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Christ the King, Mangawhai
3rd December 2023

Theme: Stay alert! Be ready for the coming of the Messiah!

Readings
Isaiah 64: 1-9
Mark 13: 24-37

What's on 4th -10th December

Thur 7th Dec	Rhythm'n'Riggle	Christ the King	9.30am
Sun 10th Dec.	Morning Prayer	Christ the King	9.00am

READINGS

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Psalms 146

Mark 1: 1-8

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SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

[Jesus said] "What I say to you I say to all: Keep awake!"

COLLECT

God of hope, when Christ your Son appears may he not find us asleep or idle, but active in his service, and ready, through the same Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

PRAYER CYCLE

In our diocese we pray for Bishop Ross and Archdeacon Jonathan Gale.

Archdeaconry of Auckland - Parish of Mt Eden- Scott

Malcolm, Vicar, Fred Brunell, Priest Assistant. Telugu Mission District- St Barnabas, Mt Eden- Pramoda Rao, Priest in Charge. Asian Mission District- Agnes Chan Ho(Siu-Kit) Priest and Minister in Charge. Parish of Grey Linn- St Columba, Tongan Anglican Mission- Brent Swann, Vicar, Tuitalu Hoeft, Priest Assistant, Lopini'Inia, Priest Assistant. Mission District of Waiheke Island-St. Andrew Onetangi- Sarah West, Priest in Charge. Great Barrier Island, St John, Medlands Beach. Priest licensed to the Archdeacon-Jeremy Younger. Te Pihopatanga O Aotearoa- Bishop Te Kiohi Pikaahu; Bishop Ngarahu Katene; Bishop Don Tamihere; Bishop Waitohiariki Quayle: Bishop Richard Wallace. Clergy with Permission to Officiate- Nancy Barnard-Starr, Lilian Barrett, Ann Batten, Don Battley, Ken Bennett, Ellen Bernstein, Colleen Binns, Judith Binns, Richard Binns.

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

WELCOME TO CHRIST THE KING

We welcome Rev. Dr. Tony Stroobant who will be leading Morning Prayer.

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

☕ Please join us for a refreshment after the service. ☕

BIRTHDAYS

Margaret Whitaker 5th December

Kevin Tomlinson 7th December

NOTICES

Heartiest congratulations to Rev John McClean on the 40th anniversary of his Ordination. We are so lucky to have John as part of our Mission District.

The next Prayer Meeting will be on Tuesday 5th December.

Ann Dowson has kindly offered to put up and decorate our Christmas tree at Christ the King. Traditionally we purchase a small gift to be placed under the tree, for the less fortunate children in our area. Could you please wrap and note on the wrapping whether it is for a boy or girl and the age group?

Our Christmas morning tea which was to be held last Tuesday, will now be held after our morning service on Sunday 17th December. Please bring a small plate of food to be shared.

The Combined Churches Carol Service will be held at Christ the King on the evening of 10th December at 7.00pm. This has not been held for the last 3 years due to Covid, but we decided to hold this event once again this year. We hope you will all come along as it is a very enjoyable evening.

On Christmas Eve we will be holding our traditional Carol Service at St Michael's, Valley Road, Hakaru at 7.00pm. Again, everyone is welcome.

Thank you to all those who came and worked so industriously at the St Michael's working bee last Monday. All the headstones and surrounding concrete were treated to make them look just like new again and most of the graves were weed eaten around and sprayed with Roundup. Ellen did a wonderful job on starting to pull out weeds which were growing out of cracks in some of the concrete grave sites.

Tony's Word

A prayer for the beginning of Advent

Dear God,
We struggle, we grow weary, we grow tired.
We are exhausted, we are distressed, we despair.
We give up, we fall down, we let go.
We cry.
We are empty, we grow calm, we are ready.
We wait quietly.

A small, shy truth arrives.
Arrives from without and within.
Arrives and is born.
Simple, steady, clear.
Like a mirror, like a bell, like a flame.
Like rain in summer.
A precious truth arrives and is born within us.
Within our emptiness.

We accept it, we observe it, we absorb it.
We surrender to our bare truth.
We are nourished, we are changed.
We are blessed.
We rise up.

And for this we give thanks.
Amen.

**Michael Leunig, Australian poet and cartoonist*