

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 06 December 9am, from St Paul's Kaiwaka

All you need to do is click on this link: <https://youtu.be/N1JcElqr3s> 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 **Kevin Thomlinson** who celebrates his birthday on **Monday 7th December**



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: 'The Shepherds' Sign of the Manger', Luke 2: 1-20.

A New Prayer Book

An enlarged and expanded edition of "A New Zealand Prayer Book/He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa" has just been launched. You can see this in a short youtube clip at <https://youtu.be/EjdNzEskMto>. If you would like to order a copy, they are very reasonably priced at \$30, plus p&p. Order by email gensec@anglicanchurch.org.nz or phone 09 521 4439

Readers etc for Christmas Services: Please see the notice on the board and add your name if you are able to help. Thank you.

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.

New "Community Prayer"

O Lord, in a season when every heart should be happy and light, many of us are struggling with the heaviness of life - burdens that steal the joy right out of our stockings. We need your peace, Jesus. We confess that our hearts are too often filled with wonder of a different kind: wondering when the bills will be paid, when the terror will stop, when rest will come.

Never have we needed Your joy and peace more than now. Thank You for the gift of Jesus, the Word made flesh. In him You have promised rest for the weary, victory for the battle-scarred, peace for the anxious, and acceptance for the broken hearted.

We know that peace on earth can only come when hearts find peace with You. May we all come to recognise that You are not only a babe in the manger. You are Lord of lords and King of kings. May we celebrate You as Lord - this Christmas and always. Amen

Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

THE CURATE'S CHRISTMAS SERMON PART 2

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!

Well the new curate's sermon was certainly short, very short at the moment! What could he, a fresh young curate say, that had not already been said? The Apostle Paul had written that 'the Spirit will tell you what to say'. Come on then Spirit!

If he was married or had a girl friend there would be someone to talk this over with. All his colleagues were far away and busy in their own new churches. Thomas, his cat, jumped into his lap. Thomas was named for the medieval theologian Thomas Aquinas. Thomas began to purr. 'What would I do without you eh Thomas?' thought the new curate ...

... and that's when it came to him. A new angle! Christmas is focussed on Jesus – on God coming to earth as one of us, sharing our life and all that. But what about God the Father? Letting His son go? Trusting him to fickle human beings? And boy did this new curate know just how fickle human beings really could be!

So for his first ever Christmas sermon he decided to take a risk. After all that is what the Christian life is all about: risk. Jesus took a risk in coming to earth as a baby. God the Father took a risk in allowing it and arranging it. Mary and Joseph took risks travelling far from home. The shepherds risked leaving their sheep. The wisemen risked journeying hundreds of miles. Now the new curate planned his very own 'Christmas risk'. Not a sermon but an action. Not so much words as a response. Not thinking and listening but doing. So he did it ...

(watch for part 3 next week)

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Shalom, Wayne



Imagine the buzz around Heaven's coffee maker when God's salvation plan for mankind was revealed. **luke 125th**



Please keep in your prayers:

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

In Sympathy: We extend our prayers and sincere sympathy to Jan & Peter Pedrotti on the death of Jan's sister, Jean Briggs in Canada, last Sunday 29th November..

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: - 07 - 13 December

Tues.	08 Dec.	Rhythm 'n' Riggle Governing Body	Christ the King Christ the King	10.00 am 1.00 pm
Wed.	09 Dec.	Holy Communion Advent Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Thurs.	10 Dec.	Kaiwaka-Mangawhai Garden Club Christmas Luncheon	Christ the King	1.00 pm
Sun.	13 Dec.	Holy Communion Combined Churches Carol Service	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 7.00 pm

Next week

Next Week 13 December 2020
Theme: Advent 3 - Peace

Readings: OT: Isaiah 11: 1-10
Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

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Christ the King, Mangawhai

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Advent 2 - Faith

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



Theme & Readings

Morning Prayer

Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord. (Luke 1:45)

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

God, faithful and true, make us eager with expectation, as we look for the fulfilment of your promise in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.

Prayer Cycle

In our Diocese, we pray for the Archdeaconry of Tamaki, the Parish of Onehunga, the Parish of Royal Oak and the Parish of Hillsborough. In our Mission District we pray for 'Support Services', eg lawnmowers, gardeners, those who work around the grounds, cleaners, flower arrangers, 'odd job' helpers. In our community we pray for doctors and nurses, St John, medical centres and the Fire Service..

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