#### Please keep in your prayers:

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

### **Next Week**

9.00am Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Sept **Morning Prayer** Christ the King Thurs 14th Sept Rhythm n Riggle **Christ the King** 9.30am Sun 17th Sept **Holy Communion** St Paul's. Kaiwaka 9.00am

**Next Week** 

Readings 17<sup>th</sup> September

Exod 14:19-31 Matt 18:21-35

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# Pew News

# Christ the King, Mangawhai 10th September 2023

Theme: When Forgiveness is not Enough

Readings Rom 13: 8 - 14 Ps 149

Matt18:15-20

# **SCRIPTURE SENTENCE**

So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. (Matthew 5: 23-24)

COLLECT

God of wisdom, whose concern is for all creation, including the thoughts and intents of our hearts, help us so to love you that we might manage our relationships with one another after the pattern of your most holy Son, bringing to them that love he demonstrated on the cross. Grant us all the same wisdom and patience you show to us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

In our Diocese we pray for Bishop Ross, **PRAYER CYCLE:** Archdeacon Jonathan, our clergy, and all our people, the Archdeaconry of Waitemata, Parish of Blockhouse Bay, Cooperating Parish of Lynfield, Parish of Avondale, Parish of New Lynn, Mission District of Glen Eden, Diocese of Nelson, in our wider church, Association of Anglican Women (AAW) Mothers Union.

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#### WELCOME TO CHRIST THE KING

We welcome Marilyn Lees who will be leading Morning Prayer today. We hope you find God's presence in the service this morning.

## Please join us for refreshments following the service

# **Birthdays**

Lynn Ross 12<sup>th</sup> September

Archdeacon Jonathan's next Prayer Meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd October, 10.00am. Jonathan had asked us to prepare for the August meeting by listening to N.T Wright in a short video [How to Pray For the World, Psalm 70:1-2]. The last two meetings were cancelled due to Jonathan being unwell so we will continue on with this at our October meeting.

We wish to advise that Hilary has resigned her position as Office Administrator. We take this opportunity to thank her for her efforts over the past year.

Should you have any notices you wish to have included in the Pew News, could you please email to admin@mangawhaianglican.co.nz.

While we have asked recently for articles to be included in our quarterly magazine. We have decided, due to time constraints, to leave this until the December issue.

## Jonathan's Word

When we exemplify Jesus' love in our dealings, the church can be a truly wonderful place to be, a place that nourishes us with love as we are strengthened and encouraged for the work of our ministries, both within and without our fellowship of believers.

However, living together as Christians can sometimes be difficult. These difficulties can result from two unhelpful extremes. The first would be a luke-warmness in commitment that sees the burden of ministry borne by the willing few. The other (and thank goodness it's not apparent to me in this congregation) is when toxic individuals seek to assert their dissatisfaction upon the workings of the church. Criticism, gossip and a lack of unity spread like a cancer in churches because essentially the they are family organisms, not cold organisations.

Today we consider some advice Jesus gives for dealing with the second difficulty, advice we too often ignore to our peril. However, implementing Jesus' advice requires great wisdom and love.

All blessings,

Jonathan

