

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 25 April 9am, from Christ the King, Mangawhai

All you need to do is click on this link: <https://youtu.be/S5dglUvNIhY> 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 **Bronwyn Emson** celebrating her birthday today, **Sunday 25th April**, and also **Wayne Thornton** and **Margaret-anne Garbett**, both celebrating on **Thursday 29th April**.



From the Annual General Meeting: Thank you to all who attended, to St Paul's for hosting, and to all who provided the delicious lunch we enjoyed afterwards. We officially welcomed **Martin Arrowsmith** as our new Treasurer, and the following were elected to Governing Body:

Jo Sarah: People's Warden
Martin Arrowsmith, Fay Burnett, Bill Bygrave, Ann Dawson, Margaret Haverfield, Gwen Lawrence, Celia McCaw, Daniel Twinn and Lynda Wintle.
Lindsay McCaw has agreed to stay on as Priest's Warden, and our Synod representatives are Bernard Chivers and Jo Sarah.

We thank them for their willingness to serve in this way. Please keep them in your prayers.

Farewell Service for Rev. Wayne Thornton

Wayne's final service for Mangawhai Mission District will be on **Sunday 13th June**, at Christ the King Church, **9.30 am** (the later time will allow people from other Mission Districts to attend if they wish). We will have a brunch and time of thanks and sharing following the service.

Wayne's induction service will be at St Luke's, Manurewa, **7 pm on Wednesday 23rd June** and members of the Mangawhai Mission District are warmly invited to attend.

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.

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: "Jerusalem and Beyond".

Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

"God's Own Country"?

Sometimes our little nation of Aotearoa-New Zealand has been described as "God's Own Country".

Perhaps in recognition of everything being clean, green and pristine. Perhaps in view of our simple life and apparent lack of problems. Perhaps because of our can-do attitude and caring people.

When you think back to this time last year the whole world, including us, was in the very frightening grip of Covid-19. However while much of our world and its people remain at the mercy of that threatening virus, we are in a much happier situation. Life for the majority of us in Aotearoa-New Zealand has taken on a reassuringly normal quality. For sure there is scanning and signing in to be done, precautions to be taken and guidelines to be followed. However life for us is actually pretty good. Now we are even able to travel freely 'across the ditch' and visit our Australian neighbours, and they can come here.

All of which might encourage us to dust off the "God's Own" sign and display it somewhat humbly, not too prominently. So I have been giving some real thought as to what this might mean. I believe there is a reason for Aotearoa-New Zealand being in the position we are in. Not just for us to enjoy life (while of course making appropriate sympathetic remarks to those whose lot is not so pleasant). I believe we have a role and a purpose God is calling us to.

This Sunday, April 25, we will remember the original Anzacs who in the face of terrible circumstances displayed courage, tenacity, camaraderie, and a true spirit of sacrifice. We will also remember those who since that time have joined our armed forces and gone off to uphold the life and values we hold dear. We are supremely grateful to the men and women who left behind the comfort and the life they knew, to serve their country. So many of them did not return. So many returned home much less whole. We honour them.

However, let us honour them with more than a few moments of reverence and some fond words. Let us honour them by taking up the opportunity their sacrifice has given us. They have inspired us to come through a trying ordeal. May they also inspire us to help other people in other nations to do the same. Yes, life is pretty good here; a significant battle has been won. However the war continues. Let us continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in other countries. Let us hold out the hope of new life. Let us be patient and kind and caring and forbearing in our own neighbourhoods, and to the rest of the world.

That, I believe, is what it really means to be "God's Own Country". Let us lead the way so that other nations may be able to be "God's Own Country" too.



Shalom, Wayne



Please keep in your prayers:

Margaret-Anne, Brendon 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

What's on: 26 April - 02 May

Tues	27 April	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	On holiday	
Wed.	28 April	Holy Communion Bible Study	Christ the King Christ the King	9.00 am 10.00 am
Thurs.	29 April	C + K Craft Group	Christ the King	9.30am-Noon
Sun.	02 May	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Christ the King St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00 am 9.00 am

Next week

Next Week 02 May 2021

Theme: A Scary Story
1st Reading: Acts 5: 1-11
Gospel: John 15: 1-8

MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS

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Pew News

Christ the King, Mangawhai

25 April 2021

Anzac Day

1st Reading: Psalm 46
Gospel: John 15: 9-17



Theme & Readings

Holy Communion
Power Point & P. 732

Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.
(John 15:13)

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

God our Father, we give you thanks for those who laid down their lives in war; we pray for courage and self-sacrifice like theirs, so that evil may always be resisted and peace maintained; 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 Parish of Bay of Islands, the Mission District of Kerikeri, the Local Shared Ministry Unit of Kawakawa/Towai/Paihia; the Local Shared Ministry Unit of Russell, the Parish of Waimate North, Mangonui Mission District and Te Tai Tokerau: Whangaroa Pastorate. In our Mission District we pray for 'Support services, - eg lawnmowers, gardeners, those who work around the grounds, cleaners, flower arrangers, 'odd job' helpers. In our community we pray for doctors and nurses, St John, medical centres, and the Fire Service.

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