

# Anglican Diocese of Auckland

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# PARISH PROFILE

### The Mission District of Mangawhai

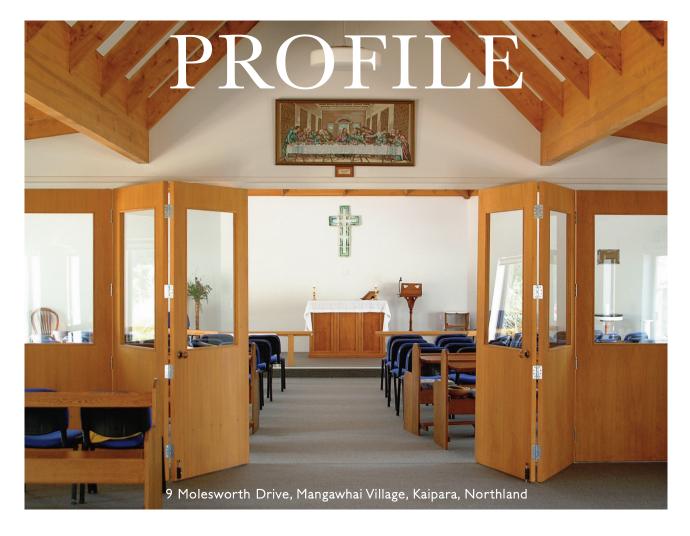
Incorporating

Christ the King, Mangawhai

St.Michael's and All Angels, Hakaru

St. Paul's, Kaiwaka





**Our Mission Statement** 

To awaken and nurture Spiritual growth, so that, empowered by Christ within us, we actively respond to the needs of the Community "God cares, we care"

Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia Te Hahi Mihinare ki Aotearoa ki Niu Tireni, ki Nga Moutere o Te Moana Nui a Kiwa

### Welcome to the Anglican Mangawhai Mission District

#### **Our Mission**

Our parish is a caring, tolerant and friendly community of faith. We offer a variety of services throughout the year and we maximise the varied physical spaces within our church to create different experiences to appeal to a wide range of parishioners. Our Vicar will share leadership with small teams of lay people and non-stipendiary clergy, who represent a cross section of our community. Variety in worship and music is enjoyed within an Anglican context and, while we value tradition, we seek to provide relevant worship for the society of today



#### Our history of Christ The King Mangawhai

In the early days Mangawhai had no Anglican church. Services were held at other churches in the district. In 1957 the old Mangawhai school building, which was no longer in use, was purchased and was renovated by local people. It became the Church of Christ the King and served the community well over the years. In 2010 it was decided to build a new building. This was made possible by several large financial gifts from individual parishioners, the sale of land at Mangawhai Heads, a gift from the Parish of Wellsford of insurance money from the church at Tauhoa, after the church there was destroyed by fire, and fundraising and donations from parishioners. The design of the church was adapted from plans of the Paparoa church by Dave Stewart of Mangawhai Draughting and Design and it was built by Trigg Construction of Ruakaka.

The building was completed in December 2012. On 23rd December 2012 a service was held by Bishop Jim White to deconsecrate the old building, which was later removed to Mangawhai Historic Village, and to bless the new church ready for our first services at Christmas. The building was consecrated by Bishop Jim on Christ the King Sunday, 24th November 2013. The church is constructed of sandstone coloured bricks with a coloursteel roof and has a light and modern interior. Folding wooden doors separate the nave from an attached lounge and kitchen, office and toilets. Adjacent to the building is a large carpark and the grounds are landscaped. The church is situated at 9 Molesworth Drive in Mangawhai Village elevated on a slight rise above a busy road and is very visible to the public.

#### St. Paul's - Kaiwaka

The church was built in the 1930s and extended in 1962. It is situated in the centre of Kaiwaka village next to the primary school. Seating 60 -80. there is also a hall with toilets and a kitchen adjacent. Services are offered on the first and third Sundays of each month, with approximately half of our members also worshipping at Mangawhai on the other Sundays. The population of Kaiwaka is growing and so (we pray) will the church. Already half of our group are long-term locals while the other half have moved to Kaiwaka within the last twelve or so years.



St. Paul's - Kaiwaka

The first Sunday of each month is normally a Eucharist service as we have a non-stipendiary priest in the congregation. With a rich history, our group is a lively mix of denominational backgrounds.

We are a small group but include members with leadership and preaching abilities. Our annual Carol service is well attended by the community and we are long-term supporters of the Kaiwaka Food Bank. We have been flexible with service times, welcome a wide range of music and keep abreast of technology. We have a solid understanding of pastoral needs and try our best to support each other. We are serious about our faith, but need the focus and challenge that a gifted and skilled pastoral leader can bring.

