

Notices:

Sunday Service - "Livestream" at 9am, Sunday 03 May

All you need to do is click on this link:

<https://youtu.be/eO-QQWh3S8I>

or copy and paste into your internet browser. You can do this before 9am, but it becomes "live" at 9am Sunday.

Happy Birthday!

We extend our best birthday wishes to **Ian McKenzie** who celebrates his birthday on **Sunday 3rd May**.



Bishop Ross - Easter Sermon

Bishop Ross preached an encouraging and inspiring sermon on Easter Sunday. You can watch it here: <https://youtu.be/FQHLoeScyPE>

Yes You Can Have Flour

Parishioners John and Daisy Pattan have plenty of flour available at their GAS station in Te Hana. Just give John a call on 021 287 0077 to arrange pick up etc.

Tropical Cyclone Harold

Given the severity of the cyclone, the number of fatalities; the central role the church is already playing in response and recovery efforts (which will take years); the skills and the experience that the Church has already and the links Anglican Missions has with a number of response agencies, Anglican Missions is launching an emergency appeal for the TC Harold response. Money raised will go toward to the CAN-DO led proposal that ACOM is part of. For information, please check the website <https://angmissions.org.nz/> or contact Michael Hartfield on michael@angmissions.org.nz or 021 913 219.

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

Continuing in Hope

We still have a long way to go. We have done pretty well so far in regard to the Covid-19 situation, but we still have much to do in order to

recover and regain our life as people and as a nation. As followers of Jesus we are to shine with his light and carry with us something of supreme importance. Something that will really make a difference: hope. It is vital for us to be encouraged and also spread this hope. In this here are some words I have found very helpful – I used them in my sermon last Sunday. This is from one of my favourite writers, Max Lucado.

After 40 years in ministry I've seen a lot of storms. And I've learned that in turbulent times like this, there is nothing more secure than the anchor of God's promises. Hold on tight to these four lifelines – they can withstand the waves of worry and difficulty in your life.

Hang tight, God gets you! He's been there. He's been here – and he understands your pain. The stunning idea is simply this: God, for a time, became one of us. If you ever wonder if God listens, he does.

Overcome Despair with Prayer. When life overwhelms, pray to the one who is in charge, and know that he is praying for you. Will God do what you ask? Perhaps. Or perhaps he will do more than you imagine. And ponder this truth: Jesus, right now, at this moment, in the midst of whatever trouble you are facing, is speaking on your behalf. He is calling out to the Heavenly Father. He is advocating for a special blessing to be sent your way.

Pull together when life comes apart. In times of extreme challenge we can divide or we can unite. One of the beautiful things that can emerge from times of trouble is extravagant compassion and care for our neighbours – crossing lines and building bridges. Our pain bears fruit if it reminds us that everyone has value, and we were created by God, in God's image, for God's glory.

Evil exists, but it does not win! Yes, we'd rather have a storm-free life, but we can count on the devil stirring up trouble and fear. Take heart, God has overcome!

Hold fast to these lifelines and ask yourself this key question: Is what I'm anchored to stronger than what I'll go through? Sometimes it may be a calamity that thousands are facing together, or it may be a personal battle that no one else even knows you are dealing with.

But God knows. He knows and he cares. And he wants to buoy you in the day-to-day difficulties and guide you home to safe harbour. When the storm hits, anchor to no one but God.

Storms will come. But when they do, filter them through the promises of God. And since his promises are unbreakable, your hope will be unshakable.

Your hope will be unshakable. For it does not depend on us and our world. It only depends on God, and God is ... utterly dependable.

Shalom, Wayne



Please keep in your prayers:

Tanya, Elspeth, Win, Susan, Judy, Bishop Jim, Mary Hitchcock, Tevita, Jonathan, Jocelyn, Sibyl and Jac.

Get Well: Please pray for Ken Brown, currently in hospital and for Gayle who is unable to visit under Covid-19 regulations.

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



Next week

All Services, Meetings, etc are now postponed.

Next Week: 10 May - 'Finding our Place'

Livestream Service: 9am

Readings: OT: Psalm 31: 1-5

Gospel: John 14: 1-6

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Pew News

**Christ the King, Mangawhai
St Paul's, Kaiwaka
St Michael's, Hakaru**

03 May 2020

The Good Shepherd

OT: Psalm 23

Gospel: John 10: 1-10



Theme & Readings

'Livestream' Service 9am

Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

In your constant love, O Lord, you have led the people whom you ransomed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy dwelling place.
(Exodus 15:13)

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

Good Shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold; feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us that we might be with you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen

Prayer Cycle

In our Diocese, we pray for the Parish of St Barnabas, Mt Eden; the Telugu Mission District; the Asian Mission District; the Parish of St Columba, Grey Lynn; the Tongan Anglican Mission; the Mission District of Waiheke Island, and Great Barrier Island. In our Mission District we pray for our worship services. In our community we pray for all churches, their ministers and elders and their people.

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