

Sunday Service - "Livestream"

Sunday 06 September 9am, from St Paul's Kaiwaka

All you need to do is click on this link: <https://youtu.be/-Epc8XgAsGo> or copy and paste into your internet browser. You can do this before 9am, but it becomes "live" at 9am Sunday, and may be viewed from then onwards.

Father's Day

Today we give thanks for fathers and pray God's blessing upon them. We also have a 'little something' for fathers – please make sure all the fathers get one.



Happy Birthday! We extend our best birthday wishes to **Sibyl Canning** who celebrates her birthday on **Friday 11th September**.

Update on Bishop Jim: Many of us have been praying for Bishop Jim during his long and difficult illness. Bishop Ross invited Bishop Jim to let us know how things were, and he has written a letter, which is on the noticeboard.

Can you help?? Treasurer required!

In recent editions of the Pew News there has been a noticeable absence of any reference to the Treasurer's position Space restraints!! The situation is that at the end of this month, Bernard's resignation from the position becomes effective. The Ministry Unit is required to have a Treasurer separate from a 'Secretary. So long as the incumbent has some basic bookkeeping and banking understanding (you manage your own income and expenses), no special accounting knowledge is required. Bernard is working to simplify reporting and will be available to help whoever takes over. Please contact him or Wayne for further information.

Prayer for the forthcoming Election

*God of integrity and truth,
we pray for wisdom as we prepare for the coming election.
We thank you for robust democracy and freedom to participate in public life.
We thank you for media scrutiny and open debate.
Please give integrity to party leaders, candidates and campaign workers,
and keep them from deceit and corruption.
Protect all engaged in public life, and their families,
that nothing may demean or do them harm.
Direct those who influence opinion through the media,
that we may listen, speak and vote with sound minds.
Above all we pray for a Parliament committed to the priorities of your kingdom,
so that peace, compassion, truth and justice may prevail among us;
and we may be a blessing to all peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

"THY FATHER SEEKETH AFTER THEE"

Against his father's wishes a Quaker farmer's son, Jonathan, ran off and enlisted in the cause of the North during the American Civil War. Time passed and there was no word from the son. Then one night the father had a dream that his son had been wounded and was in distress. So the father left the farm and discovered where the troops might be. He made his way by horse-drawn buggy to the scene of the action and asked the commander about his son. The commander replied that there had been heavy fighting earlier in the day and many had fallen wounded. Some had been cared for, but still others were left in the trenches. The commander gave permission for the father to go and try to find his son, pointing him in the direction of the battlefield.

It was now about dark, so the father lit a lantern. The light fell across wounded young men, some calling for help, many too seriously wounded to cry for assistance. The task seemed impossible. How could he find his son among all the wounded and dying? He devised a plan – methodically he would comb the battlefield with his lantern. But to no avail. As he stumbled over body after body the father almost despaired.

Then he began calling loudly, "Jonathan Smythe thy father seeketh after thee." He would walk a little way and call out again, "Jonathan Smythe thy father seeketh after thee." A groan could be heard here and there. "I wish that were my father." He kept diligently at his search. Then he heard a faint, barely audible reply, "Father, over here." And then "I knew you would come." The father knelt down and took his son in his arms, comforting him. He dressed his son's wounds, carried him to the buggy, took him home and nursed him back to health.

This Sunday, as we take time to remember our earthly fathers, let us also be reminded that God, our Heavenly Father, is like that Quaker father. God our Father loves and reaches out to all His children: seeking, calling, leading them home so they can be healed, restored and experience new life.

Today we pause to acknowledge fathers and pray they might be strengthened and encouraged in their unique calling. May God our Father draw fathers to seek and follow him, so that their children may know the love of an earthly and heavenly father.



"For Father's Day, I'm giving my dad an hour of free tech support."

Shalom, Wayne



Please keep in your prayers:

Jan W, Kathy and Tony, Carol, Judith, Rosie, Elspeth, Susan, Mary Hitchcock, Tevita, Jonathan, Jocelyn and Sibyl.

Sympathy: We extend our prayers and heartfelt sympathy to Petronella Brom and family, following the death of Jac earlier this week.

What's on: 07 - 13 September

Tues.	08 Sept	Rhythm 'n' Riggle Governing Body	Christ the King Christ the King	10.00 am 1.00 pm
Thurs.	10 Sept	C+ K Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30-noon
Sun.	13 Sept	Communion Service	Christ the King	9.00 am

End of Life Choice Act See the paper by Rev.Dr. Graham O'Brien (Co-Chair of Interchurch Bio-Ethics Council) on the noticeboard.

Aotearoa Blessing Here is the link to the video clip of an offering from all churches to our nation and our world: <https://youtu.be/eZQPifs2kjo>

Next week

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Theme: Top 10 Reasons for Being Anglican 1: 'Strange Practices'

Readings: OT: Psalm 103: 8-13
Gospel: John 3: 14-21

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Following Jesus

OT: Psalm 119: 33-40
Gospel: Mark 8: 34—9: 1:



Theme & Readings

Morning Prayer

Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow Jesus cannot be his disciple. (Luke 14:27)

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

Almighty God, you have called us to serve you, yet without your grace we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts. Through Jesus Christ 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 Parish of Onehunga, the Parish of Royal Oak and the Parish of Hillsborough. In our Mission District we pray for Bible studies and small groups. In our community we pray for our Member of Parliament, Mayor and Councillors, District Council, local boards and committees.

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