

## Sunday Service - "Livestream"

Sunday 20 September 9am, from Christ the King Mangawhai

All you need to do is click on this link: <https://youtu.be/KtGhpsqOuNQ> 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 **Terry Bardwell on Monday 21st September**, and also **Mary Hargreaves, Neville Dowson and Sylvia Money on Friday 25th September**.



## 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, **this afternoon, Sunday 20 September, 2pm** at Christ the King.



## Focus on Grandparents and Grandchildren

Please invite all the grandparents and grandchildren you know to our special service next **Sunday, 27 September at 9am**. We will celebrate and give thanks and pray for our grandchildren and grandparents. As it is a special day, please bring something for a special morning tea.

## The Trading Table

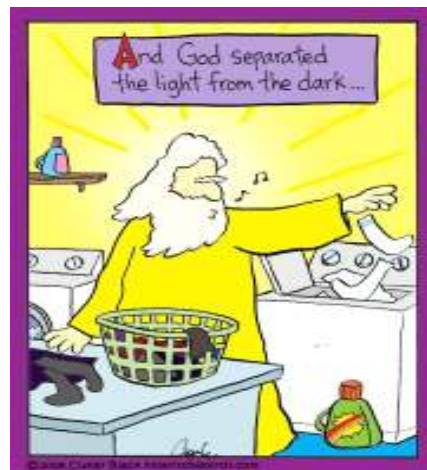
🌸 With the arrival of Spring, the Trading Table has been given a "wee freshen-up". 🌸 Now, what is required are items to be traded. Donations of preserves, home-baking, produce, plant cuttings etc. will be gratefully received. Spring cleaning?? Small items—in good condition—may be a treasure for someone else. Thank-you. 🌸 *Sylvia*



## 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 book-keeping 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.



## Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

## Light Always Wins

When you consider all the "bad" things that have happened this year – a global pandemic, wildfires, floods, earthquakes, shootings, riots, demonstrations, political scandals – you could perhaps be excused for thinking that the darkness is taking over. But let me assure you that it is just not so. And that it can never be so. How can I be so sure? I found these words in a book that I am reading:

*Jesus says the forces of darkness cannot resist the forces of light. That of course is the nature of light—when it encounters darkness, light wins every time. Picture a pitch-dark room with no windows and only a single door, which is shut. Outside the door is a brightly lit hallway. When the door is opened, will the darkness snuff out the light or vice versa? Of course, the light prevails. [Gary A. Haugen in Just Courage]*

It is so simple. It makes perfect sense. I hope you find it as encouraging as I did. A huge dark room cannot overcome the light of a single candle! Darkness just cannot do it. Light will always triumph.

Things happen around us and to us that might perhaps blow out our individual light. However we are able to be renewed, rekindled, relit, by going to the source: Jesus, the light of the world. He is not just a pilot light glowing quietly in the background. Jesus is an unwavering, unquenchable brightness. This is how John describes it at the beginning of his gospel:

*In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.*

Did you get that: "the darkness can never extinguish it". No matter how much blackness, no matter how large the darkness, light will always win. That is the good news we are to hold on to for ourselves, and share with all the people we have any kind of contact with. Light will win. Darkness cannot in the end prevail. Our calling is to carry the light with us into every situation we find ourselves in. To shine brightly. To stand against the darkness. To celebrate the life that light represents.

Yes, 2020 has been a tough year, and it is not over yet. However that darkness just means the light stands out even more brightly. You may recall the song "This Little Light of Mine"? One of the lines is "Won't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine".

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Shalom, Wayne

PS Here is a prayer you may find helpful:

*Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: May this light, kindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



**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 pray for the Concordia Christian School in Shanghai. Corinna Raasch is a teacher there right now and her parents live here in Mangawhai. She has been to one of our services recently. They have closed the churches in China and have made Concordia School take down any references to our Lord. Pray for protection for the Christians in China.

**What's on: 21 - 27 September**

Tues.	22 Sept	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Christ the King	10.00 am
Thurs.	24 Sept	C+ K Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30-noon
Sun.	27 Sept	Communion and Grandparents' Service	Christ the King	9.00 am

**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 27 September 2020**

**Theme: Focus on Grandparents & Grandchildren**

**Readings: OT: Isaiah 40: 28-32 and 46: 3-4  
Gospel: Luke 2: 25-32 and 36-38**

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# Pew News

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

**Top 10 Reasons for Being Anglican:**

**Theme & Readings**

**2: 'Think!'**

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

**Prayer Book P.476**



**Scripture for the Week (Sentence)**

Satisfy us in the morning O Lord with your constant love. Teach us to know how few are our days, that we might apply our hearts to wisdom. (*Psalm 90:14, 12*)

**Prayer for the Week (Collect)**

**Almighty God, fount of all wisdom, crown of all knowledge; give us eyes to see and minds to understand your marvellous works. that we may know you through your handiwork and use your creations to your glory; 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 Mission District of Albany-Greenhithe, Massey University Albany Campus, the Parish of Northcote, the Mission District of Glenfield, the Parish of Birkenhead, the Parish of Birkdale-Beachhaven and the Church Army of New Zealand. In our community we pray for Overseas mission and stamps for mission, and the groups who use our facilities. In our community we pray for our local businesses and enterprises.

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