

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

We welcome John McLean who will be preaching and offering Holy Communion this morning.

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

We offer very best wishes for their upcoming birthdays to

Margaret Whittaker
Kevin Thomlinson

5th December
7th December

Christmas church dates:

December Services

18th December 7.30pm, Carols at St Paul's
24th December 7.00pm, Carols at St Michael's
25th December 9.00am Family Service at Christ the King
Rev. Tony Stroobant to conduct ,

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

Mangawhai Singers Choral Concert at Mangawhai Museum

Friday 9th December at 7.30 pm
Saturday 10th December at 7.30 pm

Gifts for the Children

As always, we would very much appreciate gifts for children to put under the tree. As you know, we collect gifts for those children who are less fortunate and all offerings will bring a little extra happiness for a child this Christmas. Please can you also be sure to put a small tag with boy or girl and age on each gift please.

Also, can you put gifts beneath the Christmas Tree in the church, or, if you prefer, leave n the office with Hilary.

Tony's Word

. Why the Waiting?

Today is the second Sunday in Advent, and once again we are people in waiting.

In a world that so often says "Go for it!" and "Hurry up!", Advent invites us to understand with new patience that very difficult state of being- waiting.

Advent declares that waiting is not necessarily a waste of time and that, in waiting, all manner of miraculous things might be happening, quietly, gently, secretly and unseen.

The waiting season of Advent affirms that just about everything worthwhile needs incubation, and that almost nothing worthwhile happens without preparation.

There is story after story in the Bible- Abraham and Sarah, Jacob and Rachel, Moses- where something momentous ends up happening, and in which God appears to be involved, but which seems to happen *later*, rather than sooner. It is a timetable that is not familiar, and often difficult to understand.

Nevertheless, we must wait.

We must wait as did a special mother, carrying a special child in her womb, could only wait for the right time to come, and the right place, for her child to be born.

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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: 5 Dec to 11 Dec

Sun	11 Dec	Family Service	Christ the King	9.00 am
Tues	13 Dec	Rhythm & Riggle	Christ the King	9.00 am

Next week

Readings
Next Week : 11 December
Isaiah 35: 1-10
Psalm 146
Matthew 11:2-11

MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS

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Pew News

**St Paul's Kawiwaka
4 December 2022**

**2nd Sunday in Advent
A Liturgy of Thanksgiving and Praise
John the Baptist**

**Readings:
Isaiah 11: 1-10
Matthew 3: 1-12**



SCRIPTURE SENTENCE:

[John said] "I baptise you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. *Mtt 3:11*

COLLECT

Almighty God, you sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your son. Grant that we who proclaim your word may be guided into the ways of justice and peace that we may stand with confidence when Christ comes again in his glorious kingdom. Amen.

PRAYER CYCLE:

In our Diocese, we pray for the Archdeaconry of Tamaki, the Parish of Onehunga, the Parish of Royal Oak and the Parish of Hillsborough. In our Mission District we pray for 'Support Services', eg lawn mowers, gardeners, those who work around the grounds, cleaners, flower arrangers, 'odd job' helpers. In our community we pray for doctors and nurses, St John, medical centres and the Fire Service..

**Office Hours: Friday 8am-12 noon
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Christ the King Mangawhai, St Michael & All Angels Hakaru, St Paul's Kaiwaka