### WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

We welcome this morning, Archdeacon Jonathan Gale who will be offering Communion. We hope you find God's presence in the service today. Please join us for refreshments following the service.

## Helpers for Mini-Market—22 October.

We will need helpers for the mini-market, setting up tables, selling between 9am and 12 noon, then packing up afterwards. Donations can be brought to the church Friday morning 21st October, and on Saturday morning. If you can help, please talk to Anne Dowson, Jo Sarah, Fay Burnett or Lindsay McCaw.

All helpers will be very much welcomed, as will any items to be offered for sale this Saturday. Thank you all.

There is a poster on the notice board in the CTK lunchroom advertising for a new mum or dad (or both), for Darling, Debonair, Dashing, Dexter whose mum has just died. He is 12 years old, a good mouser and lap sitter. More details can be found in the lunchroom. But if you can help this dear man, please contact Belinda van Essen, on 027 222 2926. If I wasn't feeding 9 strays on my back deck, I'd take him home with me today!!!!

The new Singing Group, which is open to all, continues with practise on Tuesday, 1.pm at St Paul's church. A variety of music will be sung. The roup is non-auditioned, nor a church initiative.



# Jonathan's Word

In Paul's second letter to Timothy, he says, "do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully." The evangelism is the Good News (the Gospel) and we Anglicans have not been very good at declaring it. We have fallen into a number of traps: either we have confused good news with good advice, or we have been stuck in a narrow understanding of the Gospel that was shaped by the Reformation's strong reaction to the sale of Indulgences and other corruptions within the church in the early sixteenth century.

Good News in the Gospels was mainly associated with the arrival of the Messiah (the Christ) and the launch of the Kingdom of God. This is why Paul says, "in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message." The Kingdom encompasses the renewal of creation, the fulfilment of God's covenant promises - essentially the re-establishment of God's loving rule on earth. Jesus' death on the cross and individual salvation, as important as they are, are but part of the Good News, and a secondary part at that. It is primarily about God's greater purposes on earth, and secondly about our individual wellbeing. When we narrow things down to its being about me escaping the consequences of sin, we get a poor picture of both ourselves (wonderful creatures made in God's image) and of God, who gets cast into the mould of an angry God, whose solution is to send his innocent Son to the gallows. Jesus was crucified, and it was effective in ridding us of the power of sin, but it was not the main course.

Another reluctance to share the Good News lies in pride. We are largely ignorant of how to do so, and socially embarrassed at the idea of doing so. Much easier to focus on being benevolent people. So it's 'what' and 'how.' These are two good things to come to grips with, and we might be surprised as to how life-giving they are when we do so, both for hearers and for speakers.

Jonathan Gale

Archdeacon, Northern Region and Ministry Unit Consultation

#### Please keep in your prayers:

Helga & Terry, Trewby & Rosie, Anne Connolly-Munt, Allan King, Lynne & Eddie, Gus Holgate-Simpson, Jocelyn, Amanda, Brendon Kidd, Nigel & Carol, Paul Brom, Jan W, Judith and Jonathan. Neville and Anne Dowson. Margaret Haverfiled.

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: 17 Oct to 23 Oct

| Sun  | 16 Oct | Holy Communion | Christ the King    | 9.00 am |
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| Sun  | 16 Oct | Family Service | St. Paul's Kaiwaka | 9.00 am |
| Tues | 18 Oct | Rythm & Riggle | Christ the King    | 9.00 am |



Readings Next Week 23 October: Acts 15: 12-22 Matt 13: 53-58

#### **MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS**

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Do you proclaim His word every day?

## Readings

2 Timothy 3:14-17, 4:1-5 Luke 18:1-8

## SCRIPTURE SENTENCE:

Lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 121: 1-2

# COLLECT:

Holy One, nameless, you stay with us; even when we wrestle in the darkness may we never lose heart until your justice is fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one

# PRAYER CYCLE:

In our Diocese, we pray for the Parish of Howick, the Whitford Mission Venture, the Asian Mission District, the Parish of Pakuranga, the Cooperating Parish of Bucklands Beach and the Seasons Grief and Loss Programme. In our community we pray for Sunday children's ministry and Rhythm 'n' Riggle. In our community we pray for all schools, colleges and places of learning.

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