

ANGLICAN PARISH OF KAPITI

22 NOVEMBER 2020

Welcome to worship this morning. Today is the Sunday before Advent, a day we celebrate Christ as King and a Sunday also known as Stir-Up Sunday in the life of the church. Stir Up Sunday is part of our preparation for the season of Advent and hails from the collect for this day from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer

"Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen".

In the days when Christmas Pudding mixtures needed to stand for several weeks before consumption, the collect served as a reminder to start stirring up the pudding for Christmas!

Whilst puddings are less common in the heat of a New Zealand Christmas, the need for us to be stirred up out of our pre-Christmas daze and wake up to prepare ourselves once more to receive Jesus at his coming still remains. In many ways the reading for the last three weeks have been doing just that! they have not been comfortable readings at all... and the discomfort continues today with more stirring readings.

From the promise of God's rescue and care as a good shepherd whose care is marked out by justice, to the beautiful encouragement of Ephesians for us to look to Christ, risen, ascended and reigning in glory, to Matthew's picture of judgement, the great sorting based on the way we have treated other people and thus Christ. We who serve the King of kings should be rocked and disturbed as we consider that the kind of reign this King has is one of love and justice and he expects the same actions of us. It is confrontational. Jesus is a king like no other. His kingdom and reign is at odds with the symbols and trappings of this world. We are called to live in the reality of His kingdom, but that in itself requires continual conversion.

Let's allow the Spirit to stir us up to the demands of this King and his Kingdom as we look to the celebration of his coming amongst us again.

Julie

A special welcome to all who are visiting with us today.

We are family, we are disciples, we care for the last, the lost and the least.

Readings	22 November	29 November
First Testament	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Isaiah 64:1-9
Epistle	Ephesians 1:15-23	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel	Matthew 25:31-46	Mark 13:24-37

Sentence and Collect for the Day

Sentence: The Lord, he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, the sheep of his land. (Ps 95:7)

Collect: Good shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold; feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us that we may be with you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Lectionary Readings for Sunday 22 November 2020

Christ the King—Red

Psalms 95:1-7a A call to sing with joyful praise to the Lord, for He is a great God and a great King above all Gods.

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Ezekiel, called to be the Lord's prophet to Israel in exile in 593BC, has proclaimed the failure of her leaders to shepherd His people. The Lord now promises to seek out His lost people, restore them and nurture them, and will set up one shepherd from the line of David to be their Prince.

Ephesians 1:15-23 The author prays for the faithful, that we may receive wisdom and revelation to know the full measure of God's power and hope for us. That power raised Jesus from the dead, setting him above all earthly rulers and authorities, to bring all things under His reign in the fullness of time.

Matthew 25:31-46 The parable of the sheep and the goats gives emphasis to the second great commandment – 'to love our neighbours'. Our treatment of the poor and dispossessed reflects our attitude to the Lord himself, and only those who show love and compassion will inherit His kingdom.

Chris Durrant

Parish Daily Prayer Services are offered both morning and evening. You can join this prayer group by using the Zoom links below:

- **Morning Prayer:** 8am Mon to Fri

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/703543297?pwd=VlVVeEUvWHA0Qzc2KzJFaDhTYnZsdz09>

- or use meeting ID is 703 543 297. Password: 6NpsHP

Evening Prayer <https://movementonline.org.nz/evening-prayer>

Monday—Saturday at 9pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 211-936-7784 Password: *prayers*

Notices

Twilight Christmas Fair

Mark your dairies now for our annual Twilight Christmas Fair **Friday**

4th December 5-7pm

Start collecting items to donate.

There will be crafts preserves, sweets, cakes and biscuits, plants, Christmas gifts, a re-gifting table and Hot Food.

As with the Food Fair earlier in the year we will put out an order form for pre-ordering meals for the freezer.

Volunteers to help on the day, and to make items and dishes for the fair are most welcome. **Contact the office.**

Also needed Angels for the Christmas Twilight Fair display—Contact Barbara Bonifant

LOVED4LIFETM

The LOVED4LIFE team will hold their last meeting for the year this Tuesday afternoon. If you would like to know more about 'what we do' please give Jill a call or text 0272936230, come to the meeting and it may be something that will be new for you for 2021. Let's forget 2020 and make some fresh starts, possibly in new directions.

Prayers and Squares

Barbara will be in her sewing room on Wednesday 25 November 10.15am – 12 and again Thursday 26 November from 1.30pm. Please come along and find out what this group is about. For more info phone Barbara 905 3301

Games Afternoon

The next Games Afternoon is Wednesday 25th November 2-4pm
Koha for afternoon tea

Supporting Families In Our Community With Christmas Food

This year we have been asked to help supplement food parcels for families in need. Suggested food items are written on tags, attached to a Christmas tree wall decoration, hung at church.

- Please remove the tag with the items you would like to donate.
- Return the tag and the items you are donating by Sunday 6th December

Celtic-Advent Prayer.

Christmas is coming fast isn't it! Therefore, we will suspend the Celtic Series till early next year, beginning with a "Celtic-style Creation Celebration Liturgy" for the combined service at Queen Elizabeth Park on the Sunday after Christmas – December 27th. Celtic Series will begin again in the new year. Meanwhile we invite you to a short Advent Retreat from 1-3pm Sunday 6th December at St Paul's, so we can have space sharing our journeys to the crib and contemplating the immensity of the gift of love in the incarnation. Hope you can join us – let me know if you can come. Lynda

New Wine 2021

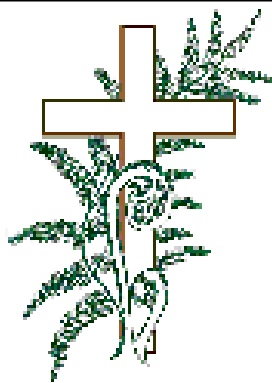
Get your early bird registration for New Wine 2021—21-25 January at Kapiti College. A great opportunity to meet people from other parishes, listen and worship together.

<https://newwine.org.nz/summer-festivals-2/kapiti/>

Mini-Ultreya:

13 December: St Paul's: 2.00-5.00 p.m.

We have all missed the hugs & singing this year, so please make an effort to join together in joy to celebrate the advent of our Lord. There will be a Witness Talk, a Gospel Response and lots of carols. We also welcome all others who wish to join us to celebrate. There will be a cuppa and a bite beforehand to get us oiled ready to pray and sing!



Te Hahi Volunteer Training

There will be volunteer training Saturday 28 November 9.30am—1.30pm at the Waikanae Baptist Church.

Please note that you must sign up as a volunteer first through the Te Hahi website www.tehahi.org.nz

Advanced Notice

Parish **AGM** part 1 Reports and Budget Sunday 29 November 11am at St Paul's following a 9.30am combined congregations worship. Note: No other morning service on this Sunday

Marksman Dinner

(Men's friendship and fellowship group)
All men welcome.

Monthly meeting in St Paul's Parish Hall
Monday 23 November 6.30pm

Meal and a drink \$15 each.

Contact Stephen Oatley 0210581094



PARISH PRAYER CHAIN: Contact **Marion Henderson** via email on: marionhenderson@xtra.co.nz or phone 905 1171

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