

Notices:

Sunday Service - "Livestream" at 9am, Sunday 24 May

All you need to do is click on this link: <https://youtu.be/D0aq7rQZ0cw> 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 **Kim Thornton** celebrating her birthday on **Monday 25th May**.



Church Services

Wayne writes: We are hopeful that we will be able to hold our first "post-lockdown" service on Sunday 31 May. This is "Plan A" and it does seem rather appropriate as it is Pentecost, the "birthday" of the church. It will be great to be able to be together to celebrate and worship! All of the requirements for social distancing, hygiene, contact tracing etc will be in place. However it may be that some folk are not feeling ready to come back to church yet, or are not well, or are unable to attend. That's okay and be reassured that we plan to continue to "livestream" the service from Christ the King at 9am on Sunday. It will be different from what has been happening, but it will enable people to be part of the service "live" as it happens, or to catch up later. If anyone has questions or concerns, please phone me on 431 4122 or email:

wingmanwt@gmail.com However we are all too aware that we live in a world where things can rapidly change – so we also have "Plan B" - which is a "livestream" service only from Christ the King at 9am

Survey Regarding "On Line Church"

We are invited to respond to a Church Life Survey for church members about our experience under lockdown, in particular assessing the effectiveness of online services and other forms of support. It is a short online survey which can be completed by following this link. <https://infoweb.nz/form/clsnz-communicating-in-lockdown>

Church Life Magazine - June issue

All going well, we will be printing the quarterly magazine early in June. As there haven't been any of our usual activities to report, we would like to make this a 'Lockdown' feature. Can you please send narratives of how you managed through the lock-down, and photos of any projects you undertook - craftwork, building, garden, baking, painting, jigsaw puzzles, etc. Email to: mangawhaichristking@xtra.co.nz, or drop in to the office by 29th May.

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FIRST OFF, I'M HAPPY TO SEE THAT SO MANY OF YOU ARE ENJOYING THE NEW STREAMING OF OUR SERVICES ONLINE ...

Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

Church On Line?

Ours is an incarnational faith. We believe that God came in person as one of us, just like us, and shared our life. Being there, in person, is at the heart of the Christian faith. So I have

always believed this should be reflected in what we do; that we are first and foremost about people and relationships. Which leads to things as simple as the phone being answered, if at all possible, by a person. A person who calls needs to be able to speak to a person who answers. It also means we put a lot of store into gathering in person: physically being together in the same place. It makes a difference. Actually it makes *the* difference. That is why God came in the person of Jesus.

However the experience of having to continue our meetings and church services under lock down has made me reconsider things. We have had Archdeaconry meetings via the "Zoom" platform on computer over the internet. This enables all participants to see each other and to interact. It is not the same as being there in person, but it works – and has the advantage of saving travel time and resources. It has given me a new insight on how people in distant places can "meet".

Having our church services via "Livestream" on Youtube has been a learning experience. Although initially I found it very odd talking just to a camera, I discovered that there is a real sense of the other people being part of the worship happening live. Doing church in this way has also enabled us to "connect" with people who we had no connection with before: some local, some in other parts of the country, and even overseas! It has also meant that those who are part of our church family but unable to physically attend, have been able to be part of Sunday worship. And if the 9am time did not work, people can "catch up" later on line.

This "wider connectivity" is something we will endeavour to continue. I don't think "church on line" is able to replace the actual experience of physically gathering in one place together. We are "incarnational beings", and there is something special and important about that. However these past few weeks have opened up a new avenue by which we can contact people, link with them, and share the good news of God's love in Jesus. I am signaling this is something to be continued and developed. Especially making the on line experience "real".

Our services have never been about performance and are not just a programme to be broadcast. There is something different and special here. I have been thinking and praying about how to enhance this "incarnational" aspect. If anyone has any thoughts or suggestions please let me know.

For now though we pray for a return to being able to worship together in person, and to continue and develop our "on line experience."

Shalom, Wayne



Please keep in your prayers:

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

Thank you for your prayers for Tanya - she is now back in NZ, in quarantine for two weeks. Thank the Lord!

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

Wellsford Op Shop

We are open again, as follows:

Wednesday 10am – 3pm

Thursday 10am – 12.30pm

Friday 10am – 3pm

Thank you to our great team of volunteers! We have had some retirements, so if anyone is able to give a day or half a day per week to the Op Shop, please contact Wayne. Also, we would really like to replace the carpet in the shop. If anyone has 'recarpeted' and has the old carpet available; or has spare carpet just lying around, please let us know.



Next week

Next Week: 31 May - Pentecost

Plan A: 9am Praise, Prayer and Communion at Christ the King, plus a "Livestream" of the service

Plan B: "Livestream" service at 9am

Readings: NT – Acts 2:1-21

Gospel – John 7:37-39

MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS

Priest in Charge: Wayne Thornton 431 4122

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Theme & Readings

'Livestream' Service 9am

Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

Blessed are you O Lord, for you bear us daily as your burden: you are the God of our deliverance. (*Psalm 68:19*)

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

Holy God, you have not left us alone but promised your abiding protection. In all we face, grant us such a knowledge of your presence, that nothing can destroy our trust. Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer Cycle

In our Diocese, we pray for the Local Shared Ministry Unit of Bream Bay, the Mission to Seafarers, Whangarei and Marsden Point; Tutukaka Coast Community Church and Te Tai Tokerau: Waimate-Taumarere Pastorate. In our Mission District we pray for Rhythm 'n' Riggle families. In our community we pray for all schools, colleges and places of learning.

Pew News

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

24 May 2020

Easter 7:

Keep Them Safe

OT: Psalm 68: 4-10, 32-35

Gospel: John 17: 1-11



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