

Pew News MP

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

Next Week

Sun 15th October	Holy Communion	Christ the King	9.00am
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Thur 12th October	Rhythm'n'Riggle	Christ the King.	9.30am

Next Week

Readings 15th October
Exodus 32 :1-14
Matt 22 : 1-14

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Christ the King, Mangawhai
8th October 2023

Theme: In faith, God always has the last word.

Readings

Exodus 20: 1-4,7-9,12-20

Matt 21: 33-46

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read the scriptures? 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it was amazing in our eyes.'" Matthew 21: 42

COLLECT

Merciful God, in Christ you make all things new; transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

PRAYER CYCLE:

In our Diocese we pray for Bishop Ross and Archdeacon Jonathan Gale, Archdeaconry of Tamaki— Parish of St Heliers-Matthew Griffiths, Parish of Kohimarama- Stephen Baxter, Co-operating Parish of Glen Innes- Joel Carpenter and Hinemoa Carpenter. The Church and people of the nine dioceses in Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and New Caledonia. In Our Wider Church and Community—Conservation groups and Climate Change Action groups, Community Gardens and New Sustainable Technologies. Clergy with permission to officiate—Liz Farads, Trevor Fisher, Neil Fuge

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

WELCOME TO CHRIST THE KING

We welcome Lindsay 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.



Notices

The position for a new priest is being advertised this coming week by the Auckland Diocese. We would ask that you keep in your prayers a positive outcome and that this role be filled soon.

There will be a Governing Body meeting this Tuesday at Christ the King, 1.00pm.

NB Rhythm'n'Riggle is starting again on Thursday at 9.30

Should you have any notices you wish to have included in the Pew News, could you please email to 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.



Tony's Word

This morning's first lesson from the book of Exodus includes *The Ten Commandments*.

I pick number four!

At first glance, it's perhaps the least exciting of them all: "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy." It's not really as fizzy as idolatry, murder, adultery or theft, but I think actually more relevant to most of us on our journey of faith than some of the other commandments.

To recollect, *The Ten Commandments* were given during Israel's flight from slavery under the Pharaoh in Egypt. And they left Egypt for one main reason: to be free to worship their God on the holy mountain. Keeping the Sabbath was to be an important reminder, for all time, that they lived no longer in Pharaoh's world, where they were expected to produce more and more bricks with less and less straw, seven days a week.

By the power and grace of God, they no longer lived as victims in a slave economy, but as free people in God's world.

Now, as then, the main thing the Sabbath signifies is that we too are no longer slaves, working harder and harder, producing more and more, feeding the twin idols of success and security. We also who were once no people are now the people of God, where for one day a week at least- the Sabbath- we take an increasingly unfashionable break from all the busy "making" and "doing", the striving and achieving, of the rest of the week to clear room, to make space, to worship God in freedom and in truth.

"Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy," says the Lord.

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