

## Notices:

### Sunday Service:

Here is something new for me and for most of us perhaps – I intend to “livestream” a church service from Christ the King this Sunday at 9am. All you need to do is click on this link

<https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UCYCwh692ZI3SzpHTKtX11Yw/livestreaming/dashboard?v=eDVbtt0ZYMQ>

or copy and paste into your internet browser. You can do this before 9am, but it becomes “live” at 9am Sunday. Hopefully all the technology works and we can do this! I will also send an email with the link. In faith, Wayne

### Happy Birthday!

We extend our best birthday wishes to **Peter Pedrotti**, celebrating his birthday **Sunday 29th March**, and also **Bill Bygrave and Alan Whitaker**, both celebrating on **Thursday 2nd April**.



### Bible Study:

We are not able to meet for Bible study, however the remaining Lent Studies are now added to the 'Bible Study' tab on our website. You may like to download them and work through them. Wayne will be available to answer any questions that may arise by phone – 431 4122, or email – wingmanwt@gmail.com

### Sermons:

Wayne's sermons for last year and this year are all available on our website under the “Sermons” tab. So if you missed one, or would like to follow up on one, you are able to do so.

### Donations:

We will not be “physically meeting” for services and events for the next few weeks. This means there will be no collections and offerings. This will not affect those who give by direct credit. However those who normally give by envelope or cash offering may still wish to give – this can be done through internet banking. Please deposit your offering/donation using internet banking to our account: Mangawhai Mission District; 01-0137-0096373-00, and give your name or giving number in the reference field if you wish to have your offering counted for tax refund purposes.

### Sunday Evening Prayers:

Two opportunities for prayer in these troubled times.

First, the Anglican Archbishops invite us on this Sunday evening, and every Sunday evening while normal church services are suspended, to light a candle in our home at 7pm and pray with and for others.

Second, Bishop Ross invites people to join him for Night Prayer at 7pm, streamed through his Facebook page. You will need to go to Facebook and in the search box type “Bishop Ross Bay” .

## Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

### BE KIND

We are living in a very different, very strange and very trying time. As you read this we will have been in “lockdown” for a number of days. A situation that most of us probably have no experience with or preparation for. It is unprecedented. However as Kiwis our character, our resilience and our ingenuity will see us through. Also as Kiwis we might ask a down to earth practical question: “where is God in all of this?”

And my answer: God is where God has always been. God is in the midst of the people. God's people. We are all God's people and God is with us. Jesus calls us to remember this and to demonstrate it by being signs of light, love, laughter and life. There is a two word poster in the 'Unite against Covid-19' series that I really like. “BE KIND”. I think it's great that our Prime minister, the Government and the Ministry of Health are promoting this fruit of the Spirit (see Romans 5:22).

“Be kind” - that says it all. Be caring, considerate, courteous. Look out for others, look after yourself. As much as it is possible, share the blessings you have. Let us all do just that. In all situations, in all that might happen - remember to be kind.

Perhaps part of being kind to ourselves in this very different situation is not to see it as restrictive, but as an opportunity. An opportunity to do things in different ways. An opportunity to catch up with some jobs, projects, reading etc that have been put off. An opportunity to be creative, try new things, learn new skills. For me one of the things this will involve is getting to grips with technology and seeing if I can “live stream” a church service for us on Sunday morning.

Yes, there is no denying that many people are uncertain, nervous, fearful of what the days ahead may hold. Those of us who are followers of Jesus may draw upon the well-spring of our faith, the Holy Spirit – as the source of a peace that the world cannot give. May I encourage you to indeed draw upon that gift of peace; and in the place where you are be an oasis of calm, radiating that blessing of peace.

So here is my “poster advice” for this very different, very strange and very trying time:

Be kind.  
Keep calm.  
Pray.

Please be assured of my prayers for you and for us all.  
Below is a prayer that you may find helpful.

Shalom, Wayne

*Gracious and caring God,*

*We pray that in this time of fear and uncertainty, the Church will reach out with compassionate arms offering words of consolation and peace. May our leaders act with sound judgement and our citizens do all that they are asked in order to reduce infection rates. We pray that we learn to cope with the new arrangements for working and living at home. We ask that those who face financial hardship would be properly cared for. As we face the uncertain days ahead may this be a time where we learn to be generous, kind and thoughtful towards others. And may we be signs of peace and hope. In the name of Jesus our Saviour we pray. Amen.*



**Please keep in your prayers:**

Julia Smith, Elspeth, Win, Susan, Judy, Bishop Jim, Terry & Helga, Mary Hitchcock, Tevita, Jonathan, Jocelyn, Sibyl and Jac.

**Prayers:**

Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list in your prayer time. If you would like to add people or situations please phone 431 4122, or email mangawhaichristking@xtra.co.nz



All Services, Meetings, etc are now postponed.

**Next week**

Next Week: 05 April  
Service by internet 'livestream' at 9 am

**MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS**

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# Pew News

**Christ the King, Mangawhai**

**29 March 2020**

**Lent 5**

**Passion Sunday**

OT: Psalm 130

Gospel: Matthew 27: 27-54



**Theme & Readings**

'Livestream' Service 9am

**Scripture for the Week (Sentence)**

Is it nothing to you, all who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow. *Lamentations 1:12*

**Prayer for the Week (Collect)**

God of hope, in you we see a life that never dies. Surrounded by death and violence may we never give in to despair. But rest in you our resurrection and our life. For you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Prayer Cycle**

In our Diocese, we pray for the Auckland City Mission, the Selwyn Foundation, the Anglican Trust for Women and Children and the Hospital Chaplaincy. In our Mission District we pray for our children and especially our Rhythm'n'Riggle families. In our community we pray for teachers, students and parents.

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