

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

We welcome this morning, the Rev. Colin Gordon

We hope you find God's presence in the service today.
Please join us for refreshments following the service.

Orange Light regulations: We recommend you continue to wear your face masks for everyone's safety.

5th Sunday Service at St Michael's and All Angels - today.

There will be a Communion service at St Michael's, Hakaru this morning, **31st July, 11.30 am**, followed by a shared lunch at Hakaru Hall. All welcome!

Birthdays:

We extend our best birthday wishes to **Anne Connolly-Munt** celebrating a very special birthday today, **Sunday 31st July.**



Church Administrator: Mangawhai Mission District

The Governing Body are now calling for applications for this position which involves six hours per week undertaking general office and accounting duties. This is a paid position.

Please forward applications to the Wardens, Lindsay McCaw, and Jo Sarah, Mangawhai Mission District.



Fundraising Calendar for 2023

Jo Sarah has been working hard to fill all the advertising strips on the calendar and now there are just one and a half strips to fill. If you know of any local businesses that might purchase a strip, please let us know. Advertising rates are: Half strip: \$150 plus GST. Full strip: \$300 plus GST.

From the Diocese: Synod preparations are gathering pace, and Synod business papers will be sent to members next week. As there are fewer motions and no bills to discuss this year, it has been agreed that we won't need to meet on Saturday 3 September. Synod will now be held from Thursday evening 1 September through to Friday evening 2 September.



Prayers for Ukraine: As war continues in Ukraine, please keep the people in your prayers. Donations may be made through Christian World Service, World Vision and Save the Children New Zealand.

One Thought for Today: In his new book, One Thought for Today, Bishop Bruce Gilbert offers thoughts and resources for each day of the year. The daily subject includes a reflective paragraph, biblical quotes, a prayer and a question – one page per day. Themes include: journey, pilgrimage, depth, encounter, silence, action, and purpose. Copies are available for \$25 plus postage. Email Bruce or phone (07) 864 8727.

Colin's Word:

Tena koutou Katoa good people of the East to the West, Mangawhai to Kaipara. I am looking forward to being with you again this Sunday. I wonder what has been at the forefront of your thoughts in recent weeks, Ukraine, Russia, global warming, politics and dare I say the All Blacks? Then there is COVID, bereavements that take us by surprise, the economy that is affecting so many people in different ways and mostly with the effect of making living expenses a challenge and worry. Here is a little story that caught my attention from a book of Wise Tales From the Jewish World. "The Long Spoons".

Rabbi Chaim Elchanan spent much of his time searching for answers about the afterlife. He studied all available books but could not find a reliable description of Heaven and Hell. He visited all known sages, but they, too, were unable to satisfy his curiosity about life after death. Finally, Prophet Elijah took pity on Rabbi Chaim, and decided to take him for a ride to the worlds beyond. After floating in the darkness for many hours, Elijah and the Rabbi arrived in a mysterious great meadow. From afar, they could see numerous people sitting around a huge pot of stew. The aroma was superb, and the Rabbi licked his lips in anticipation. But as they drew nearer, he realized that no one was eating. The people were all tied to their chairs, holding very long spoons. The spoons were simply too long to get the food into their own mouths. Everyone was terribly hungry and irritated. The appetizing smell of the delicacy in front of them only strengthened their torment. This must be Hell, Rabbi Chaim pondered. The two travellers departed from that awful place, and after a few more hours of flight in total darkness, they arrived in another great meadow, which was oddly similar to the one they had just visited. Here, too, people were sitting around a huge pot of delicious stew. These people were also tied to their chairs and were holding very long spoons. But something was different. Everyone here seemed happy and satisfied. They joked and laughed and sang together. Rabbi Chaim soon discovered the reason for these people's happiness. They found a way to enjoy the appetizing stew. They simply used the long spoons to feed one another—each scooping a spoonful of stew and delivering it into the mouth of the person across from them. This must be Heaven, Rabbi Chaim realized. Before returning home, the Rabbi asked Elijah to make one final stop in Hell. He wanted to help the tortured people and teach them how to fill their stomachs despite the long spoons. Upon their arrival, Rabbi Chaim rushed toward the group, shouting, and waving his hands: "You do not have to suffer like that! All you have to do is use the long spoons to feed one another!" But no one paid any attention to the Rabbi's advice. They all continued to sit silently around the large pot, bitter expressions clouding their faces. "Why would I feed any of these horrible people?!" muttered an elderly man in an irate voice. "I'd much rather starve!" Upon hearing those words, Rabbi Chaim finally understood the real difference between Heaven and Hell.

I am always grateful for the many wonderful people who bring heaven to bear upon what can be difficult times in people's lives. *Colin*



Please keep in your prayers:

Derek and family, Helga & Terry, Trewby & Rosie, Anne Connolly-Munt, 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: 01 - 07 August

Tues. 02 August	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Christ the King	9.00 am
Sun. 07 August	Holy Communion	Christ the King	9.00 am
	Holy Communion	St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00 am

Readings & Theme

Next week

Next Week 07 August: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OT Reading: Genesis 15: 1-6
Psalm: 33: 12-22
Gospel Reading: Luke 12: 32-40

MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS

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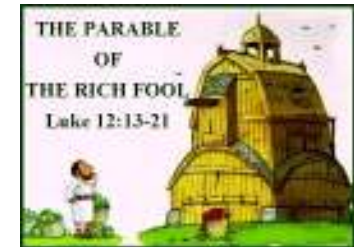
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Pew News

Christ the King, Mangawhai
31 July 2022

Morning Prayer Service
Readings:

Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21



SCRIPTURE SENTENCE:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.
Psalm 107: 1

COLLECT:

Generous God, you give us many gifts to lead us into the fullness of life; keep us from clinging to what is fleeting, and help us to hold firm to all that lasts; through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PRAYER CYCLE:

In our Diocese, we pray for the Diocesan Office, Trust Investments Management Ltd, the Diocesan Archives, the Diocesan Youth Facilitator, the Diocesan Mission and Ministry Resource Team and the SPACE Programme Co-ordinator. In our Mission District we pray for Overseas Mission and stamps for mission, and the groups who use our facilities. In our community we pray for our local businesses and enterprises.

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