

## 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.



### **Harvest Festival Service - Sunday 22nd March**

This morning, the fourth Sunday of Lent, we will take a small timeout from the sombre season of lent to have our 'Harvest Festival' at Christ the King Church. During this service there will be an opportunity to give thanks for all the good things we are blessed with. We will also pray for our farmers and growers, and together give thanks to God for our good and pleasant land and the life we enjoy.

### **Guidelines for Covid-19 Virus**

These have been sent out by email. Copies are also available in the foyer.

### **Happy Birthday!**

We extend our best birthday wishes to **Jean Phipps**, celebrating her birthday **today, Sunday 22nd March**, and also **Gavan Riley**, celebrating on **Wednesday 25th March**.



**Lent Studies** - This year's Lent Studies focus on discipleship in Matthew's gospel have commenced and continue 25 March, 01 and 08 April.

**Wednesdays 10 am in Christ the King.** Studies available on the entry table.

### **St Michael's and All Angels, Hakaru - Service next Sunday 29th March**

There will be a 5th Sunday service at St Michael's next week, 11.30 am, followed by a shared lunch at the Hakaru Hall. All welcome.

### **Mangawhai Mission District AGM 2020 - Sunday 5th April**

**Christ the King Mangawhai**, following the 9am morning service shared with St Paul's, Kaiwaka congregation. Please bring a plate for a shared lunch after the AGM. **Note: There will be no 9 am service at St Paul's on this date.**

**Nomination forms for Governing Body members and People's Warden are available on the noticeboard.**



### **Fundraising Stall - 11th April**

We are planning a fundraising stall at the Mangawhai Village market on Easter Saturday, 9 am—1pm, if regulations allow. This would be our final stall until spring/summer later in the year. Donations of baking, produce, clothing, bric-a-brac in good condition would be much appreciated. Also volunteers to set up the stall and sell items. Contact: Fay 09 431 2449.

### **Plunket Request**

Plunket have asked for donations of cot blankets which are desperately needed. Please contact Wayne for further details.

## Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

### **PART-TIME DISCIPLESHIP?**

Back in my university days, we used to have many fine and far-ranging theological and philosophical discussions as we walked back from lectures to our hostel. During one such

discussion a friend said, totally tongue in cheek: "Following Jesus is okay. But you wouldn't want to let it interfere with your life."

Actually though, you would. Actually you have to. Following Jesus has to "interfere with your life" or it is not following, not being a disciple at all. This was certainly highlighted in last Wednesday's Lent Study based on Matthew 10:37-42. Here are some piercing points from the notes:

Jesus lays down a benchmark in regard to human affections and loyalties. *"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me"* (Matthew 10:37). How can this be? Shouldn't we expect a disciple to be more loving towards a parent or a child than a non-disciple?

Actually, there are plenty of encouragements in Jesus' teaching to be a loving child and a loving parent (since they too are among our 'neighbours'). What Jesus is talking about is ultimate claim. His claim on us as disciples is to be stronger than the most natural and normal human loyalties. Unless we accept this ultimate claim of Jesus on our lives, we will not embrace discipleship as a whole of life commitment.

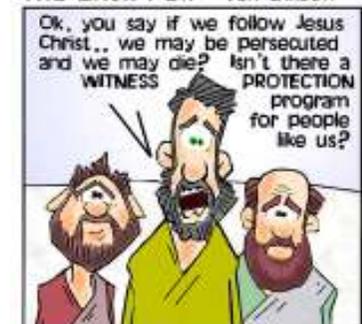
Why does Jesus talk about discipleship in this way? Why can't discipleship be like, say, collecting stamps or playing darts at the local pub - demanding of us, but not totally demanding? Something is at stake which goes beyond Jesus being a demanding person. There is a desperate need for humanity to be transformed. The gospel diagnoses this human condition and offers a remedy for it. The remedy is urgently needed: part-time disciples will not meet the need. Only those who take up their cross and lose their lives for Jesus' sake will be worthy of Jesus and useful in his mission (10:38-39).

Jesus then goes on to make an extraordinary claim in Matthew 10:40-42 which is, *"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."* A disciple is Christ to those she or he meets. Those who welcome a disciple of Christ welcome Christ, indeed, welcome God. From our perspective Christ invests in us extraordinary responsibility (to be Christ to people) and opens up amazing possibilities (for those we meet to encounter Christ through us). From the divine perspective we are the mission of God in the world: Christ has no hands except our hands, no feet except our feet and no voice except our voice. How awesome that the God we have encountered in Christ should take us, frail and fallible as we are, and make us like Christ as divine agents of God's mission!

May this give new life to our living as disciples!  
Shalom, Wayne

[notes from *Being Disciples: Through Lent with Matthew* by Peter Carrell and Lynda Patterson, p.20-21]

### **THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON**





**Please keep in your prayers:**

Julia Smith, Elspeth, Win, Susan, Judy, Bishop Jim, Terry & Helga, Mary Hitchcock, Tevita, Jonathan, Jocelyn, Sibyl 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: 23 - 29 March**

Tues.	24 Mar	Rhythm 'n' Riggle Visiting Team	Christ the King Christ the King	10.00 am 11.30 am
Wed.	25 Mar	Holy Communion Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Thurs.	26 Mar	C+ K Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30-noon
Sun.	29 Mar	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Christ the King St Michael's, Hakaru	9.00 am 11.30 am

**Next week**

**29 March: Service at 9 am**  
Theme: Lent 5: Passion Sunday  
Dramatic Reading: Passion Narrative  
St Michael's Readings: OT: Psalm 130  
Gospel: John 12: 23-33

**MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS**

**Priest in Charge:** Wayne Thornton 431 4122  
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# Pew News

**Christ the King, Mangawhai**

**22 March 2020**

**Lent 4:  
Harvest Festival**  
OT: Deut. 26: 1-11  
Gospel: John 6: 30-35



**Theme & Readings**

**Scripture for the Week (Sentence)**

The land has yielded its harvest: God, our God has blessed us.  
(Psalm 67: 6)

**Prayer for the Week (Collect)**

**Creator God, You made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Prayer Cycle**

In our Diocese, we pray for the Parish of Hibiscus Coast, the Parish of Whangaparaoa Peninsula, the Parish of Warkworth, Wellsford Mission District and Te Tai Tokerau: Nga Tapuwae o Te Ariki Pastorate, St Mary, Kaiwaka. In our mission district we pray for Bible studies and small groups. In our community we pray for our Member of Parliament, Mayor and Councillors, District Council, local boards and committees.

**Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-12 noon**  
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