

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

This morning we welcome all visitors to our Animal Blessing Service. 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.



Bible Studies

**This Wednesday 16th 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: David: Loving Your Enemy: 1 Samuel 24: 1-22. Studies are available on the entry table.

Letter from Bishop Jim

Bishop Jim has written confirming he will be retiring this month. Please read his letter and also a note from Bishop Ross on the notice-board

Advance Notice - Fundraising Stall

We are planning a fundraising stall in conjunction with the Mangawhai Museum's Christmas Event on **Saturday 30th November**. They will have a book fair, Christmas craft stalls, Father Christmas attending and expect good crowds.

We will have two tables to sell baking, sweets, preserves, produce, plants and bric-a-brac— items with a Christmas theme also.

This is a combined churches fundraising event—St Paul's, Christ the King and St Michael's—all contributions very much appreciated!



Trading Table

Check out our trading table for baking, produce, preserves, craftwork, books and other items. All donations welcome.

Diocesan Consolidated Financial Statements 2018

These have been tabled at Governing Body's last meeting and are available to be viewed on request.

Forgiveness Workshop - This workshop has been postponed until next year

Summer Adventure Weekend

Long Bay Beach and Park - 17-19 January 2020

For families of all sizes, ages and stages.

Registrations need to be completed by Monday 2nd December 2019

Full details on the noticeboard or check the Auckland Anglican Diocese webpage: www.auckanglican.co.nz

Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

The Life and Influence of St Francis

Francis of Assisi astounded and inspired the Church by taking the gospel literally - not in a narrow fundamentalist sense, but by actually following all that Jesus said and did, joyfully, without limit and without a smidgen of self-importance.

From the cross in the neglected field-chapel of San Damiano, Christ told him, "Francis, go out and build up my house, for it is nearly falling down." Francis became the totally poor and humble workman. He must have suspected a deeper meaning to "build up my house." But he would have been content to be for the rest of his life actually putting brick on brick in abandoned chapels. He gave up every material thing he had so that he would be totally free to say, "Our Father in heaven."

He was, for a time, considered to be a religious "nut," begging from door to door when he could not get money for his work, bringing sadness or disgust to the hearts of his former friends, ridicule from the unthinking. But genuineness will tell. A few people began to realize that this man really believed what Jesus said: "Announce the kingdom! Possess no gold or silver or copper in your purses, no traveling bag, no sandals, no staff."

Francis' first rule for his followers was a collection of texts from the Gospels. He had no idea of founding an order, but once it began he protected it and accepted all the legal structures needed to support it. His devotion and loyalty to the Church were absolute and highly exemplary at a time when various movements of reform tended to break the Church's unity.

He was torn between a life devoted entirely to prayer and a life of active preaching of the Good News. He decided in favour of the latter, but always returned to solitude when he could. During the last years of his relatively short life (he died at 44) he was half blind and seriously ill. Two years before his death, he received the stigmata, the real and painful wounds of Christ in his hands, feet and side.

Francis praised God the Artist in every one of God's works. Whatever joy he found in things made he referred to their maker. He rejoiced in all the works of God's hands. Everything cried out to him, "He who made us is infinitely good!" He called animals "brother" or "sister," and he exhorted them to praise God. He would go through the streets, inviting everyone to sing with him.

St Francis invites us to sing in praise of God who made this wonderful world and filled it with amazing creatures and diverse peoples. St Francis challenges us to share the Good News of God who embraces the whole of creation in love, and to actively encourage those we meet to become followers of Jesus Christ, Saviour and Lord.



"I'm going to give it all up and follow St. Francis."

Shalom, Wayne



Please keep in your prayers:

Bishop Jim, Peter Burnett, Paula, John and Jenny B; Maralynne & Tevita; Terry & Helga, Carol, Amanda, Marjorie Blake, Jean H, 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: 14 - 20 Oct 2019

Tues.	15 Oct	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Christ the King	10.00 am
Wed.	16 Oct	Holy Communion Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Thurs	17 Oct	Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30-12 noon
Sun.	20 Oct	Holy Communion Family Worship	Christ the King St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00 am 9.00 am

Next week

20 October Service at 9 am
Theme: Living as God's People

Readings: 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5
Luke 18: 1-8

MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS

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Pew News

Christ the King, Mangawhai

13 October 2019

**St Francis
Creation and Us**

OT: Genesis 1: 14-25

Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30



Theme & Readings

Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! (*Psalm 148:1*)

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

**O Lord, give us humility to thank
You for the creation of animals,**

**who can show affection which sometimes puts us to shame. Enlarge
our respect for these your creatures, of whom we are the guardians.
And give us a sense of responsibility towards all your creation,
for Jesus Christ's sake, Amen.**

Prayer Cycle

In our Diocese, we pray for the Parish of Howick, the Whitford Mission Venture, the Asian Mission District, the Parish of Pakuranga, the Co-operating Parish of Bucklands Beach and the Seasons Grief and Loss Programme. In our Mission District we pray for "Social" gatherings, Pastoral care, Wardens and Governing Body. In our community we pray for Renewal and Revival, that God's Spirit would move to heal and transform.

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