

## WELCOME TO CHURCH AT CHRIST THE KING

We welcome Bernard Chivers who will be preaching today.  
We hope you find God's presence in his service this morning.

Please join us for refreshments following the service.

### **Birthdays**

Bernard Chivers	22nd April
Bronwyn Emson	25th April
Margaret Anne Garbett	29th April

**Tuesday PRAYER MEETINGS are on hold for a week or two, due to Archdeacon Jonathan's bout of sickness and his other commitments in and out of the area. We will let you know in Pew News when he will be available again. Thank you all for your patience. Hilary**

### **Volunteers Needed**

To lay out tables in the lounge each Sunday morning before church.  
Please let Jo or Hilary know if you can help. Thank you

Thank you all for contacting the office with bookings for our churches, St Paul's, St Michael's and Christ the King. This is much appreciated, Hilary  
Our details are admin@mangawhaianglican.co.nz, or phone, 09 431-4122

### **Lovely message update from Fay**

Hope all is going well in Mangawhai, and the weather is being kind. We have been in our new home over a week now, and gradually getting things into order. A lot of unpacking done, the washing machine attached, and the tv finally going tonight. I found a lovely church to attend here, St Andrew's Anglican.

## **Bernard's Word**

In two days', time New Zealanders and Australians will be remembering with gratitude and respect the sacrifice of life by thousands of young people given in battles for freedom from oppression by extreme individuals or regimes.

In the history of humankind there seems to have been an almost inevitable persistence in the need for some to exert dominance over others and a not surprising response from those "others" to resist. Hardly ever has the "conflict" been resolved by starting and pursuing negotiation . . . resort to such coming only after the slaughter. Fighting seems to have been always the answer, and those best able to fight have been the young. Consequently, the fields of history are littered with the battered and lifeless bodies of the young together with their potential, their dreams and their hopes.

Today, in our so-called enlightened societies we still find demagogues willing to plunge their own populations and those whom they wish to subjugate into horrendous and horrible slaughter. With modern warfare techniques all suffer; those in the front line and those who see their loved ones depart and then live in fear, with despair and prayer alternating in their minds. The dire effects spread far beyond the battlefield.

As Christians we have Christ's words acknowledging we may have enemies, but he doesn't advocate violence against them. By implication his advocacy is to work towards changing the relationship from enmity to friendship. Loving your enemy can surely only anticipate that closeness.

As the 25<sup>th</sup> of April approaches, arrives and passes can we all pray to the Lord for sense, decency and caring to prevail in international relationships. May our prayers be for peace and understanding, not conflict and antagonism.

Bernard



**Please keep in your prayers:**

Kevin, Helga & Terry, Trewby & Rosie, Lynne & Eddie, Gus Holgate-Simpson, Jocelyn, Amanda, Brendon Kidd, Nigel, Paul Brom, Jan W, Judith and Jonathan. Margaret Haverfield, Lindsay, Jim Wintle, Daniel Twinn, Nathan Sarah, Sandie, Phillip.

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](mailto:mangawhaichristking@xtra.co.nz)

**Next week**

**Sun 30th Apr Communion Service St Michael's 9.00 am**

**Next week**

**Readings**

**30th April**

**Acts 2: 42-47  
John 10: 1-10**

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# Pew News

**Christ the King, Mangawhai  
23 April 2023**

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

**Readings:**

**Acts 2: 14, 36-41  
Ps 116: 1-4, 12-19  
Luke 24: 13-35**



**SCRIPTURE SENTENCE**

" Gracious is the Lord and righteous. Our God is merciful."  
(Psalm 116: 4 )

**COLLECT**

Jesus, we believe you; all we heard is true. you break the bread, we recognise you, you are the fire that burns within us; use us to light the world. Hear this prayer for your love's sake.

**Amen**

**PRAYER CYCLE:**

In our Diocese, we pray for the Parish of Bay of Islands, the Mission District of Kerikeri, the Local Shared Ministry Unit of Kawakawa/Towai/Paihia; the Local Shared Ministry Unit of Russell, the Parish of Waimate North, Mangonui Mission District and Te Tai Tokerau: Whangaroa Pastorate. In our Mission District we pray for 'Support services, - eg lawnmowers, 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—12noon**

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**Christ the King Mangawhai, St Michael & all Angels Hakaru, St Pauls Kaiwaka.**