

4<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY



**WHANGAREI  
ANGLICAN**  
THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AOTEAROA, NEW ZEALAND AND POLYNESIA

**9.00 am Eucharist – Christ Church, Whangarei**

Presider: *The Reverend Peter Bargh*

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### TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 40: 21 – 31

1 Corinthians: 9 16 – 23

Mark: 1 29 - 39

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**Sentence:** “Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” *Mark 1:38*

**Collect: Healing God, in the touch of Jesus the sick were healed, the chains unbound. Freedom is before us. Set us on a new path of wholeness, deliver us from all that binds us, turn us to embrace that life giving love offered through Jesus Christ, who is alive and lives with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.**

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### **WELCOME TO WHANGAREI ANGLICAN**

*...that is what I came out to do.* Jesus says these words to the disciples about his need to share the Good News (Mark 1:38). Jesus makes his purpose clear. Today, as we hold our AGM, is a chance to think about our purpose as a church.

A question some of you has asked is why it is so early. Part of the answer to this lies in our statutes. There has been, as we noted last year, a change to the AGM requirements, in that we no longer need to approve audited accounts. One requirement that remains, however, is that the AGM be held within 11-13 months of the previous AGM. Our hope is that the 2019 AGM will be in early January and then the AGM for 2020 can be held in early December (2019) so that eventually, the vestry we elect have, effectively, a full calendar year to work together.

We are responsible today for electing our vestry and People's Warden, members of our congregation who have responsibility for carrying through a sense of continuity of leadership within Whangarei Anglican as we go through, what we hope will be, the last significant period of transition for a good, long while. We will be hearing today about much of what has gone on over the last year, as we consider reports submitted. So, let us consider what we would like to be hearing about come the 2019 AGM, a dose of what I hope is prayer-filled, helpful speculation:

In January, 2019 we find ourselves giving thanks for 2018. We give thanks for the functional sound, lighting and projection systems that we are now used to. We give thanks for our comfortable chairs and the variety of different layouts of the church we have experienced. We give thanks for the blessing our two new ministers have been to us, and the great work they have inspired us to undertake, revitalising our worship and helping to connect us with the wider community in meaningful ways. We give thanks to God for these good things. Amen.

As much as we give thanks to God for what is: may we also look forward expectantly, with hope, to what shall be for us, and participate in bringing it about.

## **WHAT'S ON TODAY**

**AGM:** Our Annual General Meeting is on in Christ Church, Regent, today, at 11am. Come along to discuss reports, elect a People's Warden and vestry representatives, and get a sense of where things are heading for 2018.

## **FOR THE DIARY**

**MARDI GRAS:** Come along and enjoy a wonderful time on the afternoon of Shrove Tuesday, 13 February, as we celebrate Mardi Gras in a great festive spirit on the forecourt at Christ Church. *Mardi Gras* means Fat Tuesday and is traditionally the last feasting opportunity before the more austere and penitential season of Lent. From 4:30-8pm there will be food stalls, music, and different activities in what will be a great late summer occasion. If you are interested in contributing or finding out more, please contact Cherry Daly, on 021 779 040.

**MESSY CHURCH:** The Messy Year kicks off with a picnic at Whangaumu at 3pm next Sunday afternoon, 11 February. This picnic, which should be a great family afternoon out, marks the resumption of our regular Sunday afternoon or evening services. Messy Church is normally on the first Sunday of the month but is pushed back a week due to Waitangi weekend.

**CANDLELIT:** Later in the evening next Sunday, 11 February, will be our Candlelit Service. This contemplative service begins at 8pm in the Selwyn Chapel in Christ Church. You are welcome to stay for a quiet port and conversation after the service.

**SELWYN CENTRE:** On Monday, 12 February, from 9.30am, Selwyn Centre resumes for the year by gathering in the Parish Hall/Lounge. The morning begins with morning tea followed by gentle exercise (not compulsory). A cooked lunch will follow. Cost is \$8.00 per person. Contact Eric, 435 5997, for more information.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** The joint Anglican-Roman Catholic observance of Ash Wednesday takes place at Christ Church at 7pm on Wednesday, 14 February. Do come along to observe the beginning of Lent in fellowship with our Roman Catholic sisters and brothers in the faith. This is a traditional service of the word which includes the imposition of ashes.

## **WHANGAREI ANGLICAN NEWS**

**GARDEN:** If anybody has any flowering plants or ideas for improving the gardens around Christ Church, please let Cherry know. We give thanks to the Soul Food volunteers who have tidied the garden on the Kamo Road side of the church.

**RETIREMENT:** Congratulations to Margaret Hoyle as she begins retired life! Margaret has served as the Office Administrator at the Red Cross for 9 years.

