the time . Had trouble finding time to unpack' My address is: Accadia Manor Rest Home, 101 Edgecumbe Road, Tauranga. 3110.



### Bible Studies

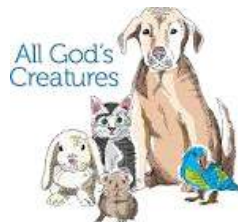
**This Wednesday 9th October, 10 am at Christ the King Church.** We are going to do a series on "Christian Community", however the material has not yet arrived. So in the meantime we will look at some Old Testament Characters. This week: 'Achan: Sin in the Community', Joshua 7: 1-26. Studies are available on the entry table.

### Blessing of the Animals Service

#### Christ the King Church - next 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)

### Forgiveness Workshop

With the Rev. Dr Karen Kemp, Dean - Tikanga Pakeha, College of St John the Evangelist

#### Saturday 19th October, Christ Church, Whangarei

Register at: [bit.ly/Forgivenessworkshop](http://bit.ly/Forgivenessworkshop) Full details on the noticeboard

## Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

### Considering "Faith"

Hebrews 11:1 says this about "faith":  
Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

The Dictionary says "faith" is:

Complete trust or confidence in someone or something; strong belief in the doctrines of a religion, based on spiritual conviction rather than proof.

The great C. S. Lewis in his book *Mere Christianity*, wrote:

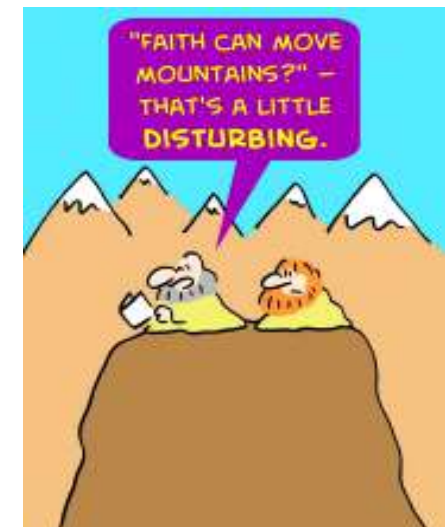
Now Faith, in the sense in which I am here using the word, is the art of holding on to things your reason has once accepted, in spite of your changing moods. For moods will change, whatever view your reason takes. I know that by experience. Now that I am a Christian I do have moods in which the whole thing looks very improbable: but when I was an atheist I had moods in which Christianity looked terribly probable. This rebellion of your moods against your real self is going to come anyway. That is why Faith is such a necessary virtue: unless you teach your moods 'where they get off', you can never be either a sound Christian or even a sound atheist, but just a creature dithering to and fro, with its beliefs really dependent on the weather and the state of its digestion. Consequently one must train the habit of Faith.

The first step is to recognise the fact that your moods change. The next is to make sure that, if you have once accepted Christianity, then some of its main doctrines shall be deliberately held before your mind for some time every day. That is why daily prayers and religious readings and churchgoing are necessary parts of the Christian life. We have to be continually reminded of what we believe. Neither this belief nor any other will automatically remain alive in the mind. It must be fed. And as a matter of fact, if you examined a hundred people who had lost their faith in Christianity, I wonder how many of them would turn out to have been reasoned out of it by honest argument? Do not most people simply drift away?

May this encourage us to read and reflect and pray and so continue to develop our "faith muscle".

Shalom, Wayne

PS May I encourage you to continue to wrestle with the question I posed in last Sunday's sermon: "Who or what is the Lazarus at our gate?"





**Please keep in your prayers:**

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

We extend our sincere sympathy and prayers to Jean Holgate, on the passing of her husband Brian last Sunday. Brian's funeral will be held at St Stephen's Anglican Church, Whangaparaoa, 2 pm, on Tuesday 8th October.

**What's on: 07 - 13 Oct 2019**

Tues.	08 Oct	Rhythm 'n' Riggle Governing Body	(on holiday) Christ the King	1.00 pm
Wed.	09 Oct	Holy Communion Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Thurs	10 Oct	Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30-12 noon
Sun.	13 Oct	Blessing of the Animals	Christ the King	9.00 am

**Next week**

**13 October Service at 9 am**  
**Theme: St Francis - Creation and Us**

**Readings:** Genesis 1: 14-25  
Matthew 11: 25-30

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# Pew News

**Christ the King, Mangawhai**

**06 October 2019**

**Faith and Service**

OT: Psalm 37: 1-9

Gospel: Luke 17: 5-10



**Theme & Readings**

**Prayer Book, P 404**

**Scripture for the Week (Sentence)**

'Who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? But I am among you,' says the Lord, 'as one who serves.' *Luke 22: 27*

**Prayer for the Week (Collect)**

**God our shield and our rampart, it is your strength, not the size of our faith that supports us in all life's difficulties; may we be content to simply serve, and, when our labours are done, all gather as equals around your table; with Jesus Christ, our Saviour, 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 Onehunga, the Parish of Royal Oak, the Parish of Hillsborough and the Anglican Church in Aotearoa.

In our Mission District we pray for "Support Services" - eg, lawnmowers, gardeners, those who work around the grounds, cleaners, flower arrangers, "odd job" helpers. In our community we pray for doctors and nurses, St John, medical centres, and the Fire Service..

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