

## WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

Our preacher this morning is Rev Dr Tony Stroobant

**We hope you find God's presence in the service today. Please remember to show your vaccine passport. Red Light!** We are currently in 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 **Marilyn Lees**, celebrating her birthday today, **Sunday 27th March**, and also to **Peter Pedrotti**, celebrating on **Tuesday 29th**.



# AGM

**AGM - 2022:** We will be holding our AGM this morning, **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. Refreshments will follow the meeting.

### Working Bee

There will be a working bee at **St Paul's Church, Kaiwaka**, next **Saturday, 2nd April, 9am—noon**. Come along and help give the church and hall a good clean before Easter. A list of tasks has been drawn up—just choose what you would like to tackle, both indoors or outdoors. Cleaning equipment will be available, but bring your own garden tools if you're working outdoors. Morning tea will be served!



### 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.



### 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

## Tony's Word

Early in a new parish, I was given a long list of people who needed visiting, most of whom turned out to have had no church connection whatsoever. One was a dear, elderly, bedridden woman who mistook me for the previous minister. "My word," she said, "You've put on some condition since I saw you last."

The parish matriarch agreed that my predecessor had, indeed, been a prodigious visitor. The down side, she said, was that he effectively had only one sermon, and told me that if she heard one more sermon on the "love of God" she thought she might scream! So I was warned.....

Almost everyone would agree with the idea that "God is love". But what does it mean? "Love", at worst is a somewhat abstract word; even at its best it can mean many very different things.

The parable set for today- traditionally called the Parable of the Prodigal Son although I prefer the parable of the Loving Father- "earth's" one aspect of what we might mean by "God is love." God is like the loving father who will suffer every indignity in order that his errant son- both his errant sons- might remain included within the love and security of the family of faith.

Many- perhaps even most - of Jesus' parables tease out, in practical terms and in various ways, what is meant by "God is love." The parables of the Lost Sheep, and the Sower and the Seed, for example, are not primarily about "us" at all, but are about God.

Take time this week to read a few of Jesus' parables and try to pick what he was saying about God.

Tony





**Please keep in your prayers:**

Helga & Terry, Trewby & Rosie, Anne Connolly-Munt, Isa and Derek,  
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: 28 March - 03 April**

Tues. 29 March	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Christ the King	10.00 am
Sat. 02 April	Working Bee	St Paul's Church	9am—Noon
Sun. 03 April	Morning Prayer Family Worship	Christ the King St Paul's, Kaiwaka	09.00 am 09.00 am

**Next week**

**Readings**  
**Next Week 03 April 2022**  
**1st Reading: Psalm 126**  
**2nd Reading: John 12: 1-8**

**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**  
**27 March 2022**

**THEME & READINGS: LENT 4**  
**God is Love**

OT: Psalm 32: 1-7  
Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3 & 11b-32



**SCRIPTURE SENTENCE:** You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.  
*(Ps 32:7)*

**COLLECT for 4th SUNDAY in LENT:**

**God, faithful and loving, though we lose our way you seek us and call us back. Give us the courage to face our faults. Help us to repent, reconcile, and amend our ways, that we may find our peace. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator. Amen.**

**PRAYER CYCLE:**

In our Diocese, we pray for the Auckland City Mission, the Selwyn Foundation, the Anglican Trust for Women and Children and the Hospital Chaplaincy.

In our Mission District we pray for our Clergy, Governing Body and Nominating Committee; our children and especially our Rhythm'n'Riggle families and the volunteers who organise the sessions each Tuesday. In our community we pray for teachers, students and parents.

**Office Hours: Friday 8am-12 noon**  
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