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Rev. Edith McCarthy
at her final Communion Service, St Paul's, Kaiwaka

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



John's Post Easter Reflection

Over the last fifty days since Easter we have been following the lectionary readings from the Gospel of John. The writer/witness uses rich metaphors to unfold his story of Jesus. In the prologue - John 1:1-18 "In the beginning was....." Logos/Word and Light – "The light shines on in the darkness....." In Verse 11 "He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept Him." It is now the task of the writer/witness to prove to the reader who Jesus the Christ is.

Two parts of John's Gospel can be taken:

I. The Book of Signs:

Jesus' public ministry 7 signs or miraculous events were narrated to reinforce the prologue:

1. Changing water into wine at Cana (2:1-11)
2. Healing the official's son at Cana (4:46-54)
3. Healing the paralysed man (5:1-18)
4. Feeding the five thousand (6:1-14)
5. Walking on the lake (6:16-21)
6. Healing the blind man (John 9)
7. Raising Lazarus (11:1-45)

II. The Book of Glory:

Two Main Sections:

1. The Last Supper account and its associated discourse
2. The narrative of Jesus' death and resurrection

Transition: Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." (12:23)

What do we mean by the hour has come?

- His death
- His resurrection
- His returning to the Father – ascension

God through Jesus has been glorified in these events – you can't separate these events out

- In His death he fulfils the will and purpose of God's glory
- In His resurrection is a time the disciples fully understand and grasp his identity or in the words of the Gospel they saw his glory
- In His ascension or return to the Father reinforces Jesus' position of glory and exaltation – in the prologue he was with God in the beginning now he has returned to God

All the narratives are a tapestry threading the Gospel story together.

I hope this synopsis of John's Gospel will help you in further reading and understanding of your journey in faith.

With every blessing
John

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Congratulations!!

We are absolutely delighted to congratulate Christine Bygrave on being honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours. Christine received the Queen's Service Medal for services to the Mangawhai community. Christine has been involved with the Mangawhai Museum, Mangawhai Pioneer Village, Mangawhai Golf Club, Mangawhai Singers, Hakaru Pony Club, Otamatea High School Board of Trustees and St Paul's Church.

We are very grateful for Christine's contributions to the Mission District and blessed that she so willingly shares her musical talents to enhance many of our services.



Christ the King, Mangawhai

April began with our Annual General Meeting on 7th April which was held at St Paul's Kaiwaka. Members of the previous Governing Body were returned for a further year and we welcome Jo Sarah who has been elected as a new member. After the meeting fellowship was shared over lunch.

We began Holy Week with Stations of the Cross each morning and held a Maundy Thursday communion in the evening. We shared our Good Friday service with members of the Catholic Church and Easter Sunday communion was attended by over 50 people.

At Easter we bade farewell to Wayne and Kim as they set off overseas and welcomed Rev John Blundell the following Sunday, who will be our Priest in Charge until the end of August. On 26th May we celebrated Wesley Day and the Anglican/Methodist Covenant 2009 with a service led by Rev Dr Tony Stroobant who was ordained as a Methodist Minister. Services at Christ the King have been well attended during April and May with more than 30 people there some Sundays. A special thank you to Christine and Tanya who have been providing the music for our services during Trewby's period of ill health.

On 7th June John conducted a funeral service at Christ the King for Judith Brown a member of our church family and long time resident of the district.

During May we have been following a spiritual pilgrimage made by John and his wife Jenny through Europe as our Bible study, accompanied by photos, which has been most interesting and informative.

At Easter weekend we held a fundraising stall at the Mangawhai Market which raised \$650.20. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to this stall with baking and other things to sell and to those who helped on the day.

Rhythm 'n' Riggle continues to attract a good number of children and their parents. Thank you to those who organise and run this. Our hall is being well used throughout the week by our craft group and other outside groups and is proving to be a great facility for the community.

Fire and Building Services Whangarei have taken over control of fire protection inspections from Wormald and have made their first visit to Christ the King.

Thank you to everyone who helps in any way in our church, whether it is during the service or with cleaning, flower arranging, morning tea or looking after our gardens and lawns. We really appreciate you and all that you do.

