

Sunday Service - "Livestream"

Sunday 13 September 9am, from Christ the King Mangawhai

All you need to do is click on this link: https://youtu.be/5zXC_4yRqPU 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.

Happy Birthday! We extend our best birthday wishes to **Jocelyn Cullen** and **Lyn Ross**, who celebrated their birthdays on **Saturday 12th September**.



Synod 2020

Synod met via a "zoom" meeting last Saturday to conduct urgent business. The hope is we will be able to meet "in person" in November. In the meantime a copy of Bishop Ross's "Synod Charge" is on the noticeboard; or you can watch via this link: <https://youtu.be/1rCorJr0MoY>

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.

End of Life Choice Act

See the information on the noticeboard. Also, for those who are interested we will be showing the video presented by Rev Dr Graham O'Brien, outlining reasons for voting no in the coming referendum. Sunday 20 September, 2pm at Christ the King.

Can you help?? Treasurer required!

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.

Scam Targeting Churches

People are being emailed, apparently by the clergy and asked for money to support a person in need.

If you receive this type of email, please delete immediately. We will never ask our church members for money by email.



Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

A Sense of Humour

We are indeed living through a very difficult and unsettling time, with all that has happened, is happening, and will happen because of the Covid-

19 virus. One thing that will help us through all this is to keep our sense of humour. It is a blessing and a God given gift. Dr Robert Morreall, editor of the International Journal for Humour and Health writes:

"For many of the religious greats, life was inconceivable without humour. When Abraham and Sarah heard that they would have a son in their old age, they laughed, and even named the boy "laughter" (Isaac). "If you're not allowed to laugh in heaven," Martin Luther quipped, "I don't want to go there."

Although the Bible says "A merry heart does good like a medicine," and Reader's Digest has featured "Laughter, the Best Medicine" for decades, few medical researchers took humour seriously before 1980. Since then, however, many studies have shown that laughter is physically and psychologically healthy. The greatest medical benefit of humour is its reduction of stress. The good news is that humour is the opposite of stress, physically and psychologically. Chemicals in the blood which increase in stress, decrease in laughter. The immune system is boosted in laughter but suppressed in stress.

So I offer the following:

Alvin entered a barber's shop to have his hair and his beard cut as usual. He began a conversation with Miles, the barber who attended to him. They talked about many things and various subjects. Casually, they touched the subject of God when Miles stated, 'Look Alvin, I don't believe that God exists as you tell me.'

'Why on earth do you say that?' inquired Alvin.

'Well, it's so easy; you just have to go out in the street to realise that God does not exist. Listen, if God existed, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't think of a God who permits all of these things,' pronounced Miles.

Alvin, not wishing to start an argument with his friend and barber kept silent, thinking. Miles completed the hair and beard trim and Alvin paid and left the shop. As he did so he saw another man in the street who had unkempt, long hair and beard and it was obvious that a long time had elapsed since he had his cut.

Smiling to himself, Alvin returned to Miles's shop. Once inside he said, 'You know what, Miles, barbers do not exist.'

'What?' exclaimed Miles, 'How come they don't exist? Here I am and I'm a barber.'

'No!' Alvin countered, 'they don't exist because if they did there would be no people with long hair and beards like that man over there in the street.'

'Ah, barbers do exist,' answered Miles, 'what happens is that people do not always come to me for haircuts.'

'Exactly,' affirmed Alvin conclusively. 'That's the point. God does exist, what happens is people don't go to Him and do not look for Him, that's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world.'

May our laughter and sense of humour keep us, and through us others, in good spirits through these demanding times.

Shalom, Wayne



Please keep in your prayers:

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

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: 14 - 20 September

Tues.	15 Sept	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Christ the King	10.00 am
Thurs.	17 Sept	C+ K Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30-noon
Sun.	20 Sept	Communion Service	Christ the King	9.00 am
		Family Worship	St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00 am
		End of Life Choice		
		Act Video	Christ the King	2.00 pm

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

Next Week 20September 2020

Theme: Top 10 Reasons for Being Anglican 2: 'Think!'

Readings: OT: Psalm 145: 1-8
Gospel: Matthew 16: 12-16

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Pew News

**Christ the King, Mangawhai
13 September 2020**

Top 10 Reasons for Being Anglican:



Theme & Readings

1: 'Strange Practices'

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

Prayer Book P.404

Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. (*Ephesians 5:1-2*)

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

O God, you you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you: help us so to proclaim the good news of you love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who 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 Howick, the Whitford Mission Venture, the Asian Mission District, the Parish of Pakuranga, the Cooperating Parish of Bucklands Beach and the Seasons Grief and Loss Programme. In our community we pray for Sunday children's ministry and Rhythm 'n' Riggle. In our community we pray for all schools, colleges and places of learning.

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