#### St. Michael's and All Angels Church and Cemetery

St. Michaels and All Angels Church is a lovely Historic Church (137 years old) situated in an idyllic setting at 61 Valley Road in rural Hakaru, adjacent to the Cemetery. This is approximately halfway between Kaiwaka and Mangawhai. The Cemetery has been in existence since 1863 the first Burial being an infant child and the latest being in 2022.

The first (original) church was donated to Hukatere, which is in the Ruawai District and the existing church was built in 1886. This was consecrated by the then Bishop of Auckland, Bishop Cowie on 1 April 1887. The Church can seat 80 people comfortably and we have a service on the 5th Sunday of the month when this occurs. It is traditional to hold a Carol Service each year on Christmas Eve. Given St Michael's and All Angels idyllic setting, it is a popular place for weddings. Burials and interment of ashes still take place.



St. Michaels and All Angels Church - Hakaru

#### The Vicarage

The vicarage is situated at 8 Matuku Place in the Vista Verana subdivision in Mangawhai Village within easy reach of the church. The house is constructed of light coloured bricks and has a colour steel tile roof. It has three bedrooms, lounge, dining room and kitchen, office, bathroom and toilet and an



The Vicarage

attached garage with a laundry in it. There is a heat pump in the main living area. The section is fully fenced. The house has a covered outdoor patio and is surrounded by a pleasant garden. As there is no priest in charge at the present time the house is rented out.

#### **Our Core Values**

We are proud that our parish offers:

- Continuity as an Anglican faith community
- Openness, inclusiveness and celebration of a variety of people and ideas
- An environment for all ages including children and youth
- A range of worship services
- A balance of worship times for our rural and urban parishioners
- Support and friendship to our parish family
- A versatile and peaceful worship space for religious and community use
- Loving pastoral care
- Ecumenical relationships and Inter-Church Council involvement
- A committed core group, willing to share their diverse talents
- Caring and loving people (Inspired by John 13: 35)
- An outward look towards and involvement with the community
- Heritage buildings, much admired by tourists, visitors and our parish family
- A safe and welcoming environment for seniors in our community
- Participation in Foodbank Feeding the poor
- A welcome and embrace of all ethnicities
- Small group study and prayer

#### **Our People**

There are 186 parishioners on the Parish roll, with about 60 being regular worshippers or involved with parish life.

We are fortunate to have:

- Two Assistant non-stipendiary Priests
- Organists Christ the King/St Michael's 1, St Pauls 1.
- 2 Guitarists Christ the King 1, St Pauls 1
- 8 on the Welcome team Lay ministry team
- 8 readers
- 5 liturgists
- 5 on the intercession team
- 4 morning tea hosts
- 5 servers

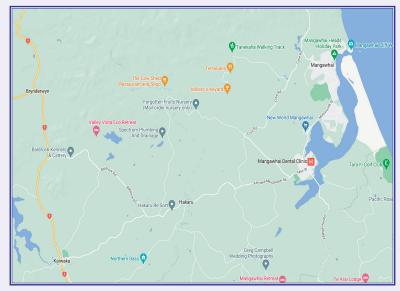
In addition, there are those who do the housebound Communions, and serve on the Governing Body.

#### The Parish Boundaries

The Anglican Mangawhai Mission District extends from Mangawhai on the East Coast to Kaiwaka.

#### Website

Our website: www.mangawhaianglican.org.nz is updated weekly.



#### Mangawhai Location and Amenities

Mangawhai is situated on the east coast of the North Island about 50 minutes south of Whangarei 70 minutes north of Auckland. In-land, west of the coast, comprises rolling fields largely used for farming, but also incorporating boutique vineyards, olive groves along with avocado orchards, and a strawberry farm. Early set-tlers around the mid 1800's were mainly involved in kauri felling gumdigging and farming.

Mangawhai includes a lovely estuary as well as a surf beach for the more adventurous swimmers and surfers. Mangawhai also boast MAZ (Mangawhai Activity Zone), which has been under development for the last 7 years. It has been built by volunteers and funded by donations from members of the community proving what a strong community spirit Mangawhai has. MAZ includes a world standard, hosting Mangawhai Bowl Jam each year, with competitors attending from all over NZ. It also has a wonderful playground for children of all ages.

You'll find cafes, craft shops and other interesting retail opportunities. Mangawhai has a tavern, a motor camp, backpackers as well as two Christian motor camps. The Mangawhai Museum has an interesting collection of artefacts, and exhibits about various families who originally helped settle the area. The museum/pioneer village also boasts the hull of the Daring which was recently recovered from the sand dunes on the west coast, between Murawai and South Head. Mangawhai is a very popular holiday destination, especially over the summer months, with many families escaping the increasingly busy Auckland.

