

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

We welcome this morning Rev. Peter Minson who will be preaching and offering Communion

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

Orange Light! We are currently in Orange Light Covid19 regulations. Communion will include both elements, wine (or juice) and a wafer. The Peace will remain as a smile and wave, The offering bowls will now be passed around..

We recommend you continue to wear your face masks for everyone's safety.

Note: Vaccine Passports are no longer required.

Happy Birthday!

We extend our best birthday wishes to **Bronwyn Emson**, celebrating on **Monday 25th April**, and also to **Margaret-anne Garbett**, celebrating on **Friday 29th April**



Rhythm 'n' Riggle: is currently taking a break for the school holidays.

Volunteers needed!

Thank you to those people who volunteered to go on the cleaning roster. We still need one more person, and also someone to look after a morning tea roster. Please contact Fay in the office.



As war continues in Ukraine, several major charities continue their appeals for funds to help millions of displaced people. Please continue to pray for peace and donate as you are able to Christian World Service, World Vision and Save the Children New Zealand.

A Reflection for Anzac Day

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.**



Laurence Binyon

Peter's Word

The season of Easter is a common time for Christians to think about "Why did all that gory Cross stuff happen?" It's the starting point of our readings and sermon today.

Common to much post-Easter preaching is what's known as (in typically complicated language) the *penal substitution atonement theory*. Let's call it *PSAT*. The idea goes like this: a wrathful God couldn't love his sinful creation until he indulged in a spot of human sacrifice to pay the penalty and atone for a sin-drenched humanity. It has lots to do with *appeasement sacrifices* of pagan religions. It's not Biblical, and it didn't take hold till the Middle Ages, but it's sure caught on since, and it still flavours many old hymns and modern worship songs.

The Eternal God of such a theory turns into a cold, hard commodities trader who drives a very hard bargain indeed. As if God needs to receive a payment - and a very violent transaction at that - to be able to love and forgive his own children!

Not a great evangelistic tool. Christians have had enough trouble helping people to love, trust, and like God to begin with, without striking fear into their hearts!

However reading both the Old and New Testaments introduces us to the absolute and perfect freedom of God to love and forgive whenever God chooses, which is the core meaning of *grace*. Sin or problems could not possibly be the motive for the grace of God coming in human form. Besides, the *PSAT* reduces Jesus' entire earthly work to 3 hours on a cross on one long week-end in Jerusalem.

To which I sing, "It ain't necessarily so!"

Peter Minson



Please keep in your prayers:

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

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

What's on: 25 April - 01 May

Tues. 26 April Rhythm 'n' Riggle are taking a break for the school holidays

Sun. 01 May Morning Prayer Christ the King 9.00 am
Holy Communion St Paul's, Kaiwaka 9.00 am

Next week

Readings
Next Week 01 May 2022

NT Reading: Acts 9: 1-6
Gospel Reading: John 21: 1-19

MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS

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Pew News

Christ the King, Mangawhai
24 April 2022

THEME & READINGS: 'Low' Sunday

NT: Acts 5: 27-32
Gospel: John 20: 19-31



SCRIPTURE SENTENCE:

Jesus came and stood among them saying: "Peace be with you". Then the disciples were overjoyed as they looked upon the Lord. *John 19: 19*

COLLECT for 'Low' Sunday

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have broken the power of death and brought life and immortality to light. Grant that we who have been raised with him may triumph over all temptation and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

PRAYER CYCLE:

In our Diocese, we pray for the Northern Wairoa Mission District, the Paparoa Mission District, the Mangawhai Mission District, Wellsford Mission District and TeTai Tokerau Wairoa Pastorate.
In our Mission District we pray for Pastoral care, Wardens and Governing Body. In our community we pray for Renewal and Revival, that God's Spirit would move to heal and transform.

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