

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 - has really bounced into action again. We had 31 children in our first session! Continuing at Christ the King, Tuesdays 10 am.



Bible Study - Wednesday 19th February, 10 am, at Christ the King, continuing the "Christian Community" series, "And they will know we are Christians" John 13: 1-17, 34-35. Studies available on entry table.

Advance Notice: Ash Wednesday

Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes - **26 February 9 am**

Christ the King Church. As usual we will be joined by our Catholic neighbours.

Note: If you still have your flax cross from last year, please give it to Wayne or leave in the office before the 26th.

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.

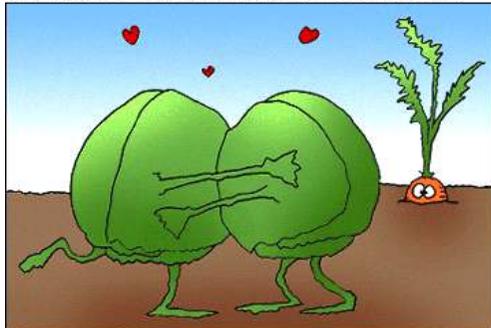
Church Life Magazine - March Edition

We are planning to print the next magazine in the first week of March. Please forward any contributions, reports, etc. to the church office by **Friday 28th February**.

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.

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Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

Love

Given the centrality of love in Biblical teaching, it is not surprising that C.S. Lewis commented on love a great deal. He recognized different kinds of love in his book *The Four Loves* (affection, friendship, romance, and charity-agape). Here are a few observations on "agape" love, based on an article by Dr Art Lindsley, writing on the C.S. Lewis Institute website:

First, C.S. Lewis believed that (agape) love is not primarily a matter of feeling but of will. Obviously, it would be ideal if both duty and desire are fully present in our emotional and spiritual life. But we need to remember that love is commanded. We are obliged to love whether we like it or not. Thus Lewis says, "Christian love, either towards God or towards man, is an affair of the will." In another place, Lewis amplifies this thought further, "Love in the Christian sense, does not mean an emotion. It is a state not of feelings but of the will; that state of the will which we have naturally about ourselves, and must learn to have about other people." It is good to have the feelings as well. Lewis says about the affections that, "if they ever also play their part, so much the better."

Sometimes he points out, even when we don't particularly like someone, acting lovingly can change our feelings towards them. Lewis says:

The rule for all of us is perfectly simple. Do not waste time bothering whether you "love" your neighbour; act as if you did. As soon as we do this we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love him. If you injure someone you dislike, you will find yourself disliking him more. If you do him a good turn, you will find yourself disliking him less.

Loving anyone is a risky thing. When we make ourselves vulnerable, we could get hurt. Lewis knew about the pain of loving. He lost his mother when he was about nine years old. He lost a close friend that he fought with in World War I - Paddy Moore. He lost his father and last but by no means least, his beloved wife, Joy, to cancer. Lewis nevertheless says about love:

To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly be broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even to an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket - safe, dark, motionless, airless - it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. The alternative to tragedy is damnation. The only place outside Heaven where you can be perfectly safe from all the dangers and perturbations of love, is Hell.

But if we learn to love in an "agape" way, that will lessen our fears and anxieties. Agape focuses on giving not getting. Lewis says, "Agape is all giving, not getting ... Giving money is only one way of showing charity; to give time and toil is far better and (for most of us) harder."

Food for thought, and living.

In love, Shalom, Wayne



Please keep in your prayers:

Julia Smith, Margot Christie-Linnell, Margot's sister, Susan, Peter Linnell, Trewby, Judy, Bishop Jim, Terry & Helga, Mary Hitchcock, Tevita; Jonathan, Jocelyn Cullen, Sibyl and Elspeth

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: 17 - 23 February

Tues.	18 Feb	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Christ the King	10.00 am
Wed.	19 Feb	Holy Communion Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Thurs.	20 Feb	C+ K Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30-noon
Sun.	23 Feb	Holy Communion	Christ the King	9.00 am

Next week

23 February: Service at 9 am
Theme: Building a Community in Christ 4: Respect

Readings: NT: Ephesians 6: 1-9
Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16

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Christ the King, Mangawhai

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Being a Community in Christ 3: Love

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



Theme & Readings

Prayer Book P 404/436

Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

You shall be holy, for the Lord your God is holy. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. *Leviticus 19: 2, 18*

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

Lord God, you have taught us that anything we do without love is worth nothing, for whoever lives without love is counted dead before you; send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ. AMEN

Prayer Cycle

In our Diocese, we pray for the Parish of Papatoetoe, the Parish of Otahuhu, the Diocese of Polynesia Tongan congregation, the Parish of Mangere East and the Diocese of Polynesia Samoan congregation.
In our mission district we pray for our Treasurer and Finance team, Property Committee, Administrator and all involved in administration and roster organisation. In our community we pray for our local newspapers and media, for all involved in radio, communication and public relations..

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