

*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 1st October	Holy Communion	Christ the King	9.00am
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Rhythm n Riggle	Christ the King	9.30am
Sun 1st October	Holy Communion	St Paul's, Kaiwaka	9.00am

### Next Week

#### Readings 1<sup>st</sup> October

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

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# Pew News

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**Christ the King, Mangawhai**  
**24th September 2023**

**Theme: The Grace of God**

#### Readings

Phil 1:21-30

Matt 20:1-16

#### SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2: 8 – 9)

#### COLLECT

Merciful God, you gave your only Son to be both a sacrifice for sin and an example for godly life; help us gladly to receive all that has been done for us and follow in his footsteps; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

#### PRAYER CYCLE:

In our Diocese we pray for Bishop Ross, Archdeacon Jonathan Gale, our clergy and all our people. Mission District of Bream Bay, Mark Henrickson, Priest in Charge. Local Clergy: Jacky Ancliffe, Vivien Goldsmith, Annette Herbert Tutukaka Coast Community Church. CLERGY WITH PERMISSION TO OFFICIATE, David Williams, Boyd Wilson, John Wilson (Maureen), John Zimmerman. IN OUR WIDER CHURCH Anglican Missions Board Diocesan Committee for Overseas Mission Church Missionary Society Church Army in New Zealand.

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## WELCOME TO CHRIST THE KING

**We welcome Archdeacon Jonathan who will be leading Holy Communion today.**

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

**Please join us for refreshments following the service**

### **Birthdays**

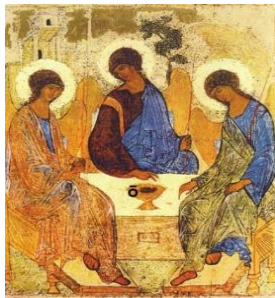
Sylvia Money	25 <sup>th</sup> September
Neville Dowson	25 <sup>th</sup> September
Mary Hargreaves	25 <sup>th</sup> September
Sara McAuley	30 <sup>th</sup> September



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.

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).

We are looking for someone, (this would preferably be someone from our congregation or St Paul's congregation), who would be able to spend some time in our church office. We envisage this would only need a couple of hours a week. If you are interested, please see Lindsay McCaw or Jo Sarah.



## Jonathan's Word

Can you remember, as a child, coming across someone who just seemed to like you? Not because you had done anything for them. You just found this person clearly was fond of you and shows it by their constant positive attitude towards you. If you can remember such a person, you are blessed indeed. It's not uncommon with small children. They can be quite delightful.

However, it is very seldom that somebody takes a shine (as they used to say) to someone who is obnoxious. Normally we are attracted towards people who are attractive. It's almost as though people are nice to nice people. It's as though they are rewarding them, perhaps subliminally, for their pleasantness. You could almost say that the pleasant person earns positive affirmation by being pleasant.

Adults often use this positive reinforcement to encourage good behaviour. It works powerfully because children are vulnerable and associate people being nice to them with safety, especially if it is an adult showing positive regard.

God doesn't work like that. God gives positive affirmation as a matter of principle. And God manages to do that without confusing us about performance. In other words, it takes quite a bit of built-in performance anxiety to misunderstand God's intentions when we experience his positive affirmation. He never manipulates us. We don't need to earn God's love.

What we're speaking about, of course, is grace. That should be a word that fills us with joy and a sense of flourishing like few words do. It is the essence of the Good News – or at least that part of the Good News that we can apply individually to ourselves. I wonder if you can find the good news in our Gospel reading today. Happy hunting!