

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 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 **Ian McKenzie** celebrating on **Tuesday 3rd of May**, and also to **David Ellery**, celebrating on **Wednesday 4th May**.



Rhythm 'n' Riggle: is back for the new term, **Tuesday 3rd May, 10 am at Christ the King Church.**



Coffee Morning is back!

You are invited to have a cuppa and refreshments at **15 Park Avenue, Park View Waters, Mangawhai on Thursday 5th May, 10 am.** Your hosts will be Margaret and Alan Whittaker. Friends and neighbours welcome!.

Foodbank - we would like to contribute regularly to the Kaiwaka Foodbank.

We can provide a basket at the back of the church, and ask congregation members to bring a grocery item each time they attend church, then deliver the items to the Foodbank once the basket is full. Would anyone like to volunteer to look after this?



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.

Church Library—new books

We have been gifted a number of new (secondhand) books for the library at Christ the King Church and invite people to take a look at the selection. Book reviews welcome. In the meantime, if you like biographies, try 'John Wesley, A Revival Which Shaped History' and Susanna Wesley, 'Servant of God'. And if you read Christian Fiction, then try Francine Rivers, an acclaimed Christian novelist —'The Scarlet Thread' and 'Leota's Garden'.

Tony's Word

KNOCKED OFF HIS HORSE?

In one of today's readings (Acts 9: 1-20), we have an account of the conversion of Saul, who became Paul, not converted to "Christianity"- as that term had not yet been invented- but as a follower of Jesus within the Jewish tradition.

Many preachers I have heard seem to imagine him to have been knocked off his horse by the experience.

But historical research tells us that in those days only the very highest ever rode a horse, and even a Roman general might be fortunate enough to ride only an ass or a donkey.

None of the translations I have read says that Saul/Paul was actually riding anything at all.

Like almost everyone in those days, he was most likely walking.

Riding or walking, the important point is that "something" happened on the Damascus Road that day that changed his life, and that of the Christian community, for the next 2000 years.

Today, well established research tells us that people mostly become Christians in one of two ways: suddenly "knocked off their horse", or slowly and gently and solidly growing into faith in Christ.

Neither is "better" than the other, the research says, either in terms of personal meaning or of long-term commitment.

Think back.

At what point, or points, did your life in Christ- however you interpret that- suddenly or slowly become real for you?

Either way, let us give thanks to God!

Tony



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: 02 - 08 May

Tues. 03 May	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Christ the King	10.00 am
Thurs. 05 May	Coffee Morning	15 Park Avenue Park View Waters, Mangawhai	10.00 am
Sun. 08 May	Holy Communion	Christ the King	9.00 am

Next week

Readings
Next Week 08 May 2022

NT Reading: Acts 9: 36-43
Gospel Reading: John 10: 22-30

MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS

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Pew News

St Paul's, Kaiwaka
01 May 2022

THEME & READINGS: Third Sunday of Easter
Prayer Book P. 476

NT: Acts 9: 1-6
OT: Psalm 30
Gospel: John 21: 1-19



SCRIPTURE SENTENCE:

To the One who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb of God, be blessing and honour, and glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen!
Rev. 5: 13

COLLECT :

Alleluia, King eternal! Jesus Christ, you restored disheartened friends at breakfast on the beach. Alert us to your presence, Restore us when we falter or despair, And let us always hope in you, Amen

PRAYER CYCLE:

In our Diocese, we pray for the The Bishop's Office, Bishop Ross Bay, Vicar-General Carole Hughes, Deputy Vicar-General Michael Berry, the Episcopal Team, the Archdeaconry of Auckland, the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity and the Cathedral Chapter. In our Mission District we pray for our Clergy team, 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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