

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

This morning we welcome all visitors and 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 the **Rev. Derek Christensen** celebrating his birthday **Wednesday 20th November!**



Bible Studies

This Wednesday 20th November, 10 am at Christ the King Church.

We have begun a new series on "Christian Community". This week "Everyone's Invited" - Philemon Studies are available on the entry table.

Indaba 2 - Combined Church Service: Sunday 24th November - 9.30 am

This is an occasion when the Diocese has invited neighbouring ministry units to gather for worship and fellowship, and also to see how we may share resources and encourage each other in our mission. Beginning with a combined service at Christ the King, 9.30 am, followed by a time of sharing and discussion and a shared lunch.

Note the later service time of 9.30 am in consideration of those who have to travel.

Please plan to be part of this special occasion.

For those who wish to stay for a while after lunch, Wayne will show photos and talk about some of his sabbatical experiences.



Eucharist Marking Bishop Jim's Retirement

Sunday 1st December, 3 pm, Holy Trinity Cathedral

It is planned to present Bishop Jim with a piece of New Zealand art work. If anyone would like to contribute towards this, please place your contribution in a marked envelope and place in the collection or hand in at the office.

New Telephone Directory—Mangawhai Mission District

Please check a draft copy of the directory in the foyer and add any changes required.

Church Life Magazine - we plan to produce the next issue on Sunday 8th December - please forward all reports and items to the church office by **Friday 29th November.**

Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

God and Fire

While we are back to rain, our neighbours across the Tasman are suffering devastating bush fires. We can only imagine how dangerous and frightening it is. The images on television convey something of what is going on, but the flames, heat, noise, wind, smoke and utter destruction seem almost beyond comprehension.

Some might look at this and say: "Where is God now?" "Why does God allow this?" "If God really is all-powerful, why does he not stop it?" Good questions. Right out of the pain and struggle of life. Let me briefly respond to the first question ...

So, where is God? God is in the courageous firefighters battling against the odds. God is in firefighters from far away rushing to join their brothers and sisters in the fight. God is in those who leave their own safety, or their own property, to come to the aid of a neighbour. Even more perhaps when it is to help a stranger.

And God is in the neighbours helping and encouraging one another in the midst of all this destruction. God is in communities providing facilities and food and care for those forced to evacuate. God is in those who are giving so generously to people who have lost their homes and treasured possessions.

Life does dish up tragedy and disaster; and God does not abandon his people. He is right there in the midst of it, alongside the suffering; providing help and strength and above all, hope. This is a dark time, but it will not go on forever. There will be light and new life that arises from the ashes. The task of those who follow Jesus is to keep this hope alive, and when the time comes, to help make new beginnings.

And of course, we pray:

Almighty God, Creator and Sustainer of life,

For those whose homes are threatened by fire, we ask your mercy.

For those whose lives are threatened by flames, we pray your protection.

For those who have lost homes and possessions, we pray your comfort.

For those whose health has been damaged by fire and smoke, we pray your healing.

Be with all who respond, grant them generosity and compassion.

Give wisdom and strength to firefighters and all who seek to help.

May their efforts be effective.

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Amen.



Shalom, Wayne



Please keep in your prayers:

Bishop Jim, Mary Hitchcock, Maureen C, Paula, 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: 18 - 24 Nov 2019

Tues.	19 Nov	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Christ the King	10.00 am
Wed.	20 Nov	Holy Communion Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Thurs	21 Nov	Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30-12 noon
Sun.	24 Nov	Holy Communion Indaba 2 - Combined Church Service	Christ the King	9.30 am

Next week

24 November Service at 9 am
Theme: Christ the King Stir Us Up

Readings: NT: Colossians 1: 15-20
Gospel: John 18: 33-37

MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS

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Pew News

Christ the King, Mangawhai

17 November 2019

Everyone is Invited

NT: Philemon 12-20
Gospel: Luke 21: 5-6



Theme & Readings

Prayer Book P. 456

Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways.
2 Thessalonians 3: 16

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

God our end, as the sun of righteousness rises with healing in its wings, save us in our time of trial, so that we do not succumb, but endure in your eternal embrace; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, 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 Pukekohe, the Local Shared Ministry Units of Bombay-Pokeno and Ministry Unit of Tuakau. 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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