

## 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.

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



**Bible Study - Wednesday 12th February, 10 am**, at Christ the King, continuing the "Christian Community" series, Servant's Entrance, Matthew 25: 31-46. Studies available on entry table.

**Coffee Morning - Thursday 13th February, 10 am**

This month the coffee morning will be at **15 Park Avenue, Park View Waters**, Mangawhai, hosted by Margaret and Alan Whitaker. All welcome!



**Advance Notice: Ash Wednesday**

Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes - **26 February 9 am**  
Christ the King Church

**Lent Studies** - This year's Lent Studies focus on discipleship in Matthew's gospel. **Starting Wednesday 4th March** and continuing 11, 18, 25 March, 01 and 08 April. Wednesdays 10 am in Christ the King.

**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.

**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.



### THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON



While the fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much, the sleepy prayer of Tom (pictured above) availeth much-eth Less-eth.

## Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

### Righteousness?

"Righteousness" is in one sense a technical and theological term: *Righteousness is the perfect holiness of Christ. It is an essential attribute to the character of God; quite literally meaning "One who is right". Think of it as the polar opposite of sin. To commit sin is to go against God's design for our lives, therefore righteousness is the only living standard that is acceptable for us to stand before our Heavenly Father.*

It is connected to living a "good" life and being a "good" person, but it is also so much more than this. It is living boldly and fully as a follower of Jesus Christ. C. S. Lewis outlined what is involved in this in his still very readable book, *Mere Christianity*, first published in 1952. Here is some of what Professor David C. Downing says about all this on the official C. S. Lewis website:

Many people, even believers, think of Christian faith as a kind of bargain with God: if you lead a good life, he will reward you with a good afterlife. There is nothing particularly selfless or spiritual in this arrangement; it is a matter of mere self-interest. It is rather like an employer who tells his workers that if they do a good job for many years, he will give them a good pension when they retire. As for "goodness," people may see it in the same prosaic terms they think about faith. We may think "virtue" consists mainly in abstaining from many of life's pleasures in order to avoid the disapproval of our grumpy grandpa in the sky.

*Mere Christianity* explodes these misconceptions about the life of faith, offering a much more radical and engaging vision of the place of each human being in the cosmic drama. As Lewis himself summed up his view of the Christian life: "If we let Him - for we can prevent Him, if we choose - He will make the feeblest and filthiest of us into a god or goddess, dazzling, radiant, immortal creature, pulsating all through with such energy and joy and wisdom and love as we cannot now imagine, a bright stainless mirror that reflects back to God . . . his own boundless power and delight and goodness. The process will be long and in parts very painful; but that is what we are in for. Nothing less."

Perhaps "righteousness" is the best name we can give to this life-long process?

Be encouraged and keep at it!

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: 10 - 16 February**

Tues.	11 Feb	Rhythm 'n' Riggle Governing Body	Christ the King Christ the King	10.00 am 1.00 pm
Wed.	12 Feb	Holy Communion Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Thurs.	13 Feb	C+ K Craft Group Coffee Morning Park View Waters	Christ the King 15 Park Avenue Mangawhai	9.30-noon 10.00 am
Sun.	16 Feb	Holy Communion Family Worship	Christ the King St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00 am 9.00 am

**Next week**

**16 February: Service at 9 am**  
Theme: Building a Community in Christ 3: Love

**Readings:** NT: Ephesians 3: 31-33  
Gospel: Matthew 5: 43-48

**MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS**

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# Pew News

**Christ the King, Mangawhai**

**09 February 2020**

**Being a Community  
in Christ 2: Righteousness**

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



**Theme & Readings**

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**Scripture for the Week (Sentence)**

Give due honour to God's holy name, bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord; for you O Lord are coming to judge the earth; with righteousness you will judge the world and the peoples with your truth.  
*Psalm 96: 8,13*

**Prayer for the Week (Collect)**

Great and loving God, you call your people to be salt of the earth and light to the world. Empower us to live in such a way that people may see our good works and give glory to you. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Prayer Cycle**

In our Diocese, we pray for the Parish of Mt Albert, Unitec N.Z., the Parish of Mt Roskill, the Mission District of Balmoral, the Diocese of Polynesia Indian congregation.  
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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