

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

We hope you find God's presence in the service today. Please join us for refreshments after the service and share our hospitality and fellowship.

Sunday Service - "Livestream"

Sunday 15 November 9am, from Christ the King, Mangawhai

All you need to do is click on this link: <https://youtu.be/FOkZoi82GtY> 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

Rev. Derek Christensen celebrating his birthday on **Friday 20th November.**



Synod

The Synod gathering, postponed earlier in the year, will now take place at Holy Trinity Cathedral Auckland on Friday and Saturday 20 and 21 November. Please pray for our representatives Jo and Bernard and Wayne, and for all the members of Synod as they meet and review and plan.

Calendars for Sale!

Our fundraising calendars are now available for sale—\$15 per copy.

The calendar is high quality with photos of Mangawha/Kaiwaka/Kaipara taken by Rev. Derek Christensen, Tony Gorham and Grant Crowe. It would make an excellent Christmas gift for family and friends! Please see Jo Sarah at Christ the King and Fay Burnett at St Paul's, to purchase copies.



Lounge Users Event – November 22, Christ the King

It has been a very different and difficult year and in the midst of it all we have seen great caring and kindness and looking out for our neighbours.

We would like to celebrate that and say thank you, encourage people and have a time of fellowship. Sunday 22 November is a significant day for us – kind of like our "birthday", and we are inviting our church lounge users to share the occasion with us. We will have a special service at 9am followed by morning tea at 10am. **As our regular "church family" can you please plan to come along and bring a plate of "goodies" to share.**

Church Life Magazine—December edition

This will be printed for **Sunday 6th December.** Please send reports and items for the magazine to the church office by **Friday 27th November.**



Help for those affected by Suicide - Please see the information on the noticeboard about a new group which offers support for those bereaved by suicide.

Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

CHURCH OPEN

You may have noticed the "flag" at the bottom of the drive at Christ the King in Molesworth Street, Mangawhai. This flag is out whenever there is a church service or someone is on site. It says simply: "Church Open". Two words which I think say so much about our faith and our God.

The worship centre part of our building is "open". People may come and go as they wish. They may come and sit quietly, think, reflect, pray. We offer this space, which is very special to us, to our wider community. Offering the opportunity for others to experience the peace and blessing that we experience in this place. In one sense, yes, it is just a building; however it is a building where the people of God gather regularly and that actually makes it so much more than a building. It means it is a place where the "spiritual dimension" of life is "open".

Our church is open to all who wish to come. There are no requirements for entry. There is nothing anyone needs to do except enter. In this way we are reflecting God's grace. People do not have to do or be anything in order to receive God's grace. People do not have to do or be anything to be loved by God. This is the "amazing grace" we seek to offer with our simple sign and open door.

God loves all people – each and every single one. I know, it is absolutely mind boggling, but it is true. This means all are indeed welcome. Welcome to come into our building; welcome to share in any of our activities; welcome to talk to us about anything; welcome to ask questions and seek answers; welcome to ask for and receive help.

Of course we would love people to join with us on Sunday mornings. Yet our "Church Open" is about more than this. It is "open" so people can come in on their terms, in their time. Our prayer is that people may indeed enter, and when they do, experience a warmth, welcome and peace that comes from God our Creator, Redeemer and Life-giver.

For some, knowing that our church is open and available – should they ever need it – is enough. Many may not even notice or just plain ignore the flag. For others the open church might be the next step on the path to a more fulfilling life.

Our simple "Church Open" flag is an invitation to discover the amazing grace of God who loves and cares about each and every one of us.

Shalom, Wayne

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HERE IS THE CHURCH, HERE IS THE STEEPLE ... OPEN THE DOOR, AND THERE ARE THE PEOPLE



Please keep in your prayers:

Gay & Brian, Trewby, Ian, Ken, 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: 16 - 22 November

Tues.	17 Nov.	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Christ the King	10.00 am
Wed.	18 Nov.	Holy Communion	Christ the King	9.00am
Thurs.	19 Nov.	C+ K Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30-noon
Sun.	22 Nov	Holy Communion Lounge Users Event	Christ the King	9.00 am

Wednesday mornings at Christ the King

Communion on Wednesdays has recommenced at 9am. An Advent themed Bible study is beginning on 25th November at 10 am. Wayne.

Next week

Next Week 22 November 2020
Theme: Patronal Festival
Lounge Users' Event
Readings: OT: Psalm 100
Gospel: John 18: 33-37

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Pew News

Christ the King, Mangawhai

15 November 2020

Life's Choices

OT: Joshua 24: 14-18
Gospel: Matthew 16: 24-28



Theme & Readings

Prayer Book p.404

Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

In Christ we have been given our share in the heritage, as was decreed in God's design, whose purpose is everywhere at work. (Ephesians 1:11)

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, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer Cycle

In our Diocese, we pray for the Parish of Manurewa, Friendship House, Manukau City, the Parish of Clendon, the Parish of Papakura, Papakura Military Camp, Te Tai Tokerau: South Auckland Maori Mission and the Manukau Institute of Technology. In our Mission District 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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