

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.
Please join us for refreshments following the service.



Orange Light regulations: We recommend you continue to wear your face masks

New appointment - Office Administrator

The Governing Body has much pleasure in announcing that Hilary Green has been appointed as Office Administrator, as from 1st September. Please welcome Hilary and assist her in this new role while she settles into her new position.

Thank you! Fay who finished her role as Office Administrator on 31st August, . She has thoroughly enjoyed her 8+ years in the office and now looks forward to more time in her garden. She would like to thank all who have helped her along the way, especially Sue, Ann, Bernard, Martin and the wardens. She wishes Hilary the very best as she takes on this new and rewarding role.



Advance Notice: Fundraising Concert at St Paul's, Kaiwaka

Sunday afternoon - 25th September
Visiting Organist - Denis McCombe
Theme: Down Memory Lane

This is a fundraising community concert organised by Anne Connolly-Munt to raise funds for the new electric piano. Further details next week.

Advance Notice — Christ the King, Mini-market

Saturday 22nd October, Labour Weekend

We will have baking, produce, garden plants, books, bric a brac, clothing etc. Watch this space.

New Zealand Census, March –November 2023

They have 321 full time temporary positions, hiring field operations, team leaders to manage roster and support a team of census field collectors. Apply to Persolkelly.co.nz/census-jobs. Full details on notice board.

Tony's Word

Take Up My Cross? Really....?

In today's Gospel reading, one verse stands out.

If any would be my followers

let them deny themselves

and take up their cross and follow me. (Luke 14:27)

Deny ourselves?

Take us our cross?

Oh, really?

Jesus' words could hardly be less fashionable these days.

Aren't we taught to find ourselves, to fulfil ourselves, rather than deny ourselves?

And to at last lay down the burdens, the "crosses", imposed on us by others and by society?

So what is going on here?

As Rev Peter said last Sunday, it is helpful to remember the terrible times that the Christian community was living through back then, and that prompted Luke to recollect these words of Jesus from decades before, and to write them down.

The Temple had been destroyed.

Deadly Roman persecution of both Christians and Jews continued.

So what to do?

Above all, keep the faith!

Even if it meant denying yourself, and felt like carrying your own cross, above all- keep the faith!

But NZ is not dominated by an invading power that has burned and looted every church in the land, and imprisoned countless Christian troublemakers. So what is the relevance today of Jesus' call to deny ourselves if necessary, and to carry our cross?

Remember again the context of the persecution of the church in New Testament times: a fascist, totalitarian Roman state, which was a near repetition of the fascist, totalitarian Babylonian state in which the community of faith found itself in Jeremiah's time.

Tragically, anti-democratic, totalitarian forces seem never to be finally defeated, and are on the rise again today- in Russia, in China, and even in the USA itself

And so, may we all be alert and alive to what it might possibly mean in the foreseeable future to be asked to deny ourselves, and to take up our cross, in the name of the Gospel.

Tony.



Please keep in your prayers:

Helga & Terry, Trewby & Rosie, Anne Connolly-Munt, Allan King, Lynne & Eddie, Gus Holgate-Simpson, Jocelyn, Amanda, Brendon Kidd, Carol, Paul Brom, Jan W, 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: 5 Sept to 11 Sept

Tues. 6 Sept	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Christ the King	9.00 am
Sun 11 Sept	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Christ the King St Paul's Kaiwaka	9.00 am 9.00 am

Next week

Readings

Next Week 11 September:

**OT Reading: Exod 32: 7-14
Psalm 51:1-10
Gospel Reading: Luke 15: 1-10**

MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS

Priest in Charge: Position currently vacant
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Pew News

**St Paul's, Kaiwaka
4 September 2022**

**God never gives up on us
Readings:**

OT: Deut 30: 15-20
Gospel: Luke 14:25-33



SCRIPTURE SENTENCE:

“I place before you Life and Death, Blessing and Curse.
Choose life so that you and your children will live!”

Deut 30: 19

COLLECT:

**God of gentleness,
you give up all to be with us; enable us to love, obey, and hold fast
to you alone, so that we may complete what we have started, built
on the foundation of Jesus Christ, who is alive with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

PRAYER CYCLE:

In our Diocese, we pray for the Parish of St Heliers, the Parish of Kohimarama, the Co-operating Parish of Glen Innes, the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia Partner Province: the Church of Melanesia. In our mission district we pray for Worship Leaders, Liturgists and Musicians at Sunday services, Bible readers and intercessors, sound and technology operators. In our community we pray for all churches, their ministers and elders, and their people.

**Office Hours: Friday 8am-12 noon
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