

**WELCOME TO CHURCH AT CHRIST THE KING**

We welcome Rev. Dr. Tony Stroobant who will be preaching today.  
We hope you find God's presence in his service this morning.

**Birthdays**

<b>Margaret Haverfield</b>	<b>18th June</b>
<b>Sue Hamilton-Wallace</b>	<b>20th June</b>

**Note forwarded from Eileen.**

If any of you were planning to catch up with Jonathan this week, he will not be here as his niece has had a car accident in the Waikato, and Jonathan and Faith are her only family so he is going down there. Please keep them all in your prayers. Thank you very much.

**Prayerful Consideration**

Just a gentle reminder. On entering the church, please be respectful of others who may wish to sit quietly in prayer or contemplation before our service commences. If you do wish to greet someone or share some news, could this be done very quietly please, so as not to disturb others.

**Church Rosters**

If you are on either the Worship Roster, Cleaning Roster, or Flower Roster, could you please be aware of when you are required. We are very grateful to all those who volunteer their services, but it makes it easier for the Liturgists and others, if they don't have to ring around reminding people. If you are doing a reading you just need to check with the Liturgist which reading you are doing and that the reading hasn't been changed since the roster went out.

I grew up in the mist and trees. My father was a forester until I was sixteen years old. My friend Patrick (we were one of the few Anglican families in the area) lived twelve miles away on a cattle farm on the cusp of what was known as thorn-veld country: dry, hot, dusty and expansive. It was natural country, changed only by the occasional water trough or fence. Very different from the much manipulated world of forestry where only riverine areas contained thick natural bush. My first exposure to the world Patrick lived in was a revelation. It contained the occasional small forestry block, but only as a means of growing fire-wood. The sense of vast space was amazing, and beautiful.

This all reminds me of the Good News of the Kingdom of God. It contains, but is so much larger than, the message of salvation from sin. It involves every kind of activity (including the renewal of creation) that God might embark upon to reverse the effects of sin and recapture, as it were, the earth. We get a reminder of this in our Gospel reading from Matthew this morning. Jesus tells the disciples that **'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'** It reminds me of the fact that the harvest isn't magically there. There has been a preparation of many years. This implies the Old Testament was not a failed experiment. God doesn't do failure. All was a preparation for a Messiah who was inaugurating a wonderful Kingdom. We were always in God's mind. When the time was right God sent his Son. I find that all so beautiful and expansive. The future is exciting because God isn't limited to rescuing us from sin. The entire universe is going to be filled with God's presence and the goodness that comes with it, and at the centre of it all is Jesus! What is our response? We have a job to do and hopefully we are gearing up to be harvesters! Perhaps we can give what that means some serious thought.

For a few new perspectives on the Gospel reading, go to this link <https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/gospel-conversations/>



**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, Joss.

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 admin@mangawhaianglican.co.nz

**Next week**

<b>Thurs 22nd June</b>	<b>Rhythm &amp; Riggle</b>	<b>Christ the King</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
<b>Sun 25th June</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Christ the King</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>

**Next week**

**Readings**

**Rom 6: 1b-11**

**Matt 10: 24-39**

**MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS**

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# Pew News

**Christ the King, Mangawhai  
18th June 2023**

**Readings**

**Gen 18: 1-15, 21:1-7**

**Matt 9: 35—10: 8**



**SCRIPTURE SENTENCE**

**I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard me cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. Psalm 116: 1**

**COLLECT**

**Almighty God, by your grace alone we are accepted and called to your service; strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and empower our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

**PRAYER CYCLE:**

**In our Diocese we pray for our Bishop, for our Archdeacon, for the Churches in Albany, Greenhithe, Northcote, Birkenhead, Beachdale, Beachaven, the Chaplaincy at the Massey University Campus in Albany and for the Church Army. In our Mission District we pray for our Wardens, Lindsay and Jo as they lead us through this time of preparation. For Churches overseas our prayers are asked for congregations in Jerusalem and the Middle East. In our local community we pray for those who provide our water and who dispose of it after use.**

**Office Hours : Friday 8am—12noon**

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