

## WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

We welcome Rev. Peter Minson who will preach and offer Communion this morning

We hope you find God's presence in the service today. Please remember to scan in or add your details on the attendance sheet and show your vaccine passport. **Red Light!** We are now back to Red Light Covid19 regulations. Communion will be with a wafer only, the Peace will be a smile and wave, and the offering bowls will be on a table by the door. **Note: Face masks are now mandatory and must be worn during the church service, except for those who have an exemption.**

### Happy Birthday!

We extend our best birthday wishes to **Andrew Allen**, celebrating his birthday today, **Sunday 20th March**, and also to **Gavan Riley**, celebrating on **Friday 25th**.



# AGM

**AGM - 2022:** We will be holding our AGM next **Sunday 27th March, at Christ the King Church**, following the morning service. We will need to elect a People's Warden, and two representatives for Synod, as well as members of the Governing Body. If you would like to put your name forward for any of these positions, please fill in a nomination form available in the church foyer.

Please bring a plate to share refreshments following the meeting.

### Rhythm 'n' Riggle Volunteers wanted!

The lovely ladies who run Rhythm 'n' Riggle on Tuesday mornings are looking for volunteers to assist with setting up, preparing morning tea and maybe singing and dancing with the children! If you would like to help, even for one Tuesday a month, contact Jo Sarah Ph 027 2104 166, or Maralynne Latu Ph. 027 260 0391.



**Tonga Appeal - Update:** Rev. Talu advises that for the recovery process, the Tongan people need gardening and building tools, including nails, screws, etc (they don't have to be new). Also masks, fishing hooks, weights, etc, & kitchen utensils. These can be brought to Christ the King Church or given to Maralynne Latu.

### Help! Cleaning Roster and Morning Tea Roster—Christ the King

One of our lovely cleaning volunteers is not able to clean at the moment, so we are looking for someone to take their place. We would also like volunteers to help with morning tea on Sunday mornings. Please let Fay know if you can assist.

## Peter's Word

We are choosy about what we remember about others: be it a cricketer or a politician, be it an artist, a writer, a musician, a saint . . . or a sinner. In Paul Simon's line:

*"A man hears what he wants to hear  
and disregards the rest."*

I'm pretty sure it's the case for Jesus: we love the Nativity story. A baby! Shepherds! A star! I have favourite Gospel verses and a favourite miracle. We choose not to remember much about the sheer hell of Christ's wilderness fast. It's not surprising: the Lectionary propels us from the baptism, directly into the wilderness. Then it telescopes a 3-year ministry into a 6-week countdown to crucifixion. No wonder we find the desert weeks forgettable.

We maybe choose to forget that one of Jesus' ancestors had done something similar: hidden away in the same inhospitable bits of Judea. Our psalm today may contain a clue with David's "dry and weary land where there is no water". But who knows? We choose to remember David's other fame (Goliath) or infamy (Uriah and Bathsheba).

Ireland's famous St Patrick also had a wilderness time, but few remember his years as a slave in Ireland. We choose to recall the Shamrock Sermon (was it a symbol of the Holy Trinity?) or St Paddy's alleged banishing snakes from Ireland. The equally famous St Brigid of Ireland is also said to have been born into slavery, and is thought to have been formed in her faith by years of poverty. But we choose to remember her mainly as a holy abbess of Kildare.

Many of our heroes really learned to pray, it seems, in those weeks, months, or years in whatever wilderness life threw at them.

Every year, Lent challenges Christians to turn anew to God in prayer. Let's choose to make these next 4 weeks memorable as we lay down some comforts in order to take up the challenge to pray in the silences. It may change all our memories of 2022!

**Rev Peter Minson – Locum Priest**



**Please keep in your prayers:**

Gerd, Helgan & Terry, Trewby & Rosie, Anne Connolly-Munt, Isa,  
Pam Murphy, Gus Holgate-Simpson, Lynne & Eddie, Amanda,  
Brendon Kidd, Paul Brom, Jan W, Carol, Judith, Jonathan and Jocelyn.

If you would like to add people or situations, and having made sure the people would like to be on our list, please phone 431 4122, or email [mangawhaichristking@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mangawhaichristking@xtra.co.nz)

**What's on: 21 - 27 March**

<b>Tues. 22 March</b>	<b>Rhythm 'n' Riggle</b>	<b>Christ the King</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>
<b>Sun. 27 March</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>	<b>Christ the King</b>	<b>09.00 am</b>

**Next week**

**Readings**  
**Next Week 27 March 2022**  
**1st Reading: Psalm 32: 1-7**  
**2nd Reading: Luke 15: 1-3 & 11b-32**

**MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS**

**Priest in Charge:** Position currently vacant  
**Priest's Warden:** Lindsay McCaw 022 032 6360 09 601 6169  
**People's Wardens:** Jo Sarah 027 2104 166  
**Office Administrator:** Fay Burnett - 09 431 4122 021 111 0064  
**Assisting Clergy:**  
 Rev Derek Christensen, Rev John McClean, Rev Dr Tony Stroobant

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# Pew News

**Christ the King, Mangawhai**  
**20 March 2022**

**THEME & READINGS:**  
**How to Pray in a Time of Sorrow**

OT: Psalm 63: 1-8  
Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9



*The Lenten theme this week is a logical follow-on from last week's emphasis on lamenting prayer. One of the challenging questions we face today is how to pray in a time of suffering: as we face war and a pandemic. Our readings leave us no option but to answer God's call to compassion. May we be drawn deeper into the mystery of God's infinite grace and all-embracing justice as we journey through Lent in worship.*

**SCRIPTURE SENTENCE:** As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts, says the Lord. *Isaiah 55:9*

**COLLECT for the 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY in LENT:**

**God of grace and goodness, you know that by reason of our frailty we cannot but fail; keep us always under your protection and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 and Te Tai Tokerau: Nga Tapuwae o Te Ariki Pastorate, St Mary, Kaiwaka. In our mission district we pray for our Clergy, Governing Body and Nominating Committee. In our community we pray for our Member of Parliament, Mayor and Councillors, District Council, local boards and committees.

**Office Hours: Friday 8am-12 noon**  
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**Christ the King Mangawhai, St Michael & All Angels Hakaru, St Paul's Kaiwaka**