



WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & HOLY COMMUNION Refreshments to follow

**We hope you find God's presence
in the service today.**

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

Happy Birthday! This coming week we extend our best wishes to **Lynda Wintle** who celebrates her birthday on **Wednesday, 15th December**, and also to **Rev. Harvey**, celebrating on **Saturday 18th**.



Covid 19 Traffic Light Red and Us

Following a meeting last week, it was agreed by the Governing Body that at all main services held in our Mission District and in all three Churches, vaccine passes will be required for entry to the service. **This is not negotiable.**



Carols by Candlelight - Sunday 19th December, 7.30 pm
St Paul's Church, Kaiwaka. Refreshments to follow.

Christmas Eve Services - Friday 24th December

St Michael's and All Angels, Hakaru
Carol Service - 7.00 pm

Christ the King, Mangawhai
Midnight Christmas Communion, 11.00 pm



Christmas Day - Saturday 25th December

Christ the King, Mangawhai - Family Communion - 9.00 am
St Paul's, Kaiwaka - Family Communion - 9.00 am

MMD 2022 Fundraising Calendar - These are now on sale. \$15.00 per calendar for church members, \$20 for the general public. Please pay cash, or if you are able, credit the money to the Mangawhai Mission District account: 01 0137 0096373 00, with the reference "Calendar" and your name.

Christmas Hamper Raffle: Tickets are now available - \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Christmas Gifts Under the Tree - We are asking for gifts to be put under our Christmas tree, which will go up early in December. Help to make this Christmas special for children less fortunate. Please leave gifts at Christ the King Church on Friday or Sunday mornings. Label your parcels, boy or girl and age. Gifts will be distributed in the Kaiwaka/Mangawhai area. Ph. Ann, 431-5913, or Fay, 431-2441.

Harvey's Word

Christine and I once visited the site where John the Baptist preached and baptised. We were staying with the Australian Ambassador to Jordan and he had received an official invitation to go to the place where John baptised Jesus and there to observe the worship and the ceremonies. We went too. The site is a river crossing for traffic from Jerusalem to Jordan and Syria, i.e., very popular. Animals needed watering as did their owners so a place to stop and rest, therefore market stalls etc. Up behind the crossing is a hill named after Elisha one of THE great prophets of Israel, therefore a place of religious significance. Just a great place for a revival ministry. When we were there the excavations went back to the late 5th century but that was really only a beginning.

On different trips, and separately, we went to the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. There we went down into the cave where the birth of Jesus is remembered. In the morning when I was there, we were rushed through as there were many pilgrim parties waiting their turn to enter the cave. Later in the day I returned by myself and found it empty so I just sat there, looked, wondered and worshipped. Almost certainly Jesus was born in a cave and why not, safe, secure, warm and dry? But this cave? Almost certainly not. There was no GPS in those days. But we were in a cave, we were somewhere close and this was the place where Christians came to remember.

The Advent season of hope invites our recollection and thinking about those places where we have been which became for us signs of hope, places where we could go, be quiet, remember and worship. These need not, will not, necessarily be places in the land of the Holy One. But they will be places where the Holy One was present, with you, One who has promised to remain with us forever. And therefore, we hope.

Harvey



Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem



Please keep in your prayers:

Gus Holgate-Simpson, Lynne & Eddie, Maralynne, Rosie, Ian, Amanda, Brendon Kidd, Paul Brom, Jan W, Carol, Judith, Jonathan and Jocelyn.

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy and prayers to Rev. Mollie Pascoe and family following the death of **Rev. Jim Pascoe** in Nelson on Monday 6th December. Jim and Mollie were retired Anglican ministers living in Mangawhai, and both shared taking services here for some years before retiring to Nelson to be near family. Jim's funeral was held in Nelson on Friday 10th December.

What's on: 13 - 19 December

Tues	14 Nov.	Governing Body	Christ the King	1.00 pm
Sun.	19 Dec.	Holy Communion Carols by Candlelight	Christ the King St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00 am 7.30 pm

Next week

Next Week 19 December 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent

OT: Micah 5: 2-5a
Gospel: Luke 1: 39-45

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Theme & Readings

Power Point

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14-20
2nd Reading: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

Do not fear. The Lord your God is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory, he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love. *Zephaniah 3: 16 - 17*

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

God our strength and our hope, grant us the courage of John the Baptist, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer Cycle

We pray for Bishop Ross and for the Diocesan Council in the decisions that they will have to make this month. We pray for our Governing Body as it will have to implement that which is decided by the Diocesan Council. In our Diocese our prayers are asked this week for our churches in Massey, Henderson and Te Atatu along with Laidlaw College and the Whenuapai Air Base. The Anglican Board of Missions asks our prayers for Liz who is working in Education in Pakistan.

Pew News

Christ the King, Mangawhai
12th December 2021
3rd Sunday of Advent

**Carol Service
& Holy Communion**



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