Lynda Wintle
Warden



St Paul's, Kaiwaka

St Paul's Easter celebration began on April 7 Passion Sunday. The service was led by Rev Wayne Thornton with a Dramatic Reading of the Passion Narrative. Following the service members from Christ the King and St Michael's congregations gathered with us for the Mangawhai Mission District Annual General Meeting at the Archie Bull Hall. After the meeting we fellowshiped together over a shared lunch. An opportunity for St Paul's folk to mingle and chat with those from Mangawhai and Hakaru.

The Easter Day service on April 21 was a blend of our Family Worship and the Eucharist, very ably led by Rev Derek Christensen with Rev John McClean celebrating Holy Communion. The attendance was 26, boosted by visitors from the Kaiwaka community and family members home for Easter. A very enriching, joyful celebration followed by great fellowship over a cuppa and Hot Cross Buns. The kitchen renovations have begun with the kitset drawer units having been assembled in preparation for the next stage of the project.

The recent service on June 2 was a mixture of joy, thankfulness and tinged with a little sadness. Joy that Rev Edith McCarthy was well enough to preside after periods of ill health and time in hospital, sadness as it was her final Communion after many years of faithful ministry and thankful for all that she has given to St Paul's. We felt blessed and honoured that Edith chose St Paul's for her last Communion Service. At the conclusion of the service Liz Hyndman spoke with a mixture of zany comments and humour summing up Edith's qualities and all that she has meant to us. Edith was then presented with a small token of our appreciation and flowers. The final farewell for Edith before she departs for Tauranga will be at the Pizza Barn in Waipu when we gather to share pizza with her on July 21. Edith commented that our singing was far better than other Sundays, thanks due to Anneliese & Andrew Allen for their technical expertise in producing the power point presentation of the songs & hymns.

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Mary Hargreaves

Thank You!

Dear Church family from Mangawhai, Kaiwaka and Hakaru - this is just to say a special thanks for being so wonderful and welcoming. I have enjoyed encouragement, friendship, love, laughter and fulfilment with all of you by my side and I am going to miss you terribly.

I came to Mangawhai in late January 2012, and never thought for a moment that my life would be filled with new adventures and challenges! Reader, liturgist, flower arranger, and Rhythm 'n' Riggler, and then came Helen and being a warden! It has expanded my knowledge and my confidence and I have you to thank for this.

A new adventure starts at 157 Waipapa Block Road, somewhere north of Tauranga but I suspect it will never compare to life with you all in Mangawhai. Of course if any of you are passing my way after we have settled in, I would be thrilled to see you.

God Bless you all.

Sue Hamilton-Wallace



Guess who's the bridesmaid - entertaining the audience with the Mangawhai Singers!

Some Inspirational Thoughts

'Are you not thirsty?' said the Lion.
'I'm dying of thirst' said Jill.
'Then drink' said the Lion.
'May I – could I – would you mind going away while I do?'
said Jill The Lion only answered this by a look and a
very low growl ...
'I daren't come and drink' said Jill.
'Then you will die of thirst.' said the Lion.
'Oh dear!' said Jill, coming another step nearer.
'I suppose I must go and look for another stream then.'
'There is no other stream.' said the Lion.



C.S. Lewis *The Silver Chair* Ch.2

He that thinketh any innocent pastime foolish has either to grow
wiser or is past the ability.

Leigh Hunt

Teach me to feel another's woe
To hide the fault I see
That mercy I to others show
That mercy show to me.

Pope - Universal Prayer



St Michael's, Hakaru

Gosh half of 2019 has gone already!!

Many thanks to Bill, John, and Neville for spraying the church with Wet'n'forget, it will take a while to work thus the name!!

Neville received a phone call to say recent strong winds had broken and blown branches from the trees by the road in the parking area and blocked the road. Many thanks to David Lusty for clearing the road but a chain saw gang is being organized to dispose of these Historic Places tree branches. We are not allowed to cut the tree down unfortunately.

Two new concrete strips will be going in soon for more ashes and grave headstones, and also a few rotten boards need replacing on the Church.

We have a wedding taking place on Friday 20th December officiated by Wayne, so hopefully things will be ship shape by then.

We are sorry to hear of Judith Brown's passing and our condolences go to her family. Judith and Bob spent most of their life farming at Hakaru where they brought their family up.

