

Please keep in your prayers:

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

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.

Next Week

Thurs 27th July	Rhythm & Riggle	Christ the King	9.30am
Sun 30th July	Holy Communion	St Michael's	11.00am
Tues 1st Aug	Prayer Meeting	Christ the King	10.00am

Next Week

Readings 30th July

Gen 29: 15-28

Matt 13: 31-33, 44-52

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Pew News

Christ the King, Mangawhai

Date 23rd July 2023

Readings

Rom: 8: 12-25

Matt 13: 24-30, 36-43



SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God. (Romans 8: 15c – 16)

COLLECT

God of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

PRAYER CYCLE:

In our Diocese we pray for our Bishop, for our Archdeacon, for the Churches in Kerikeri, Towai, Paihia, Kawakawa, Russell, Waimate North, Pakaraka, Okaihau, Mangonui and the Whangaroa Pastorate inn Te Tai Tokerau. In our own Mission District we pray for wisdom to discern how the Spirit is leading us in this time of opportunity.

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Christ the King Mangawhai, St Michael's & All Angels Hakaru, St Pauls Kaiwaka

WELCOME TO CHURCH AT CHRIST THE KING

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

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

Regarding the **Mid-Winter Dinner** to help ease everyone's feelings of discontent with the dreadful weather we have been having, for what seems liked forever!!! We propose holding this at Christ the King lounge on Saturday 29th July, commencing 5.00 – 5.30pm, dining at approximately 6.00 – 6.30pm.

It will be a Pot Luck affair and it would be wonderful if we had some cheeses or things to nibble on before dinner. We can provide a baked ham. This would leave others to bring whatever they like in the way of other meat, vegetables, salads, and desserts. If you would like to enjoy a glass or two of wine, or any other liquid refreshment, this would be BYO

This was Gillian Whitley's wonderful idea, and she has offered to be our point of contact. **Ph: 021 537 356**

For our upcoming prayer meeting on 1st August, Jonathan has asked that you please have a listen to N.T Wright in a short video [How to Pray For the World | Psalm 70:1-2] in preparation for the 1st of August Prayer Meeting

<https://youtu.be/IOTObY7pKwQ>

PHOTOS

A request for everyone from the Governing Body. As Fay is no longer here to offer her expertise, we ask that anyone who can, will take photos of all and any events at church. Email to admin@mangawhaianglican.com

Jonathan's Word

Is Jack taking you to the movies?

I hope so.

What do you mean, you hope so?

If his car problems are sorted we might head off to see the latest Guardians of the Galaxy.

So he's agreed as long as he has transport?

No. I'll ask him later. He'll probably agree.

That sounds like wishful thinking and is often the way we use the word, 'hope.'

We're not sure, but we'll take some steps to try and make it happen. "Hope" is commonly used to mean a wish, like the hope that it won't rain: its strength is the strength of the person's desire. But in the Bible hope is the confident expectation of what God has promised and its strength is in God's faithfulness. We may not see the fulfilment, not even in the distance, but we trust it will come about because we trust what God has said.

St Paul tells the church in Rome,

²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. (Romans 8: 24 – 25)

To have Christian hope is a wonderful thing, because the fulfilment of that hope is as sure as day follows night.

Psalm 130 is one of my favourites.

⁵ I wait for the LORD; my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

⁶ my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

The patient waiting we read of in Scripture is not inactivity, like a predator lying in wait. It is the force that motivates us with joy to get on with God's work. For me there is a simple mountain biking analogy: if you want the thrilling downhill run, you need to pedal to the top of the hill. The effort is certainly worth it!