

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

We hope you find God's presence in the service today. Please join us for refreshments after the service and share our hospitality and fellowship.

Fundraising Stall - Update

The final amount raised is **\$400** - this includes sales from the Trading Table, and donations. Thank you all for your commitment and generosity!



Bible Study - begins this **Wednesday 5th February, 10 am**, in Christ the King lounge, continuing the "Christian Community".series, Community Commissioned, Luke 10: 1-20. Studies available on entry table.

Coffee Morning - Thursday 13th February, 10 am

Note: Change of date (first Thursday is Waitangi Day)

This month the coffee morning will be at **The Lounge, 5 Park Avenue, Park View Waters**, Mangawhai, hosted by Margaret and Alan Whitaker. All welcome!



C + K Craft Group has started for the new year. **Thursdays 9.30 am - noon**, in Christ the King lounge. Enquiries: Ph Kim 431-5650.

Rhythm 'n' Riggle - will bounce back into action again on **Tuesday 11th February, 10 am** at Christ the King. Please let everyone know.

Community Prayer Focus

Please see the current "Community Prayer" on the noticeboard, which you are encouraged to include in your prayers. There are 'mini' copies available to be taken away.

Prayer List in the Pew News

It is good to be able to have a list of people and situations to include in our prayers. We will keep these on the list for a month.

If you would like people and particular situations to continue on the list after this, please let Fay or Wayne know.



Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

What's It All About?

I remember seeing "Grace" described like this: **God's Riches At Christ's Expense**. Kind of neat, tidy, clever. However it

seems to me that "grace" is a difficult concept for human beings to grasp. Grace is not fair, not right, not logical. In fact sometimes grace is downright unjust and inequitable. Sometimes it seems it is equally difficult for human beings to *receive* as well as extend, grace.

In the introduction to his book, *What's So Amazing About Grace?* Philip Yancey makes these comments: "grace" is one grand theological word that has not been spoiled; it is the 'last best word' because every English usage contains some of the glory of the original.

Many people say "grace" before meals - acknowledging daily bread as a gift from God. We are *grateful* for someone's kindness; *gratified* by good news; *congratulated* when successful; *gracious* in hosting friends. A composer may add grace notes to a score; people in public, and private, life fall from grace; people's behaviour sometimes leads them to be called: an 'ingrate' or 'disgraceful'. A truly despicable person has no saving grace. A person who offends a group, government or nation may be officially proclaimed: "persona non grata" - which literally means 'a person without grace'.

Philip Yancey says that grace "contains the essence of the gospel as a drop of water can contain the image of the sun." Another author, Gordon MacDonald says: "The world can do almost anything as well as, or better, than the church. You need not be a Christian to build houses, feed the hungry or heal the sick. There is only one thing the world cannot do. It cannot offer grace."

It has been said that "grace" can be dissected, like a frog; however the thing dies in the process - and so Philip Yancey says: "I do not want the thing to die ... I would far rather convey grace than explain it." So too it seems would the Lord God, Creator of the Universe, of all that is, seen and unseen. The infinite dispenser of unlimited grace, the Lord God, would rather convey grace than explain it.

One of the best known verses in the Bible is John 3:16 - *God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die*. The following verse, I suggest, is perhaps even more important, deserving of greater prominence: *God did not send his Son into the world to condemn its people. He sent him to save them!* The Lord God did not send Jesus to condemn; the Lord God sent Jesus to save. That I suggest is the essence of grace. That is what underlies the Christian faith.

Shalom, Wayne



Please keep in your prayers:

Julia Smith, Margot Christie-Linnell, Margot's sister, Susan, Peter Linnell, Trewby and Rosemary, Judy, Paul Lawrence, Bishop Jim, Terry & Helga, Mary Hitchcock, Paula, Maralynne & Tevita; Carol, Amanda, Jean H, Diana, Jonathan, Jocelyn Cullen, 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: 03 - 09 February

Wed.	05 Feb	Holy Communion Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Thurs.	06 Feb	C+ K Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30-noon
Sun.	09 Feb	Holy Communion	Christ the King	9.00 am

Next week

09 February: Service at 9 am
Theme: Building a Community in Christ 2: Righteousness

Readings: NT: Ephesians 5: 8-20
Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-20

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Pew News

Christ the King, Mangawhai

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**Being a Community
in Christ 1: Light**

OT: Isaiah 9: 2-4
Gospel: Matthew 4: 23-25



Theme & Readings

Morning Prayer

Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. *Matthew 9: 35*

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

We praise you, God, that the light of Christ shines in our darkness and is never overcome; show us the way we must go to eternal day; through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Prayer Cycle

In our Diocese, we pray for the Parish of St Paul, Symonds Street; the Parish of St Matthew in the City; the Mission Venture of St Augustine; the Parish of Ponsonby; the Mission to Seafarers, Auckland; the Disability Community and the Te Tai Tokerau Auckland Anglican Maori Mission. In our mission district we pray for Sunday children's ministry and Rhythm 'n' Riggle. In our community we pray for all schools, colleges and places of learning.

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