

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

We welcome Archdeacon Jonathan Gale, who will be taking Communion and Baptising young Ernie, also Ernie's parent's Damon and Simone,.

Please join us for refreshments following the service.

Many happy returns to Harvey on the his birthday today.

Harvey Smith

18th December



Christmas Services:

December Services

18th December 9.00am, Christ the King
18th December 7.30pm, Carols at St Paul's
24th December 7.00pm, Carols at St Michael's

25 December 9.00am Communion Service at Christ the King
Rev. Tony Stroobant to conduct ,

25 December 10.00am Family Service at St Paul's, Kaiwaka

1st January 2023 Communion only at Christ the King
1st January 2023 No service at St Paul's, Kaiwaka

Help - Volunteers Needed!

It's time to make up a new cleaning roster for Christ the King for 2023. Some of our lovely cleaning team have moved away, and we are looking for volunteers to replace them. If you can spare half an hour every two-three months to help vacuum or clean, please contact Fay - 431-2449, or Hilary in the office, 431-4122. Many thanks, Fay

Gifts for the Children

Please leave under tree, or in office with Hilary

Jonathan's Word

. Today we welcome Damon and Simone, who present Ernie for baptism, along with Ernie's god-parents, Emma and Ryan. Ernie, we welcome you into the church, the family of God!
Baptism is about marking, amongst other things, the beginning of a new journey. Our reading from Matthew's Gospel speaks of something new too, the arrival of God in our midst in Jesus, after a long build-up. For centuries (in fact millennia) God had promised to visit earth in the form of the Messiah, his chosen instrument to launch the Kingdom of God on earth. No wonder Luke describes excited angels announcing this huge occasion. It has been long in the making.
Matthew takes a different tack altogether. He describes gentleman Joseph, quietly concerned to protect Mary's reputation, focused on doing the right thing. Joseph is a strong, quiet figure, a background person, compassionate, gentle and patient.
The section just before our reading today contains the whakapapa of Jesus. His line is not only old, but he is prophesied about as well. Lengthy engagement with the concept is important. It lends authenticity. I was once confronted by three fellows when on my mountain bike at Woodhill forest one Monday morning. They were posing as forestry workers but were actually poachers checking snares. Both my father and grandfather were foresters and I soon saw through them. It helped that that they had the boundaries of the bike park wrong.
Interestingly, when I mentioned I had been riding at Woodhill for 26 years their whole demeanor changed. Simply the fact that I had been engaged with the area for a long time meant something to these scallywags.
Ernie has set out on a journey today, and it is only as those who care for him provide the right guidance over a long period of time, that he will become like the Jesus he has allied himself to today. Christians need to be consistent in their example in word and deed to young Ernie in the course of his life. Decisions might be instant, but qualities are built into our lives over a long period of time.
May God grant us all consistency and stickability in the journey of life. It may take time, but just as Jesus came "in the fulness of time," he will eventually return when the time is right and renew heaven and earth in a glorious entity. In the meantime it is up to us to stay the course.

Archdeacon Jonathan Gale



Please keep in your prayers:

Kevin, 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. Margaret Haverfield,

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: 19 Dec to 25 Dec

Sun	18 Dec	Carols by Candlelight	St Paul's, Kaiwaka	7.30 pm
Sat	24 Dec	Carol's at	St Michaels , Hakaru	7.00 pm

Next week

Readings
Next Week : 25 December

Isaiah 9:2-7
Luke 2: 1-14

MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS

Priest in Charge: Position currently vacant
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Pew News

**Christ the King, Mangawhai
18 December 2022**

**4th Sunday in Advent
A Liturgy of Thanksgiving and Praise**

Readings:

Romans 1: 1-7

Matthew 1: 18-25



SCRIPTURE SENTENCE:

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us. Matthew 1:23

COLLECT

God of all hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome, that your Son Jesus Christ at his coming may find in us a dwelling prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen

PRAYER CYCLE:

In our Diocese, we pray for the Mission District of Albany-Greenhithe, Massey University of Albany Campus, the Parish of Northcote, the Mission District of Glenfield, the Parish of Birkenhead and the Parish of Birkdale-Beachhaven. 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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Christ the King Mangawhai, St Michael & All Angels Hakaru, St Paul's Kaiwaka