

WELCOME TO CHURCH AT CHRIST THE KING

We welcome Archdeacon Jonathan Gale who will be offering Holy Communion today.

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

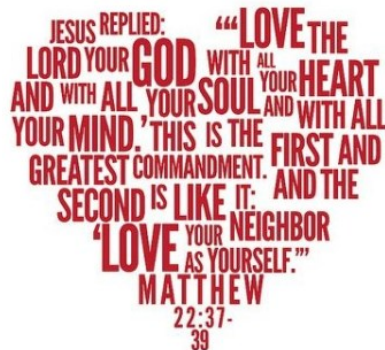
Prayerful Consideration

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.

New Cleaning Roster for July is on notice board in lounge



This morning's reading from St Paul's letter to the church in Rome (Rom 6: 1b – 11) is about the effectiveness of baptism – or at least living out our baptism. It touches on a central issue in living the Christian life. How do we deal with the 'old nature,' that unredeemed part of us that is stubbornly independent of God?

In one sense it is about ignoring it. The old song "Feed the good dog, starve the bad dog," applies. But what undergirds this? What power is available to us as we try to live constructive lives? How do we avoid what has been depicted by one wag in the words, "The trouble is when the old nature knocks on the coffin lid, we go along to see what it wants?"

The deceptively simple answer lies in Verse 11 of our reading. More of that in the sermon.

In the Gospel reading from Matthew (Matt 10: 24 – 39) Jesus makes some pretty clearcut and challenging demands on the Christian disciple. Do you think you can live up to these demands if you've not learnt to deal with the old nature? Give a little thought to how you personally might be assailed by the old nature.

There is a second part to Paul's commentary and that has to do with living in the power of the resurrection life of Christ. If being plunged under the water in baptism is a symbol of burial, being pulled up out of the water symbolises resurrection.

How do we practically live in the power of Christ's resurrection and all that implies? Again, the key is found in Verse 11 of the letter to the Romans. This verse is key – and so is faith. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Anything that is not of faith is sin. Really!? Who said that? Paul did. The context of his saying that is not critical to our understanding of faith, but it highlights one thing: faith is vital to living the Christian life. More of that in the sermon which I've entitled, "How to make God smile."



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

Thurs 29th June	Rhythm & Riggle	Christ the King	9.30 am
Sun 2nd July	Holy Communion	Christ the King	9.00 am
Sun 2nd July	Family Prayers	St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00 am

Next week

Readings 2nd July

Gen 22: 1-14
Matt 10: 40-42

MISSION DISTRICT CONTACTS

Interim Priest in Charge: Archdeacon Jonathan Gale 0212543791
Priest's Warden: Lindsay McCaw 022 032 6360 09 601 6169
People's Wardens: Jo Sarah 027 2104 166
Office Administrator: Hilary Green - 0274 384 468. 09 431 4122

Assisting Clergy:

Rev John McClean, Rev Dr Tony Stroobant,

Christ the King Church: 9 Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai Village

Postal address: PO Box 58, Mangawhai Village, 0540

Email address: admin@mangawhaianglican.co.nz

Website: www.mangawhaianglican.org.nz

Pew News

Christ the King, Mangawhai
25th June 2023

Harnessing the resurrection life of Christ

Readings

Rom 6: 1b-11
Matt 10: 24-39

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.

Psalm 86: 5

COLLECT

Holy God, grant us the beginning of Wisdom and love to cast out every fear: that we may grow more brave, more ready to hear, more ready to obey; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen

PRAYER CYCLE:

In our Diocese we pray for our Bishop, for our Archdeacon, for the Churches in Kaitaia, Pukenui, Parengarenga, Ahipara, Peria, Rawene, Waiotemarama, Whirinaki, Pakanae, Waimamaku, Kohukohu, Broadwood, Rangi Point and Pawarenga. We pray also for the Community of the Sisters of the Love of God (SLG) at St Isaac's Retreat, Opononi. We pray for our Mission District, for our Wardens, Lindsay and Jo as they lead us through this time of preparation. For Churches overseas our prayers are asked for the Province of Central Africa which includes Zambia, Malawi, Botswana and Zimbabwe.

Office Hours : Friday 8am—12noon

Phone 431-4122 Email: admin@mangawhaianglican.co.nz

Website: www.mangawhaianglican.org.nz

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