

WELCOME TO CHURCH AT St Michael's

We welcome Rev. Dr. Tony Stroobant who will be offering Holy Communion today.

We hope you find God's presence in his service this morning.

Please join us for shared lunch following the service.

Our condolences to John McLean and family on the death of his daughter, Tina .

We remember the family in our prayers.

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 photo from Fay. Who's coming to Oxford for a visit??



St Francis's Word

It is well known that St Francis of Assisi owned nothing, and had a sweet smile. People loved him for his holiness, his joyfulness, his poverty and his sweet, sweet smile. One day he and one of his Brothers met a wealthy man on the road, who was wearing a splendid cloak. Francis smiled sweetly at him and said, "Could I borrow that cloak?" Seeing that Francis wore only a very patched tunic and a pair of sorry-looking britches, the man took his cloak off and offered it to Francis. He was very happy to help the holy man of God. "Is that for me?" said Francis. The man, a little puzzled, said, "Yes, you may borrow it." "Oh," said Francis, "I shall accept this only on condition that you never expect it back." The wealthy man begged Francis to accept the cloak. Then Francis blessed him, and the two Brothers went on their way, joyfully singing praises to God.

After a while, Brother John said to Francis, "Father Francis, what are you doing with that cloak? It is against the Rule of our Order to own anything." Francis said, "I'm going to give it to the first poor person we meet." But the next person they met was a farmer, carrying two lambs over his shoulder, bound and ready for sale. When Francis heard the bleating of the lambs, his heart was touched. "Why are you torturing my brother lambs, binding and hanging them this way?" "I'm taking them to market to sell them, since I need the money," replied the farmer. "What will happen to them?" asked Francis. "Whoever buys them will kill them and eat them," said the farmer. "No no no," cried the holy man of God, "This must not happen! I will buy these lambs!" "Father Francis," whispered Brother John, "We have no money; our Rule forbids it." Francis paused, then smiled. "Here, take this cloak as payment and give me the lambs." The farmer readily agreed, for the cloak was of considerable value. Brother John drew Francis aside and said, "Father Francis, there is still a problem: you no longer have a cloak but you now own two lambs!" Francis humbly begged his brother's advice, then turned to the farmer and said, "I give these lambs back to you if you promise never to sell them or allow harm to come to them, but promise to preserve, nourish and guide them carefully." The farmer promised and went on his way with his two lambs and his splendid cloak. The Brothers went on their way, joyfully singing praises to God, and owning nothing.

About a year later, a traveller came by and delivered to Francis a large parcel from the farmer. It was a beautiful lambswool cloak, soft and warm, and very finely made. Francis was delighted. He hugged it to himself, and called his Brothers to come and admire it. He caught Brother John's eye and smiled his sweet, sweet smile and said, "Come Brother John, we must go and find someone to give this to." And they went on their way, joyfully singing praises to God, and owning nothing.

From the Franciscan tradition and edited by Bronwyn Emson tssf.



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

Next week

Sun 7th May	Communion Service	Christ the King	9.00 am
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Tues 11th May	Rhythm & Riggle	Christ the King	9.30 am

Next week

Readings

7th May

Acts 7: 55-60
John 14: 1-14

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Pew News

Christ the King, Mangawhai
30 April 2023

Shepherding Sunday

Readings:

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



SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

[Jesus said] "I came that all may have life, and have it more abundantly."
John 10:10

COLLECT

Good shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold; feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us that we may be with you, with the Father and he Holy Spirit, where you reign one God

PRAYER CYCLE:

In our Diocese, we pray for the Parish of St. Paul Symonds Street, Parish of St. Matthew in the City, Mission Venture of St. Augustine, Parish of Ponsonby, Mission to Seafarers, Auckland, Disability Community, Te Tai Tokerau Auckland, Anglican Maori Mission, University of Auckland and Auckland University of Technology. In our Mission District we pray for "Social Gatherings", Pastoral Care, Wardens and Governing Body. In our community we pray for Renewal and Revival: that God's Spirit would move to heal and transform.

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