

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.

Please remember to scan in or add your details on the attendance sheet.

“Live-stream” Church Service:

Sunday 14 February 9am, from Christ the King Mangawhai

All you need to do is click on this link: <https://youtu.be/19WcYtUD8pQ>

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.

Ash Wednesday Service – 17 February 9am

Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes. As usual we will be joined by our Catholic neighbours. If you have your flax cross from last year, please bring it on the day. Mark this special date. One reader is required; please see Wayne if you can do this.



Bible Study – beginning Wednesday 24 February

For Lent we will be doing a series of 5 Bible studies based around the familiar hymn “There is a green hill far away”. Copies of the studies are available on the entry table at Christ the King, or on the website under the “Bible study” tab. February 24, March 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 10am in the church at Christ the King.

Church Life Magazine - March Edition

We aim to print the March edition for distribution on Sunday 7th March. Please forward all reports and items to the church office by **Friday 26th February**.



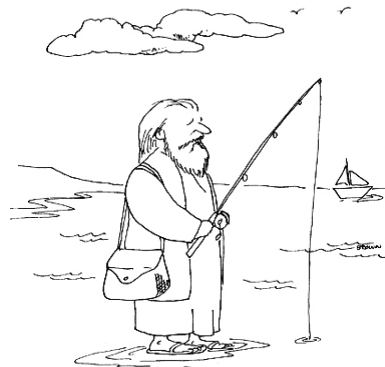
World Leprosy Day - We will be observing World Leprosy Day on **Sunday 28th February** at Christ the King Church at our morning service. Our speaker will be **Gillian Whitley**, Executive Director of The Leprosy Mission NZ, and a special offering will be taken for the NZ Leprosy Mission.

Craft Group

Our “C+K” craft group is now meeting again on Thursday mornings - 9.30 am - 12 noon.

Trading Table

Don't forget to check out our trading table at Christ the King Church. All donations of baking, produce, preserves, books, knick-knacks, all very welcome!



Jesus always enjoyed a day on the water fishing.

Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

Be Great Bait

Jesus said to four fishermen: “come with me and I will show you how to fish for people”. In most images we have of fishing the idea is to 'trick' the fish, so that it gets hooked. That's an image many people have of the Christian faith: that being a follower of Jesus is being tricked, like a fish. One minute you are going along fine, then you get caught in Jesus' net and taken somewhere you don't want to be; and that takes all the fun out of life. In fact it takes the “life” out of life

Thinking about all this, what is the job of “bait”? To attract fish! So may be that is what Jesus is saying: our job is to be “bait” to attract people, so they see Jesus. Our job is to be where people are and be great bait. And remember, what we are attracting people to is not a 'sticky end'. We are in fact attracting people to the one person that puts “life” into life!

This is something that has always been at the heart of those living the Christian life, inspired by the one whom they follow. It shines in their lives and was what enabled the church to grow. Here is something from the history of the early church:

In 251 A.D. a great plague struck the Greco-Roman world. Memories were revived of a plague a century earlier in which more than a third of the population died. Fear was everywhere. Those who could afford it fled to the countryside. Those who could not remained in the cities. When they went to the temples they found them empty, the priests having fled. The streets were filled with those who had become infected, their families left with no option but to push them out the door. Christian communities however took an entirely different approach. They saw it as their responsibility to love the sick and dying, so they took them into their homes and nursed them. This action meant that many people recovered who otherwise would have died. Historians suggest that elementary nursing could have reduced the mortality rate by as much as two thirds, but it also cost a number of Christian carers their lives.

In the early church, the practical application of charity was probably the most potent single cause of Christian success. The pagan comment 'see how these Christians love one another' was not irony. Christian charity expressed itself in care for the poor, for widows and orphans, in visits to brethren in prison or condemned to the living death of labour in the mines, and social action in time of calamity like famine, earthquake, pestilence, or war.

The way Christians, followers of Jesus, lived and related and cared and shared attracted people to the church - and to becoming followers of Jesus themselves. We have the opportunity to do the same right here, right now. With the people we find ourselves living, working, relaxing with day by day. All you have to do is: be where people are and BE GREAT BAIT!

Shalom, Wayne



Please keep in your prayers:

Bevan Lawrence, Paul Brom, Trewby and Rosie, Ian, Jan W, Carol, Judith, Mary Hitchcock, Tevita, Jonathan and Jocelyn.

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: 15 - 21 February

Tues	16 Feb.	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Christ the King	10.00 am
Wed.	17 Feb.	Holy Communion Ash Wednesday Service	Christ the King	9.00 am
Thurs.	18 Feb.	C + K Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30am—12
Sun.	21 Feb	Holy Communion Family Worship	Christ the King St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00 am 9.00 am

Next week

Next Week 21 February 2021

Theme: Lent 1: Mark - The Beginning

**Readings: OT: Psalm 25: 1-9
Gospel: Mark 1: 9-15**

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Pew News

Christ the King, Mangawhai

14 February 2021

Epiphany 6: Introduction to Mark's Gospel

OT: Psalm 30
Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8



Theme & Readings

Prayer Book P.476

Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones; and give thanks to God's holy name! (*Psalm 30:4*)

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

Mighty God, strong, loving and wise, help us depend on your goodness and to place our trust in your Son. Hear this prayer for your love' sake. Amen.

Prayer Cycle

In our Diocese, we pray for the Parish of Clevedon, the Beachlands Maraetai Mission Venture and the Mission District of East Tamaki. 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, communications and public relations.

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