

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 - "Live-stream"

Sunday 13 December 9am, from Christ the King Mangawhai

All you need to do is click on this link: <https://youtu.be/N7uGqHbhqhc> 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.

Combined Churches Carol Service 7pm Sunday 13 December

This service will also be "live-streamed". All you need to do is click on this link: <https://youtu.be/erS-ly5Fnwk> or copy and paste into your internet browser. You can do this before 7pm, but it becomes "live" at 7pm on Sunday evening, and may be viewed from then onwards.

Happy Birthday!

We extend our best birthday wishes to **Lynda Wintle** who celebrates her birthday on **Tuesday 15th December**



Bible Study

We are working through our Advent series, meeting in Christ the King church on Wednesdays at 10am. Copies of the studies are on the entry table. This week is our final study for the year: "Wisemen and the Christmas Star of Bethlehem", Matthew 2:1-12



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

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

Synod 2020

Sometimes we have a written report. This year in the new "on line" tradition, here is a link to a short "Highlights of Synod" video: <https://youtu.be/NdJ6YdZEq2g>

Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

THE CURATE'S CHRISTMAS SERMON – PART 3

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.

... on Christmas Eve the new curate made his way to the pulpit knowing only that Thomas, his cat, seemed to like what he had come up with and that he had to go with it now as he had nothing else. He looked up and saw young Billy Griggs from Sunday School who smiled at him. The couple who had invited him for dinner the other night looked expectant. Then he chanced to catch Mrs Snetterton-Snaith's eye. He gulped, took a deep breath and began: "God the Father trusted us with something precious for a time that first Christmas. Part of himself, his very own son. His one and only son. This generous giving is at the heart of what Christmas is. This year I'm inviting you to do something similar; something to bring home the true message of Christmas and make it real.

"God gave us the most precious gift he had in giving us Jesus. Think of the most precious, the most prized, the most special thing you have ... and think of someone you could give it to ... just for a time: for one or two or three months."

The new curate saw the Vicar's expression. He heard the gasps from the congregation. But it was too late now – he had done it. He had taken a huge risk and it would either go well or he would be in the Bishop's office in the new year!

He did not know many of the congregation – he had only been there three weeks. But he knew enough to begin

...

"Nick Price, you've just bought a new BMW M3. Your wife has a car and you've got a fancy 15 speed bike as well. I'm sure you could lend your car to someone for a month or two."

Before Nick Price could say anything the new curate moved on. "And you Cindy. You've recently bought an I-Pod from savings from your babysitting. How about lending that to one of the kids that live across from you."

(watch for the final part next week)

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Shalom, Wayne





Please keep in your prayers:

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

In Sympathy: We extend our prayers and sincere sympathy to the family and friends of **Elsbeth Cooze**, who passed away on Saturday 5th December. Her funeral was held at Clevedon on 9th December.

Elsbeth married Rev. Cyril Cooze in 1959 and after serving in many parishes in the North Island, they retired to Mangawhai in 1997. Elsbeth will be sadly missed by her friends in the Mangawhai Mission District. Her Church Life profile can be read on Christ the King's noticeboard.

What's on: - 14 - 20 December

Tues.	15 Dec.	Rhythm 'n' Riggle (final session for this year)	Christ the King	10.00 am
Wed.	16 Dec.	Holy Communion Advent Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Sun.	20 Dec.	Holy Communion Carols by Candlelight	Christ the King St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00 am 7.30 pm

Next week

Next Week 20 December 2020

Theme: Advent 4 - Love

**Readings: OT: Isaiah 61: 1-7
Gospel: Mark 1: 26-38**

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Christ the King, Mangawhai

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Advent 3 - Peace

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



Theme & Readings

Prayer Book P. 456

Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together. (Luke 3:4, Isaiah 40:5)

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

God for whom we wait and watch,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare for the coming of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth, even to the point of suffering.
This we ask through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Prayer Cycle

In our Diocese, we pray for the Parish of Howick, the Whitford Mission Venture, the Asian Mission District, the Parish of Pakuranga, the Co-operating Parish of Bucklands Beach and the Seasons Grief and Loss Programme. 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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