

This morning we welcome our visitors and their pets to our St Francis Animal Blessing Service. Please join us for refreshments following the service.

Sunday Service - "Livestream"

Sunday 11 October 9am, from Christ the King, Mangawhai

All you need to do is click on this link: <https://youtu.be/i1nshLEwZh4> 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.

Rhythm 'n' Riggle

Starts again at Christ the King Church, Tuesday 13th October 10 am. A music and movement programme for pre-schoolers, parents and caregivers.



Communion in these "Troubled Times"

Now that we are at Level 1, we are able to have communion with bread and wine. However there are some new rules for how we do this going forward. The practice of "intinction" (dipping the wafer in the wine) is to stop as it has heightened health risks. Instead we are providing individual glasses for those who would prefer this. The "common cup" will still be offered – in his latest communication Bishop Ross states that this is a very low-risk practice. He also writes "people are free not to take the cup and will still receive the full benefit of the sacrament by taking the bread only." We will be distributing communion in a new way, so please be patient as we develop and adapt this new tradition.

End of Life Choice Act

See the information on the noticeboard. If you would like to know more, you can watch the presentation by Rev Dr Graham O'Brien, outlining reasons for voting no in the coming referendum: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dLi8N6cOSMs>

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

St Francis and Creation

In his *Canticle of Creation*, St. Francis praised God for all creation: Brother Sun, Sister Moon and Stars, Brother Wind, Sister Water, Brother Fire, Sister Mother Earth. But he also sang this verse, "Praise be to you, my Lord, through those who give pardon for your love, and bear infirmity and tribulation. Blessed are those who endure in peace . . ."

During his life, Francis experienced firsthand the atrocities of war, disease, and divisions. Yet after experiencing the love of God in an encounter with a person with leprosy, he was a changed man. He saw Christ in every person, and would extend this greeting to each person he met: "May the Lord give you peace." Extending peace became a trademark of St. Francis and the early brothers and sisters.

For Francis, people, creatures, and creation were all related as "sisters and brothers." Therefore, he worked to bring opposing parties together in a spirit of dialogue and forgiveness as reflected in his *Canticle*. In the midst of a war, he reached out and met with Sultan Malik al Kamil in Egypt. In that encounter, they built a mutual, respectful relationship that sought peace between Christians and the people of Islam.

In his *Canticle*, Francis had a sense of creation as reconciled space, where everything is in harmony. Everything is doing what it is meant to do, carrying out its proper place in the cosmos. As sisters and brothers, we are all vitally interconnected. Therefore, may our prayer be that we live in genuine respect, honour, and esteem for one another, and for all God's creation.

Across the centuries St Francis would encourage us to reflect on our lifestyles, and how our daily decisions about food, consumption, transportation, use of water, energy and many other material goods, can often be thoughtless and harmful. We are called to live and act in ways that give life to all people and the world we share.

Shalom, Wayne

From "The Canticle of Creation" by St Francis:

*Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Earth,
our Mother,
who nourishes us and sustains us,
bringing forth fruits and vegetables
of many kinds and flowers of many colours.
Be praised, my Lord,
for those who forgive
for love of you;
and for those who bear sickness and
weakness in peace and patience -
you will grant them a crown.*



"Miss Allen, have we scheduled a blessing of the animals?"



Please keep in your prayers:

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: 12 - 18 October

Tues.	13 Oct.	Rhythm 'n' Riggle Governing Body	Christ the King Christ the King	10.00 am 1.00 pm
Thurs.	15 Oct.	C+ K Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30-noon
Sun.	18 Oct.	Communion Service Family Worship	Christ the King St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00 am 9.00 am

Next week

Next Week 18 October 2020
Theme: Top Ten 3: Ways With Water
Readings: NT: Ephesians 4: 1-10
Gospel: Matthew 3: 13-17

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Christ the King, Mangawhai

11 October 2020

St Francis and the Animals

OT: Genesis 1: 20-31
Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30



Theme & Readings

Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights! (*Psalm 148:1*)

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

O Lord, give us humility to thank You for the creation of animals, who can show affection which sometimes puts us to shame. Enlarge our respect for these your creatures, of whom we are the guardians. And give us a sense of responsibility towards all your creation, for Jesus Christ's sake, Amen.

Prayer Cycle

In our Diocese, we pray for the Local Shared Ministry Unit of Titirangi; the South Kaipara Anglican/Methodist Church—Local Shared Ministry Unit; St Chad Anglican/Methodist Church—Local Shared Ministry Unit. In our Mission District we pray for 'Social Gatherings', Pastoral care, Wardens and Governing Body. In our community we pray for Renewal and Revival, that God's Spirit would move to heal and transform.

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