

## 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 21 March 9am, from Christ the King, Mangawhai**

All you need to do is click on this link: <https://youtu.be/xWZ-yTzIEcs> 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 **Andrew Allen**, who celebrated on **Saturday 20th March** Also to **Jean Phipps** on **Monday 22nd**, and **Gavan Riley** on **Thursday 25th**.



### **Bible Study – continuing Wednesdays during Lent**

For Lent we are undertaking a series of 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 Studies” tab. Our final study in this series on March 24 at 10 am in the church at Christ the King: “O dearly, dearly has he loved”.

### **Good Friday Service – 9am, April 2 at Christ the King**

This year the service will be based around the “Tennebrae” observance. This goes back in tradition to at least the 8<sup>th</sup> century and perhaps even earlier. The literal translation of the Latin word 'tenebrae' is 'shadows', and it is an observance that progresses from light to darkness. There will be seven readings from the gospels, telling the story of Jesus' final hours. After each reading a candle is put out. As each candle is extinguished it symbolises the gradual death of Jesus on the cross; and also reminds us of the fading loyalty of his disciples and followers. We will share this special service with our Catholic neighbours. We need 4 readers – please add your name to the list on the board and talk to Wayne.

### **Palm Sunday – March 28**

We would like to decorate the church with palms on Palm Sunday. If you have suitable palms in your garden (not phoenix palms) please discuss with Wayne.



### **Wednesday Morning Communion**

Our Wednesday communions are back! 9 am at Christ the King. All welcome.

### **Calendars**

Our Mission District calendar looks great and was an excellent fundraiser. Thank you to all involved. We have just a few calendars remaining which we are letting go for the bargain price of \$8. Please see Fay or Jo or Wayne to take advantage of this great offer.

## Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

### **Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**

During Lent this is what we are encouraged to do: “turn our eyes upon Jesus”. Focus on following Christ and modelling our lives on his life. These are also the words of a well-known and much loved chorus:

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full on his wonderful face  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
in the light of his glory and grace*

The writer of this great song of faith is one Helen Howarth Lemmel. She was born on November 14, 1864 in Wardle, England, the daughter of a Wesleyan Methodist pastor. At the age of twelve she came with her family to the United States. Settling in Wisconsin she developed a reputation as a brilliant singer.

Helen travelled widely throughout the mid-west in the early 1900's giving concerts in many churches. Later she taught voice at the Moody Bible Institute; then at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. In 1961 she settled in Seattle, Washington where she remained active in her Christian activities as a member of the Baptist church.

In addition to being known as a brilliant singer and musician, Helen was also recognised as a person of remarkable literary ability. She wrote more than 500 hymns and poems, authored a successful book for children, *Story of the Bible*, and composed many children's pieces. She continued to use these musical and literary abilities in God's service until she was 'called home' at the age of ninety seven.

Helen's best known hymn, *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*, has been widely used to challenge people with the necessity of making Christ the paramount priority in their lives, and then living each day with eternity's values in view. She relates that one day in 1918 a missionary friend gave her a tract titled “Focused”. The pamphlet contained these words: *so then, turn your eyes upon Him, look full into His face, and you will find the things of earth acquire a strange new dimness*. These words made a deep impression on Helen.

She recalls this experience following the reading of the tract: “Suddenly, as if commanded to stop and listen, I stood still, singing in my soul and spirit was the chorus, with not one conscious moment of putting word to word to make rhyme, or note to note to make melody.” The verses were written the same week, after the usual manner of composition, but none the less dictated by the Holy Spirit. The hymn was first published in 1918 and has been widely used ever since, reminding all people, even those who profess to be followers of Christ, not to get caught up in the “things of earth”, but rather to have a bright “eternal vision” focused on Jesus.

Let us indeed turn our eyes upon Jesus as we make our way to Easter and beyond.

Shalom, Wayne





**Please keep in your prayers:**

Ian, Bevan Lawrence, Paul Brom, Rosie, 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](mailto:mangawhaichristking@xtra.co.nz)

**What's on: 22 - 28 March**

Tues	23 Mar.	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Christ the King	10.00 am
Wed.	24 Mar.	Holy Communion Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Thurs.	25 Mar.	C + K Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30am—12
Sun.	28 Mar	Holy Communion Palm Sunday	Christ the King	9.00 am

**Next week**

**Next Week 28 March 2021**

**Theme: Lent 6: "Palm Sunday"**  
1st Reading: Psalm 118: 19-29  
Gospel: Mark 11: 1-11

**MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS**

**Priest in Charge:** Wayne Thornton 431 4122  
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# Pew News

**Christ the King, Mangawhai**

**21 March 2021**

**Lent 5: "Passion Sunday"**

A 'dramatic reading' of the "Passion Narrative from Mark's Gospel, chapters 14 & 15



**Theme & Readings**

**Scripture for the Week (Sentence)**

Is it nothing to you, all who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow. (*Lamentations 1:12*)

**Prayer for the Week (Collect)**

**God of hope, in you we see a life that never dies. Surrounded by death and violence may we never give in to despair, but rest in you our resurrection and our life. For you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Prayer Cycle**

In our Diocese, we pray for the Parish of Hibiscus Coast, the Parish of Whangaparaoa Peninsula, the Parish of Warkworth, Wellsford Mission District, Te Tai Tokerau: Nga Tapuwae o Te Ariki Pastorate, St Mary, Kaiwaka. In our Mission District we pray for our Clergy team, Communion Assistants, welcomers, morning tea helpers, all involved in hospitality and home communions. In our community we pray for all involved in the legal sector, especially lawyers, judges and the police.

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