**EASTER STUDIES:** In place of a Lenten study series, we will undertake a program from Easter through until Pentecost this year, instead. For a taste of the flavour of that, and to understand a little of why, check out the website [resurrection.nz](http://resurrection.nz)

If you are interested in gathering for an informal Lenten discussion, then please come along at 9am on Tuesday (or 8:30am for Morning Prayer), to share in a hot drink and discussion in the Quiet Room.

**OFFICE HOURS:** The office will be closed on Tuesday, due to Waitangi Day. From Lent, the office will be open on Wednesdays and Fridays only. The church will be open on Tuesday mornings for Morning Prayer at 8:30am and for a discussion over a cup of tea afterwards, however, and you are welcome to come along then.

**PARISH APPOINTMENTS PROCESS:** The nominators have met with Bishop Jim to shortlist candidates; interviews are expected to follow on 17 February. A reminder, too, that if you would like to look at information about the process as well as the roles people have applied for please go to the diocesan website: <http://www.auckanglican.org.nz/latest-news/ministry-opportunities/priest-in-charge-parish-of-whangarei>. Please continue to pray for those who all who have applied, those who have been shortlisted and those who have not, as well as for our nominators – Catherine, Cherry and Paul – and bishops who will be involved with the decision-making. We invite you to conclude your prayers with this communal collect:

*Gracious God, you have always been faithful to your people in Whangarei, inspiring Anglicans to form communities, committees and buildings; may your Holy Spirit keep us grateful for what was, mindful of what is, and aware of what is needed to faithfully be your people these days and into the future – may we look through the windshield and not at the rear-view mirror; this we ask through Jesus Christ our Mediator. Amen.*

### **FOR OUR PRAYERS**

**In the Worldwide Church**, we pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby as well as Bishop Emmanuel Sokowamju Egbunu in the Diocese of Lokoja (Nigeria); Bishop Paul Yugusuki in the Diocese of Lomega (Sudan), Bishop Robert Wickham, London (England).

**Our Anglican Church**, we pray for our Archbishops Philip and Winston. In our Auckland Diocese, we pray for Bishops Ross and Jim, and for Bishop Kito. We pray for the mission and ministries in the parishes of St Mark, Remuera (Tony Surman, Vicar); St Aidan, Remuera (Glen Ashworth, Vicar), St George, Epsom (Josh Jones and Gareth Walters, Co-Vicars); as well as for the work of the Diocesan Social Justice Working Group and the Anglican Care Council.

**In our World**, we pray that you may lead us, Comforting God, in these times of uncertainty and change, in discerning true and righteous ways forward together, not for ourselves, but for all the people of this world.

**In our Community**, we pray for all those involved in education – the students, teachers, principals, Boards of Trustees, early childhood staff, bus drivers and the ancillary staff as the new term commences. May they all embrace the year with enthusiasm, joy and vision.

**We Keep in Our Prayers** Max; Deborah; Ngaire; Kirsty; Carla; Sue; Barbara; Helen; Ruth & David; Yolanda; Margaret; Jeda; Jenny; Colin; Marjory; Hazel; Pauline; Win & John; Peter; Rita; Joy; and, John.

**We Pray for Those Who Have Died:** We remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they, and all the departed faithful, rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them.

**Community Prayer Chain:** If you know of any person in need of prayer through sickness or any other reason, please call Rosemary Blackwell so that their name can be included in our prayers. Her number is (09) 434 6630.

**Pastoral Care Coordinator:** If you know of any members of our community who are unwell, unable to make it to church or have been admitted to hospital, please contact Julianna Marshall, (09) 437 2988 and she will arrange a visit/home communion.

## SUNDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2018

9.00 am	Eucharist – Christ Church, Whangarei
2.00pm	Messy Church Picnic – Whangaumu
8.00 pm	“Candlelit,” A Contemplative Service – Selwyn Chapel, Christ Church, Whangarei

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Readings, Sunday 11 February 2018

2 Kings 5:1–14      1 Corinthians 9:24–27      Mark 1:40–45

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### REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICES

#### CHRIST CHURCH, WHANGAREI

Eucharist – Every Sunday, 9am

Messy Church – First Sunday, 4pm

“Candlelit” - A Contemplative Service – Second Sunday, 8pm

Evensong – Fourth Sunday (See Newsletters for location), 5pm

#### ALL SAINTS, MAUNGAKARAMEA

Eucharist – Second Saturday, 5pm

#### MIDWEEK SERVICES IN SELWYN CHAPEL, CHRIST CHURCH

Morning Prayer – Tuesday, 8:30am

Eucharist – Wednesday, 12:15pm

BCP Litany and Holy Communion – Friday, 10:15am

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