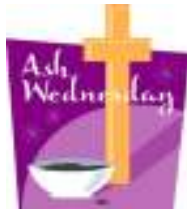


## WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

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.



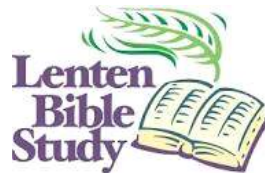
### **Ash Wednesday**

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 bring it to the service. One reader required, please see Wayne.

**Bible Study - Wednesday 26th February, 10 am**, at Christ the King, continuing the "Christian Community" series: "True Confession" Nehemiah 9: 1-5; James 5: 13-20 Studies available on entry table.

**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.



### **Service for our new Archdeacon**

Jonathan Gale will be made Archdeacon for the Far North (from Wellsford to Kaitaia) at a special service on **Tuesday 3rd March, 5.30 pm, at Christ Church, Whangarei**. Wayne will be attending and is able to take others who may wish to go along.

### **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**.

### **Fundraising: Mission District Calendar**

As a fund raising exercise Jo Sarah is putting together a pictorial calendar for the Mission District. We are selling advertising to cover the cost of the printing. If you know of any businesses that might advertise, please see Jo for the details regarding cost. Jo has a copy of a calendar which was done in Dargaville, which you are welcome to have a look at. Alternatively some of you may have photos of the area, (Mangawhai, Wellsford, Kaiwaka), which could be used in the production of this. Please see or phone Jo (027 2104166).

**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.

## Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

### **Rain?**

Can you remember what rain looks like? Can you recall what rain smells like, feels like? It just seems so long since we had any rain. Gardeners, growers, farmers and people on tank water really need some rain! Everything is just so dry! When are we going to get some rain? What do we have to do to make it rain?

Then there is the question of 'balance'. Things in our world seem rather out of balance. Further down the North Island it is raining and people are having to wear gumboots. Recently in the South Island there was so much rain it caused massive flooding. We have just heard from a friend in England telling us a quarter of the country is under water. What is going on? Some places have far, far too much rain; other places have none. Surely it could be redistributed so every place has the rain and fine spells that are needed ...

Our lack of rain highlights how important water is. Water ... very simple; very ordinary; very overlooked - until there is too much or not enough. This is something we remind ourselves of at every baptism celebration. "We thank you God for your love in all creation, especially for your gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life." (page 385 in our Prayer Book).

Without water there can be no life – nothing will grow. Without water there can be no cleansing – things will remain dirty, grimy, sticky. And without water there can be no joy in life – think of the beach, river, splashing and swimming and waterslides. Water is a symbol of God's love and grace, which is the basis of life.

So I believe in this dry time we are to thank God for his love and grace which gives life to all creation. And in faith we are to pray for refreshing, renewing, life-giving rain. You may like to pray the prayer below for the next week. (It will be our current "Community Focus" prayer.)

Shalom, Wayne

*Do any of the worthless idols of the nations bring rain?  
Do the skies themselves send down showers? No, it is you, LORD our God. Therefore our hope is in you, for you are the one who does all this.  
(Jeremiah 14:22)*

*Gracious God, we thank you for your love and grace which brings new life to your creation.*

*We are especially aware of all those suffering in this time of drought – farmers, growers, families.*

*May they know the comfort of your presence and be given strength.*

*Above all we ask that you would send rain upon our dry land.*

*Send life-giving water to bring relief and refreshment to your weary people.*

*As with your love and grace, so may the rains freely fall from heaven.*

*In faith and hope we pray. Amen.*



**A watched rain gauge never fills**



**Please keep in your prayers:**

Julia Smith, Susan, Trewby, Judy, Bishop Jim, Terry & Helga, Mary Hitchcock, Tevita; Jonathan, Jocelyn Cullen, Sibyl and Elspeth

Please pray for Wayne and our Wardens' meeting with the Archdeacons on Sunday 1st March.

**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: 24 Feb - 01 March**

Tues.	25 Feb	Rhythm 'n' Riggle Visiting team	Christ the King Christ the King	10.00 am 12 noon
Wed.	26 Feb	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Thurs.	27 Feb	C+ K Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30-noon
Sun.	01 Mar	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Christ the King St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00 am 9.00 am

**01 March: Service at 9 am**  
**Theme: Lent 1: Temptation**

**Next week**

**Readings:** NT: Romans 5: 12-19  
Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11

**MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS**

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**Christ the King, Mangawhai**

**23 February 2020**

**Being a Community  
in Christ 4: Respect**

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



**Theme & Readings**

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**Scripture for the Week (Sentence)**

In Christ we have been given our share in the heritage, as was decreed in God's design, whose purpose is everywhere at work. *Ephesians 1; 11*

**Prayer for the Week (Collect)**

**Almighty God, you have called us to serve you, yet without your grace we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Prayer Cycle**

In our Diocese, we pray for the Parish of Whangarei Central and Districts, the Local Shared Ministry Unit of Onerahi/Manaia, the Local Shared Ministry of Maunu, Te Tai Tokerau: Whangarei Pastorate, the Whangarei Anglican Care Centre, Northland Polytechnic and Northland Urban Rural Mission. In our mission district we pray for "Support services" - eg lawnmowers, gardeners, those who work around the grounds, cleaners, flower arrangers, "odd job" helpers. In our community we pray for doctors and nurses, St John, medical centres, and the Fire Service.

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