Our next Church service at Hakaru is on Sunday 30th June at 11-30 followed by a shared lunch in the Hakaru Hall.

That's all for now, keep warm and God Bless.

Ann Dowson and the Hakaru Team.



**Bill & Neville
cleaning
St Michael's
Church**

Update from Wayne

Since we left New Zealand we have travelled huge distances and seen some amazing sights and met some wonderful people. We have had the opportunity to visit and occasionally worship in some wonderful church buildings. We have made contact with a whole range of people and been able to share something of how faith works out in life and is celebrated in worship.

Some "highlights" have been a 'second' Easter Day celebration at Vancouver Anglican Cathedral, which included music by banjo and bluesy piano and dancing the blessing at the end; followed by a meal and fellowship in the basement. Then there was the Anglican Cathedral at Ottawa which was advertised as open, but was locked – fortunately a kind caretaker noticed us and let us in. We visited the Anglican Cathedral in Montreal and had an engaging discussion with an assistant verger about how this cathedral has a mission to provide a welcoming and "safe" space for all.

Then there was the experience of having a church service and communion on a ship as we sailed along the St Lawrence Seaway. In Boston we toured the magnificent Trinity Episcopal Church, which sparked off a whole new style of American architecture and where Phillips Brooks (famous preacher and writer of "O Little Town of Bethlehem") had a long and faithful ministry. We went back in the evening for a very traditional 'sung eucharist' with choir and organ.

Now we are in Cedarville, a small town of around 3500 people in the state of Ohio; about 35 minutes east of Dayton and 20 minutes south of Springfield. For the time we are here we are part of the Apex Xenia House Church Network, and it is all very neighbourly. We are living in a house provided for missionaries on leave by Grace Baptist Church, which is just across the carpark. Across the road is the Methodist Church, which has problems with the roof and is unsafe to enter. The Presbyterians are also just across the road, and changed their Sunday service time and invited the Methodists to use their building at a different time. The blessings of a small community. (And there are four other operating churches in town).

The House Church Network we are spending time with has an interesting dynamic. The main focus is on the House Church, which in our case meets on Wednesday nights. This is *the* church. On Sunday mornings in Xenia (about 15 minutes drive) is what is called "The Gathering", where all the 12 House Churches meet to worship and celebrate what God is doing in their midst.

We have been part of two House Church meetings, which is characterised by being more 'organic than organised'. We have also shared in two "gatherings", which are quite different to any other worship services I have experienced. However it includes excellent teaching and good music teams. I have also enjoyed talking with some of the leaders – they are called "House Shepherds" - and getting some idea of how it all works. I am still getting a handle on it, but the energy, enthusiasm and faith of the people here is inspiring.

We had two children, Nicholas born 1960 and David born 1962. In that year I quit the city, as a family we quit Kent and we went to Cambridgeshire where I worked on a dairy farm. We came to New Zealand in 1963 and I worked on the Wilson family farm at Kirikopuni in Northland.

When the farm was sold in 1966 we moved to Warkworth where I worked for the former Rodney County Council. In 1969 we moved to Clyde in Central Otago where I worked for the former Vincent County Council. Jolyon was born in Clyde in 1971. In 1974 we moved to Takaka where I worked for the Golden Bay County Council. In 1976 we moved back to Warkworth where I worked for the then Rodney District Council. Mavis did some teaching and in 1978 was appointed librarian at the Mahurangi College. We had a trip back to England in 1987. Sadly in 1988 Mavis died of cancer.

Pamela & Bernard - Some years later Pamela came to work at the Council and we clicked! In 1994 we married....and despite what you may believe good things can happen with your local Council! We bought a house and a few acres at Perry Road in Warkworth. Pamela moved on to work for DOC in 1998, (retiring in 2016). In 1999 we went to San Diego to celebrate Pamela's brother's wedding taking time to see New York and a few other places in the USA. We share 7 grandchildren ranging in age from 7 to 21. In 2000 we decided a move might be on so we searched and found Mangawhai, sold Perry Road, rented in Warkworth for a year then moved to Mangawhai in 2003 when I retired. and here we are!



