

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 29 November 9am, from Christ the King, Mangawhai

All you need to do is click on this link: <https://youtu.be/G3qoNFAjf6I>

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 **Margaret Whitaker** who celebrates her birthday on **Saturday 5th December**



.5th Sunday Service - St Michael's and All Angels, Hakaru

There will be a service at **St Michael's, this morning, 29th November at 11.30 am**, followed by a shared lunch at the Hakaru Hall. All welcome!

Bible Study: We have begun our Advent series, meeting in Christ the King church on Wednesdays at 10 am. Copies of the studies are on the entry table. This week: "Joseph - the Stand-in Father", Matthew 1: 18-25

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.

Christmas Raffle - We are putting together a Christmas hamper to raffle, alongside sales of our Mangawhai-Kaiwaka calendar at Mangawhai markets. All donations of Christmas goodies very welcome. Place them in the Christmas box in the foyer, Christ the King Church. We would like a volunteer to decorate the hamper basket with cellophane, ribbon, etc. If you can help, please see Jo Sarah.

Gifts under the Christmas Tree - Help to make this Christmas special for children less fortunate. Please leave gifts at Christ the King Church on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday mornings. Label your parcels, boy or girl and age. Gifts will be distributed in the Kaiwaka/Mangawhai area.



Combined Churches Carol Service

Christ the King Church - Sunday 13th December - 7 pm

Refreshments to follow.

Can you help? A father and three children are seeking a place to rent in the Mangawhai area. If you have any suggestions or possibilities please talk to Wayne.

Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

THE CURATE'S CHRISTMAS SERMON – PART 1

Something different for Advent this year ... Each week there will be part of a special Christmas story I have written to help us prepare to celebrate the amazing Good News that Christmas brings!

The new curate stared at the blank screen of his laptop. His mind was equally blank without even the inspiration of a flashing cursor. What on earth was he going to say? He was to preach at the Christmas midnight service and nothing, absolutely nothing, was coming to him. He had never preached at any Christmas service before – he had always been on break. Why hadn't he listened more carefully to the sermons then? Then maybe he would not be in this predicament.

He was of course honoured to be given this opportunity at the midnight service. It was indeed a privilege and a responsibility, yet he wondered what his vicar was up to? Was he tired? Did he want to put the new curate on the spot? Or was he genuinely keen to see what this new bloke could do?

So, what could this new bloke do? There was no way he could preach about what he had been told in college. That the gospels recorded a 'myth'. That it was just a story and had not happened like that at all. However he happened to believe it had happened like that and nothing any lecturer had said convinced him otherwise. He felt sorry for his lecturers and others who could not take the Christmas story at face value. Now, maybe that was an angle ... no, far too heavy. Especially when the vicar had warned him about Mrs Snetterton-Snaith who ate new curates for breakfast; and who even vicars had to work very hard at staying on side with. Keep it short, to the point and in English was the only advice the vicar had given him ... (watch for part 2 next week)

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Shalom, Wayne





Please keep in your prayers:

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

In Sympathy: We extend our prayers and sincere sympathy to Gayle Brown and family following the death of Ken Brown on 26th November. .

A note from Margot Christie-Linnell: Thank you so much to all who have prayed for my sister Susan over many months. The recent preliminary results of a new clinical trial she is part of are very positive. Ongoing tests and treatment follow, but praise God for her improvement.

What's on: - 30 Nov. - 06 Dec.

Tues.	01 Dec.	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Christ the King	10.00 am
Wed.	02 Dec.	Holy Communion Advent Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00am 10.00 am
Thurs.	03 Dec.	C+ K Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30-noon
Sun.	06 Dec.	Morning prayer Holy Communion	Christ the King St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00 am 9.00 am

Next week

Next Week 06 December 2020
Theme: Advent 2 - Faith

Readings: OT: Isaiah 52: 7-10
Gospel: Luke 1: 47-55

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Pew News

**Christ the King, Mangawhai
St Michael's & All Angels, Hakaru
29 November 2020**

Advent 1 - Hope

NT: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
Gospel: Mark 13: 24-37



Theme & Readings

Prayer Book P. 404

Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. (Isaiah 2:3a)

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

Faithful God, whose promises stand unshaken through all generations: renew us in hope,

that we may be awake and alert, watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our Judge and Saviour, 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 Auckland City Mission, the Selwyn Foundation, the Anglican Trust for Women and Children and the Hospital Chaplaincy. In our Mission District we pray for our Treasurer and Finance team, Property Committee, Administrator and all involved in administration and roster organisation. In our community we pray for our local newspapers and media, for all involved in radio communication and public relations.

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