

Notices:

Sunday Service - "Livestream"

Please note that as we are having a regional service at Ruakaka, there will be no livestream from Christ the King for this week only. Back to "normal" next week at 9am. Watch this space for the livestream service link – 12 July.

.Church Services: We are now at Level 1, which means it is considered "safe" for congregational and choral singing, Communion with bread and wine, morning tea, after-service fellowship, social gatherings, and so on

Happy Birthday! We extend our best birthday wishes to **Isa Christensen** who celebrates her birthday on **Friday 10th July**



Help Plunket Help Families

Plunket are having a "Winter Thermal Drive". They are looking for flannelette pyjamas, thermo or merino thermals, socks – all sizes 1 to 5. Also, good quality new or pre-loved natural fibre blankets are wanted. Please talk to Wayne if you are able to help. Thank you.

Community Focus Prayer

Heavenly Father,
we thank You for the simple things of life things which we may have taken for granted: gathering, visiting, traveling, comforting, meeting ...
We thank You for all the ways you have helped us stay connected to you and to each other.
We thank You for all who have helped us get through these past weeks: doctors, leaders, nurses, essential workers ...
We pray for our nation in the changes, losses, disturbances; that You will comfort and guide those who have lost jobs livelihoods, futures.
Help us to make wise decisions, to share our blessings and to work together.
May we continue to be kind, care for neighbours and hold out the hope You alone give us.
In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.



Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

God and Bad Things

Last weekend I was visiting a friend who said: "I've been thinking and you're 'in the business' so maybe you can help me. Why is all this horrible stuff happening? If God cares and God is in control how can he let it go on?" A very good question. We had a rather down to earth discussion, yet I realised there was no satisfactory answer.

Why is there a Covid-19 pandemic that has claimed so many lives and disrupted the whole world? How come an elderly couple can be defrauded of their retirement savings? Why do innocent children go hungry and uncared for? The questions go on ... and I am the first to admit that so far I have not arrived at a satisfying answer with no loose edges. Personally I believe that God cares and God is in control, though sometimes it seems this is contradictory.

So I turned to another of my "gold standard" writers, Philip Yancey, who has written a book called *Where Is God When It Hurts?* Here are some of his thoughts I have found helpful:

C. S. Lewis introduced the phrase "pain, the megaphone of God." "God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains," he said; "it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world." The word megaphone is apropos, because by its nature pain shouts. When I stub my toe or twist an ankle, pain loudly announces to my brain that something is wrong. Similarly, the existence of suffering on this earth is, I believe, a scream to all of us that something is wrong. It halts us in our tracks and forces us to consider other values.

We can literally become better persons because of suffering. Pain, however meaningless it may seem at the time, can be transformed. Where is God when it hurts? He is in us—not in the things that hurt—helping to transform bad into good. We can safely say that God can bring good out of evil; we cannot say that God brings about the evil in hopes of producing good.

The fact is, pain and suffering are here among us, and we need to respond in some way. The response Jesus gave was to bear the burdens of those he touched. The image of the body accurately portrays how God is working in the world. Sometimes he does enter in, occasionally by performing miracles, and often by giving supernatural strength to those in need. But mainly he relies on us, his agents, to do his work in the world. We are asked to live out the life of Christ in the world ... announce his message, work for justice, pray for mercy . . . and suffer with the sufferers.

The fact that Jesus came to earth where he suffered and died does not remove pain from our lives. But it does show that God did not sit idly by and watch us suffer in isolation. He became one of us. Thus, in Jesus, God gives us an up-close and personal look at his response to human suffering. All our questions about God and suffering should, in fact, be filtered through what we know about Jesus.

Emmanuel. God is with us, and that makes all the difference.

Shalom, Wayne



Please keep in your prayers:

Alan, Christine, Rosie, Ken, Elspeth, Win, Susan, Judy, Bishop Jim, 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

What's on: 06 - 12 July

Tues.	07 July	Rhythm 'n' Riggle -	taking a break	
Thurs.	09 July	C+ K Craft Group Garden Club	Christ the King Christ the King	9.30-noon 12.30-3 pm
Sun.	12 July	Communion Service	Christ the King	9.00 am

Rhythm'n'Riggle: Is taking a break for the school holidays. Next session will be Tuesday 21st July.

Craft Group is back meeting each Thursday at Christ the King, 9.30 am

Next week

Next Week: 12 July

Holy Communion Service at Christ the King, 9.00 am

Theme: Little Known People 1: Deborah

Readings: OT: Judges 4: 1-9

NT: Matthew 10: 40-42

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Christ the King, Mangawhai

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Visit to St Paul's, Ru-

OT: Psalm 145: 8-14
Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30



Theme & Readings

Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest', says the Lord. 'Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.' (*Matthew 11:28-29*)

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of his brothers and sisters we do also for him: give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us; yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer Cycle

In our Diocese, we pray for the Parish of St Andrew, Epsom, the Parish of Ellerslie, the Parish of One Tree Hill, the Anglican Church of Aotearoa Nz and Polynesia, and the General Synod Office at St John's College. In our Mission District we pray for our Clergy team, Communion Assistants, welcomers, morning tea helpers, all involved in hospitality and home communions. In our community we pray for all involved in the legal sector, especially lawyers, judges and the police.

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