Church Profile - Bernard and Pamela Chivers

Pamela – I was born in Mangakino where Dad had come to work as an electrician on the new hydro-thermal dams. Mum and Dad had met in her home town of Glasgow where my Dad had come, as a young Petty Officer in the Royal Navy, to undertake torpedo training during WW2. Mum was down at the docks with her girlfriend to wave her girlfriend's brother off to war and bumped into a young PO asking directions. They corresponded and spent leave time together before marrying during one leave.

After the war Dad and Mum, and then my brother, stayed with my father's family, who were from Cornwall but now lived in Birmingham. After some time, they decided that immigration to New Zealand was the answer to a post-war Britain. After a time in Mangakino we moved to Tokora where Dad worked at Kinleith Mills and then to Tauranga where he worked for the Tauranga Power Board. I started school at Pillian's Point Primary in Tauranga and remember lots of space, fishing and the Mount where we regularly went.

When I was about 8 Mum became homesick so we sold up our home and sailed for England. I remember lots of family – a hitherto unknown experience - great lollies and interesting cities. We lived with my Dad's family in Birmingham, where I went to my Dad's old school and we visited my Scottish Grand-parents in Glasgow. I recall a lovely Scottish Grandmother and a Grandfather whose strong brogue I struggled to understand – Mum would interpret. After a kiwi lifestyle England proved not to be right for my parents and a year later, we sailed back to New Zealand.

We then lived in Birkenhead, I attended Westlake Girls, started work at the Bank of New South Wales in Birkenhead, married young, had 3 children, Robert 1969, Jo 1972, Kylie 1976 moving as a family to Australia in 1979 for 4 years. We lived in Melbourne for 12 months and then bought a 4-wheel drive and drove North. We had about 6 months in Telara (on the edge of the Hunter Valley) in New South Wales, 12 months in Caloundra in Queensland and then 12 months in Perth with the balance here and there between. And returned home. Twelve months later I separated and moved to Stillwater with my 2 daughters where I lived for 8 years during which time, I gained a BSc in Psychology from Auckland University. In the final two years of living at Stillwater I worked at Rodney District Council where I met Bernard. 18 months after meeting we married - one of my better decisions!

Bernard – I was born at Epsom, Surrey, England in 1936. My first memory is from 1940 asking Dad what the white vapour trails in the sky were...."aircraft fighting to save England!"

I grew up in the Surrey village of Woodmansterne and developed a passion for cricket (both Mum and Dad were keen!) and coarse fishing. I went to Grammar School in 1948 until 1953, worked in a library for a year before having to complete 2 years of National Service (in the RAF in the medical branch). After that I worked for a grocery chain and then in New Zealand House, London as a bookkeeper.

There I met a young woman, Mavis Wilson (who was on an OE), from New Zealand. We married in 1958 by which time I was working as a bookkeeper for a firm of Lloyd's Insurance Brokers "in the City!"

The questions people have asked in return have been insightful and sometimes challenging. It has made me think more clearly about what we do in New Zealand, as Anglicans, and why we do what we do.

Just a 10 minute walk from our house is Cedarville University and I am blessed to be able to spend time reading, writing and reflecting in the library which is well equipped and has a peaceful atmosphere.

The sign over the Welcome Desk at the Sunday Gathering says: "The church is not a building. The church is people". It is both inspiring and challenging to be with people who are exceedingly generous and seeking to actively live out their faith as followers of Jesus where they are. To put it in practice in all of life. Of course, it is what we are called to do but there is definitely something about how these folk are actually doing it! They are being a church that not only has a message but is the message.

I pray that you are having some joy and success in your life of faith. I hope you are keeping warm and well, and know the assurance of God's peace and God's presence. Across the miles we send our greetings and hold you in our prayers.

Shalom, Wayne



Wayne & Kim's house



Grace Baptist Church



Library across the lake



Main Street

**Wayne and Kim's trip to Canada
Vancouver, Alberta, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal**



Kim, Alberta



Hope, British Columbia



Horseshoe Falls, Niagara



Canadian wildlife!



On The Canadian Train



Toronto



Sparrow Lake



Notre Dame Cathedral, Quebec



Notre Dame lightshow



Vintage electric train



Muskoka chair, Gravenhurst



Old church, Burlington



St Jacob's Town



Montreal at night



Montreal wheel