

## 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.

### **"Live-stream" Church Services coming up:**

#### **Sunday 20 December 9am, from Christ the King Mangawhai**

All you need to do is click on this link: <https://youtu.be/EAJnwOUAN6Y> 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 **Gwen Lawrence** who celebrates her birthday on **Saturday 26th December**



#### **Christmas Day, Friday 25 December 9am from Christ the King Mangawhai**

Our plan is to live-stream the Christmas Day Family Communion service. Please click on this link: <https://youtu.be/FgQR9TR1Z5Y> or copy and paste into your internet browser. You can do this before 9am, but it becomes "live" at 9am Friday, and may be viewed from then onwards.

#### **Sunday 27 December 9am, from Christ the King Mangawhai**

All you need to do is click on this link: [https://youtu.be/uTPW3L1S1\\_w](https://youtu.be/uTPW3L1S1_w) 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.



### **URGENT: Help Needed for Christmas Services**

We need Bible readers, communion assistants, welcomers and someone to lock up. If you are able to help with this, please talk to Wayne. Also, there is a notice on the board where you can add your name for each service. Thank you.

### **A BIG "THANK YOU!"**

Thank you for all the gifts under our Christmas tree. These have now been picked up and will be given out to help make a brighter Christmas for less fortunate families. Thank you also to everyone who helped with our Combined Carol Service. It was an excellent occasion and greatly enjoyed.



### **Rosters for 2021**

We are looking for volunteers to go on the following rosters: Bible readers, Intercessors, sidespeople (welcoming at the door), cleaners and flower arrangers. Thank you to those who have already offered their help.

## **Wayne's Word**

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

## **THE CURATE'S CHRISTMAS SERMON – PART 4**

*Here is the final part of the story. I hope it has helped highlight the message of this special season. As this is the last Pew News for 2020, I take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and blessed Christmas, and a New Year full of hope and promise.*

"Remember these are just a few suggestions," the new curate went on, "I'm only trying to encourage you to see what you could do. Like Mrs Jennings - I know you were given a stunning necklace for your fifteenth wedding anniversary, because I was there. There will be someone you know who would be blown away to wear it for a couple of months."

He looked across the aisle to the vicar. "Just yesterday the vicar showed me his new pride and joy in his library. A soft black leather chair with twin footrests, drinks cabinet, speakers and massage function. I know you can think of someone from the family centre who would love to try it out.

"And before you can say 'practice what you preach young man' ..." Here the new curate held up some sheets of paper, "... you will notice my notes are hand written. I have lent my computer to those boys who we sometimes have trouble with in the church grounds." Some of the guys in the youth group looked at him, stunned. They had seen what a fantastic laptop he had.

When the new curate finished speaking, there was silence. Then he concluded, "If you take up this invitation you will experience, just in part, something of what God the Father did at Christmas, and the risk he took. You will also experience the spirit of giving that Jesus entered into. A giving that was not just for one day, or one week, or one month even. A giving that is for a lifetime and is life-changing.

"This Christmas may the Good News of the gift of Jesus not be something to hear about and nod to, but do. And not just at Christmas but all year."

The new curate could not read the vicar's expression. However Mrs Snetterton-Snaith, who the vicar had said to watch out for, and who was normally stern and thin-lipped, had a slight smile and winked at the new curate as he sat down.

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Shalom, Wayne

### **The Back Pew - Jeff Larson**



The REALMS OF GLORY Choir tryouts for the first Christmas night included this spirited ditty. But, as we all know 'For he's a jolly good baby' never became a Christmas classic.



**Please keep in your prayers:**

Trewby and Rosie, Ian, Jan W, Carol, Judith, 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

**Bible Study**

We are taking a break until February 2021 – watch this space.

**What's on: - 21 - 27 December**

Wed.	No Holy Communion Service until the first Wednesday in Feb. 2021			
Thurs.	24 Dec	Carol Service Midnight Christmas Communion	St Michael's, Hakaru Christ the King	7.00 pm 11.00 pm
Fri.	25 Dec.	Family Communion Family Communion	Christ the King St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00 am 9.00 am
Sun.	27 Dec.	Holy Communion	Christ the King	9.00 am

**Next week**

**Next Week 27 December 2020**  
**Theme: Christmas 1: What's Next?**  
**Readings: NT: Galatians 4: 4-7**  
**Gospel: Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23**

**MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS**

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# Pew News

**Christ the King, Mangawhai**

**20 December 2020**

**Advent 4 - Love**

OT: Isaiah 61: 1-7  
Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38



**Theme & Readings**

Prayer Book P. 476

**Scripture for the Week (Sentence)**

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us. *(Matthew 1:23)*

**Prayer for the Week (Collect)**

**God of all hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome, that your Son Jesus Christ at his coming, may find in us a dwelling prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Prayer Cycle**

In our Diocese, we pray for the Mission District of Albany-Greenhithe, Massey University of Albany Campus, the Parish of Northcote, the Mission District of Glenfield, the Parish of Birkenhead and the Parish of Birkdale-Beachhaven. In our Mission District we pray for Worship leaders, Liturgists and Musicians at Sunday services, Bible readers and intercessors, sound and technology operators. In our community we pray for all churches, their ministers and elders, and their people.

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