

*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, 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](mailto:admin@mangawhaianglican.co.nz)

### Next Week

Sun 8th October Family Prayer Christ the King 9.00am

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#### Readings 8th October

Exodus: 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20  
Matt 21:33-46

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# Pew News

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Theme: Integrity

#### Readings

Phil 2: 1-13  
Matt 21:23-32

#### SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you. (1 Peter 3: 15)

#### COLLECT

God our Saviour, thank you for the consistent example of Jesus, who always put you first, never giving in to the pressures exerted by the powerful and self-centred. Help us so to surrender to you, that we too might live lives that reflect your nature. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

#### PRAYER CYCLE:

In our Diocese we pray for Bishop Ross, Jonathan Gale, Archdeacon, Northern Region, Carole Hughes, Archdeacon, Central Region, Liz Williams, PA to the Bishop Michael Berry, Archdeacon, Southern Region, Sarah Moss, Diocesan Ministry Educator, Sonia Maugham, Diocesan Manager, our clergy and all our, people. Diocesan Chancellor Amanda Mark Bishops' Chaplain for Retired Clergy Rhys Lewis (Maureen) Bishop's Ministry Advisers Bishop's Commissary in England, Jo Kelly-Moore RETIRED BISHOPS OF THE DIOCESE John Paterson, Bishop 1995 – 2010, Richard Randerson, Assistant Bishop 2002 – 07, Bruce Gilberd, Bishop 1985 – 94

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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

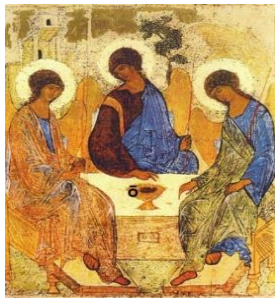
Christine Bygrave 1<sup>st</sup> October

Lorraine Benfield 6<sup>th</sup> October



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.

Should you have any notices you wish to have included in the Pew News, could you please email to [admin@mangawhaianglican.co.nz](mailto:admin@mangawhaianglican.co.nz).



## Jonathan's Word

Integrity has to do with being integrated. When we honestly and naturally find our delight in God, and the outworking of our faith is not a conscious religious addition to what we do, fitted in sometimes inconveniently; then we are some way down the road to being healthy people. Otherwise we are simply doing a duty. That's better than not doing it at all, but there is a much happier way to be, and one that delights God, our fellows and indeed ourselves.

This often means a change of heart and, paradoxically, a giving up of everything we hold dear, to God. It's a paradox because often God gives these things back to us, only enhanced. Or he gives us something much better in return.

When our lives become one long prayer, a constant delighting in God's presence, the things God expects of us become, not a task, but the thing that bubbles up inside us. Not that sometimes it's not challenging. But when it is, we know how to lean on God. It's our default position!

Jesus chose the company of prostitutes and tax collectors before the company of the educated and powerful. He did so because he saw their potential for changed hearts, and because he, more than any of us, delighted in sharing with them Good News. Good News flows naturally from integrated lives, lives that are caught up in the love of God, in Christ.

**Jonathan**