



WARKWORTH ANGLICAN PARISH

WARKWORTH MATAKANA LEIGH KAIPARA FLATS SNELLS BEACH

In Touch'

22nd September, 2019

Today's services: **8.00am & 9.30am** Christ Church, Warkworth (HC);
 9.30am St Leonard's, Matakana (HC);
 4.00pm Christ Church, Choral Evensong
 (with St Andrew's Epsom Choir).

Sentence & Collect:

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone."

1 Timothy 2:1

**God our true wealth;
may we be faithful in things both small and great,
and serve the needy and the poor,
so that finally we can be entrusted with your true riches;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Welcome to our visitors

If you are visiting today, hello and welcome! Please relax and feel free to take part in the service as you are comfortable. Children are very welcome too (noisy ones included) and at the back of our churches in Warkworth and Matakana there is an area set aside for kids' activity (if they need it!). We know that there can be a lot to take in so if you have any questions, please ask. You can also go to our website or email the Office for more info.

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From the Vicar

A poet once wrote, “I blinked my eyes and in an instant, decades had passed.” It is not so much decades for me as Rugby World Cups. I am certain that it has been less than four years since the previous tournament and yet I find that it is upon us once again.

I promise to try and avoid too many rugby-themed sermons over the next few weeks. But I cannot help reflecting on when New Zealand hosted the competition back in 2011. At the time I was working in Auckland in a downtown office virtually across the road from the Queen’s Wharf “party central”. Game days were a sight to behold as the streets were flooded with people and awash in a sea of black.

I remember meeting up with some friends in town on the day of the final. Again the streets were a great mass of humanity but at the same time there was this very special sense of a common bond. Though strangers, we were all sharing in the same event and there was something wonderful in that. The old trope that “rugby unites us” has been terribly overused. But I wonder if we say it because the times and places where we gather and experience something as a community are so few and far between.

Often on a Sunday I will say how good it is to be gathered in God’s house, in God’s presence, with God’s people. And it is. Christianity was never meant to be a solitary, private or individual thing. We are urged to encourage one another (1 Thess 5:11), bear one another’s burdens (Gal 6:2) and love one another (John 13:34) - things we can only do in community. It is the same with our worship. There is something profound about praying and lifting up our voices together, something more that comes when our worship is shared. It helps to build us both in our faith and as a faith community. As our liturgy reminds us, it also helps to unite us not only with Christ but with all the faithful who have gone before us. What a joy and privilege it is then to be able to worship with you all.

Last Sunday some of the team at St Alban’s, Kaipara Flats ran the first of their Sunday Crafts initiative. There was a wonderful turn out of 12 kids and their families planting seeds and learning about the parable of the sower. Well done and great thanks to Katie Mitchell, Alice Sullivan and others for getting this new initiative up and running so well.

Peter

Prayer Chain

If you wish to place a request for prayer, for yourself or others on the prayer chain, please ring Mary Starr - 09 425 5664. All prayers are confidential.

Choir Concert and Choral Evensong - today!

We are privileged to be hosting the St Andrew's Epsom Church Choir today (22nd Sept). They will be performing a concert at **2:00pm in Christ Church** (tickets by donation at the door - \$10 each or \$5 for seniors) and later joining us for **Choral Evensong at 4:00pm** for those who wish to attend. Proceeds from the concert will be given to the Warkworth Christian Foodbank. Please invite your friends and neighbours.

Indaba - Parish exchange

Next Sunday (**29 September**), at the 9.30am service at Christ Church, Warkworth, we will be welcoming visitors from our neighbouring parishes of St Chad's Orewa and St Stephen's Whangaparaoa. Even if you do not normally attend this service, I invite you to come along to help welcome our guests and share in our combined worship as an Anglican family.

Kowhai Festival Tombola - Gifts, treats, jams and more

Thank you so much for all your lovely donations for the Tombola stand! The collection is looking great. Please don't stop now :-)

Tembo's Roar

Our own Iain Gow has written a wonderful book called *Tembo's Roar*. I see a number of you have picked up a copy last week. They will be available for purchase again at Church this week.

Iain is kindly donating some of the proceeds to the Parish. Please remember to drop him an email when you have paid him (if done online).

Full Gospel Business Men's Breakfast

At Warkworth Golf Club, **Sat 28th Sept - 7:00am**, speaker Frank Rigg (a 94yr old retired Methodist minister) shares his experiences. His life reveals the beauty of daring to follow God's ways. (See poster on notice board.)

The week ahead:

Sun	22 Sept	11.00am	St Leonard's meeting - Mat
Mon	23 Sept	9.30am	Selwyn Centre, Parish Lounge - WW
Tues	24 Sept	9.30am	Rhythm & Riggle, Parish Lounge - WW
		2:30pm	Summerset Falls Service (HC)
		7:30pm	Vestry Meeting, Parish Lounge - WW
Wed	25 Sept	10.00am	Holy Communion, Christ Church - WW
Fri	27 Sept	8.30am	Christian Meditation, Christ Church - WW

Readings for 29th Sept:

Gen 28:1-17 or Rev 12:7-12a; Ps 103:19-22; Rev 12:7-12 or Heb 1:5-14; John 1:47-51

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