

## 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 11 April 9am, from Christ the King, Mangawhai**

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



Our Priest in Charge, Wayne Thornton, has been appointed as Vicar of Manurewa Parish. Details are still being worked out but he will be with us for a couple of months yet. While we are sad to see him go we have appreciated his time with us and wish Wayne and Kim well in this new ministry.

**From our Archdeacon:** Our Archdeacon, Jonathan Gale, wishes to reassure us that “the Bishop and I are working actively on a replacement” and making arrangements for the continuation of ministry and care for people when Wayne has moved on.

**Mangawhai Mission District AGM:** To be held **next Sunday 18th April at Archie Bull Hall, Kaiwaka, 11 am.** For those attending the morning service at Christ the King Church, car-pooling will be organised in the car-park following morning-tea. The AGM will be followed by a shared lunch - please bring a plate of finger food to share. Nomination forms for the Governing Body are available on the entry table.

**AGM**

### Mid-week Communion

Our communion service at Christ the King continues at 9am on Wednesday mornings.

### Thank you

A heartfelt thank you and well done to all those who helped with our Holy Week and Easter services. Your contributions enabled us to mark the significance of Jesus' life and death, and to celebrate his resurrection with real joy and excitement



### Bible Study – “Firm Foundations”

Looking at what happened next, after Jesus' resurrection – the beginning and growth of “the Church”. Copies of the studies are available on the entry table at Christ the King, or on the website under the “Bible study” tab. 10am in the church at Christ the King. This coming week: “Empowered”.

**Rhythm ‘n’ Riggle** - will be meeting on Tuesday 13th April then taking a break for two weeks for the school holidays - starting back on Tuesday 4th May.

## Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

### Something More About Thomas ...

Thomas is mentioned a total of eight times between the four gospels and Acts. Most of what we learn about him comes from the Gospel of

John - the only book of the New Testament that gives him any specific role.

Thomas was one of “the Twelve”. This means Thomas was one of the people who was closest to Jesus, and that he spent about three years living with him, witnessing his miracles, and hearing his teachings. He saw numerous demonstrations of Jesus' power - including his power to raise people from the dead - and he heard Jesus predict his resurrection, but he still didn't believe Jesus was resurrected until he saw for himself.

He was “called the Twin”. In three of the times Thomas is mentioned, the Bible notes that he was called *didymus*, a Greek word meaning “twin,” which was often used as a name. The Apostle Thomas doesn't even have an actual name in the Bible. Everyone literally just refers to him as “the twin.” But the Bible never mentions who Thomas' twin is.

Thomas is most known for his role in the Gospel of John, which earned him the nickname “Doubting Thomas.” And while this is often used as a critique of his lack of faith, the reality is that he wasn't the only one who had doubts about Jesus' resurrection from the dead. The Gospels tell us that the other disciples doubted the resurrection too (for example see Luke 24:9-11). But unfortunately for Thomas, he's the only one the church labeled a “doubter,” thanks to that account in John's Gospel.

In spite of this, Thomas went on to be a missionary. According to the more popular church tradition, Thomas travelled to India around 50 AD and evangelized the people there, possibly establishing as many as seven churches.

Is it fair or just to remember him as “Doubting Thomas”? Since the Gospel of John makes Thomas the scapegoat for doubt, it's easy to forget the other apostles doubted the resurrection too. Christians often treat his skepticism as a weakness, but it's important to remember Jesus welcomed Thomas' skepticism and challenged his doubts with evidence of his resurrection. If we are to learn anything from Thomas perhaps it is this: our doubts may lead us to a deeper, richer faith. Jesus specifically says, “blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed” (John 20:29), but he also doesn't ask us to blindly put our faith in him. Instead, we are invited to investigate the truth of the resurrection, and explore the way, the truth, and the life.



Shalom, Wayne



**Please keep in your prayers:**

Margaret-Anne, Brendan Kidd, Bev Jaques, 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: 12 - 18 April**

Tues	13 April	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Christ the King	10.00 am
Wed.	14 April	Holy Communion Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Thurs.	15 April	C + K Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30am-Noon
Sun.	18 April	Holy Communion Family Worship MMD AGM & shared lunch	Christ the King St Paul's, Kaiwaka St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am

**Next week**

**Next Week 18 April 2021**

**Theme: A New Beginning**  
1st Reading: Psalm 4  
Gospel: John 21: 15-19

**MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS**

**Priest in Charge:** Wayne Thornton 431 4122  
**Priest's Warden:** Lindsay McCaw (currently on leave)  
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Rev Derek Christensen, Rev John McClean

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# Pew News

**Christ the King, Mangawhai**

**11 April 2021**

**Seeing and Believing**

1st Reading: Isaiah 53: 6-12

Gospel: John 20: 19-31



**Theme & Readings**

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**Scripture for the Week (Sentence)**

Jesus showed himself to his disciples and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. Alleluia. (*Acts 1:3*)

**Prayer for the Week (Collect)**

**Alleluia! God of calm, you bring peace in the midst of distress; still our troubled hearts when we struggle to believe, give us the courage to doubt, give us peace in believing. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

**Prayer Cycle**

In our Diocese, we pray for the Local Shared Ministry Unit of Titirangi; the Cooperating Parish of South Kaipara and the Local Shared Ministry Unit of Huapai. In our Mission District we pray for Overseas mission and stamps for mission, and the groups who use our facilities. In our community we pray for our local businesses and enterprises.

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