

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

We welcome this morning Rev. John McClean
who will preach and offer Communion

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.



Blessing and Thanksgiving Service

At St Paul's Church, Kaiwaka today **Sunday 17th July, 9am.**
A special service to bless the new electronic organ. Anne Connolly-Munt will be playing the organ. A plate for morning tea would be most welcome.

Happy Birthday!

We extend our best birthday wishes to **Tony Stroobant**
who celebrates his birthday today **Sunday 17th 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.

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.

Christ the King Carpark

You will notice the many improvements to the carpark including improved drainage, new railings, fresh gravel and the removal of excess soil. We have an invoice of \$1,069.50 to cover costs of truck hire and cartage. If you would like to donate towards payment of this invoice, please place a marked envelope in the offering bowl, or online, Mangawhai Mission District: 01 0137 0096373 01, putting 'Carpark' in the reference box, and your giving number if relevant.
Thank you to all who have already donated towards the improvements.

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.

Bernard's Word

The book of the prophet Amos contains just 9 chapters. We don't know much about Amos. He came from Tekoa, a small town in Judah about 12 miles south of Jerusalem. He was a shepherd and cultivated Sycamore Figs. This fig was grown by none but the poorest people as its cultivation was difficult and hard labour.

Amos was active during the reigns of kings Uzziah (Judah) and Jeroboam II (Israel) whose reigns overlapped from 767BC to 753BC so he may have been proclaiming God's word around 760BC but nobody really knows.

God was not happy with his people and matters were worse in Israel and that was where Amos ended up.

Under Jeroboam II Israel had prospered, and economic and material gains were huge. However there had been moral decline. The people had lost the concept of caring for one another, looking out only for themselves. They continued to attend the Synagogue but their remembrance of God was by word and appearance only!

So, God was not happy, and his words, passed on by Amos, were fierce and angry. He foretold some dire consequences.

Is there anything in Amos for us? I believe so!

Those middle east folk were charged with deliberate exploitation of the poor, needy and vulnerable, and with a failure to embrace God's idea of justice, love and care.

. . . and in today's world? Well, there is deliberate exploitation of the desperate by the illegal trafficking in refugees in Europe and around the world. There is deliberate exploitation of vulnerable people by gangs promoting the use of horrendous and insidious addictive drugs offering short term relief and long term dependency. This is worldwide and particularly evident in this country.

It seems always the poor are targeted: poor financially, poor in knowledge and education, poor in spirit.

To overcome poverty, it seems to me that we need good education, good health services, good housing and good will. The latter surely a strong point in Christian belief and practice.

If we come closer to home, in Aotearoa New Zealand regarding the four points above, the picture is not encouraging. The education and health services are struggling, there is a housing crisis and Christian belief and practice are waning. There are two avenues to put the three social problems right. Strong government action through fearless political resolve and strong public support; effectively a willingness to pay!

There is really only one way to restore the wonder and joy of Christianity and that is for the faithful to live the life of the way of Christ and to be forthcoming in showing and proclaiming that way.

Bernard



Please keep in your prayers:

Gillian, 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: 18 - 24 July

Tues. 19 July Rhythm 'n' Riggle (taking a break for the holidays)

Sun. 24 July Holy Communion Christ the King 9.00 am

Next week

Readings & Theme

Next Week 24 July 2022 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OT Reading: Genesis 18: 20-32
Psalm: 138
Gospel Reading: Luke 11: 1-13

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 John McClean, Rev Dr Tony Stroobant, Rev. Peter Minson

Christ the King Church: 9 Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai Village

Postal address: PO Box 58, Mangawhai Village, 0540

Email address: mangawhaichristking@xtra.co.nz

Website: www.mangawhaianglican.org.nz

Pew News

St Paul's, Kaiwaka
17 July 2022

**Morning Prayer Service
Readings:**

OT: Amos 8: 1-12
Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42



SCRIPTURE SENTENCE:

I will praise you forever for what you have done; in your name I will hope for your name is good. *Psalm 52: 9a*

COLLECT :

God, our home, in Christ you are always with us; in all our daily activities help us not to be so worried and distracted by many things, that we forget the one thing we need, and lose the better part, which will be ours forever; 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 Parish of Pukekohe, the Local Shared Ministry of Mauku, the Parish of Bombay-Pokeno and the Local Shared Ministry of Tuakau. In our Mission District we pray for facilitators to lead Bible study groups. In our community we pray for our Member of Parliament, Mayor and Councillors, District Council and local boards and committees.

Office Hours: Friday 8am-12 noon
Phone: 431 4122 Email: mangawhaichristking@xtra.co.nz
Website: www.mangawhaianglican.org.nz

Christ the King Mangawhai, St Michael & All Angels Hakaru, St Paul's Kaiwaka