#### Population

Mangawhai has an estimated population of 4000 (2022) permanent residents but is the most rapidly growing area in New Zealand and our demographics are changing as people move out of Auckland, choosing the less congested life-style in Mangawhai. The population is expected to expand by more than 20,000 people over the next two decades. Many people commute to Auckland for work, daily.

There are many clubs, societies and support groups operating in Mangawhai, catering for most of the community's sporting, cultural and youth needs. There's a golf club and bowls club. Football is held at the domain during the winter months. We have a Rotary Club, Zonta and a small picture theatre operates in the pioneer village, next to the museum. We have a rapidly growing primary school, which has a kindergarten attached. Along with this we have some four other preschool facilities. There are secondary schools at Wellsford, (Rodney College) and Maungaturoto, (Otamatea High School).

Well underway is the new centre, known as Mangawhai Central, situated between Mangawhai Village and Mangawhai Heads. This new centre will provide homes for a further 2,500 people and already boasts a new Bunnings Hardware and New World supermarket, with further retail outlets to follow.

### *Our parish life is rich and full and currently includes:* **Worship**

- Sunday service with Eucharist, 9.00am at Christ the King, Mangawhai
- Sunday service, Morning Prayer, 9.00am, at Christ the King, Mangawhai, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays (at the present time while we don't have a full time priest).
- Sunday service with Eucharist, 10.00am, 1st Sunday of the month at St Paul's, Kaiwaka
- Sunday service Morning Prayer, 10.00am, 3rd Sunday of the month at St Paul's, Kaiwaka
- Sunday service with Eucharist, 11.00am, 5th Sunday of the month (when this occurs) at St Michael's and all Angels, Hakaru. (No service at Christ the King, Mangawhai on this Sunday).

#### Fellowship and Small Groups

- Bible study (weekly)
- Ministry Team Training
- Quiz nights/afternoons with shared meal
- Fundraising
- Fairs/Galas
- Annual Calendar

#### Ministry to the Elderly

Home Communion

#### Community

Hall Hire to Community for: Local Garden Club meetings Yoga

#### **Fitness Group**

- Community Involvement
- Housebound visiting

#### How we Relate to and Serve our Community

- A team of parishioners dedicated to home visiting
- Follow up those who drop away.
- Availability and aspiration to connect with schools
- Priorities and Challenges

#### Goals for the Future

- Maintain an Anglican faith community in the Mangawhai Mission District
- To grow that community in numbers and diversity
- Maintain vibrant, open and inclusive worshipping congregations attending a variety of services which utilise the versatile worship space of our Church
- Keep our church buildings open and well maintained and available to the community for worship.
- Establish Young Wives/Women's group
- Establish a Youth Group
- In our post Covid-l9 environment, to extend our welcome back to Parishioners and our wider community-for worship, to socialise and re-establish Parish working groups

#### Priorities for Mission and Ministry in the next five years

#### Priority - Outreach and Evangelism

- To grow the size and diversity of the congregation by equipping the people of God to share their faith and invite people into a relationship with God
- Establish a "drop in" outreach :

#### **Priority - Focused Attention on Worship**

- Contemporary Anglican Worship variety, including guitar
- More diversity and flexibility in worship use of the data projector to reduce the need for 2, 3 or 4 books
- Grow the number of worshippers, especially younger members.
- Be a place where young people wish to worship.
- Establish a Sunday School

#### Challenges and Opportunities - Areas we would like to explore:

- To develop a Youth Group.
- Grow the number of worshippers.
- Be a place where young people wish to worship.
- Continue engagement with the wider community.
- Increase Parish income.
- Maintain Parish plant and assets.
- Establish a music group.
- Facilitate learning new music-Taize, contemporary, new hymns.
- Focus on hospitality.
- Men's group-social.
- Make the Parish Hall available for hire daily 9am till 2 pm.
- Raise awareness of all we offer-improve communications .
- Run fish & chip evenings targeting families.
- Expand current activities by involving more people a version of sending out the 72 in Luke's

Gospel-learning the art of continuous conversation-becoming a "contagious church."



The old church now a theatre in Mangawhai Historical Village

We are now seeking a Priest-in-Charge We hope that our profile gives you some insight into the life of our community, our vision for the future and the gifts we are looking for in our next Priest.

#### Our New Leader

In our new Priest we are seeking a leader with excellent communication skills that will inspire and encourage members of our faith community to be involved in building up the body of Christ. We are seeking someone who has strong peoplerelationship skills and who will have a passion for strengthening and continuing to nurture relationships within the Parish and the wider community. Worship is a key aspect to our life as a Parish in Mangawhai and Kaiwaka. We are therefore looking for someone who has a heart for both new and traditional expressions of worship that will be meaningful and engage with both parishioners and those seeking this connection within the community.

