

## The Venerable's Corner

Our first service at St Anne's Anglican Church, Hammondville. On behalf of Jesus Christ and our church, The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship, I would like to thank the Moorebank Anglican Parish, Riverside Anglican churches, especially, St Anne's, their parish wardens, parish council and their minister Steve Young and the rest of their ministry team for allowing us to use their beautiful church as a resource to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to not only our Maori community living in outer western Sydney but anyone who chooses or is invited to join us in worship at St Anne's every second month. I want to also thank Shane and Paula Taylor for organising our first service. Paula was a previous treasurer for our church and Shane confirmed his faith in Jesus Christ on November 11<sup>th</sup> 2001 and I had the privilege to marry Shane and Paula on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2004. The theme last week was **The Holy Spirit, the Teacher**. I spoke about the results of loving Jesus Christ and obeying his teachings. That is that God the Father and God the Son will come and make their home with them. Jesus also said in the gospel reading, that the Counsellor, The Holy Spirit, whom God will send in his name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything he has said to you. Once we allow the Holy Spirit to teach us all **THINGS**, then we will be complete. The promise is that the Trinity will make their home with us. What a fabulous theological understanding between God and humanity! There we were in a fantastic church, not because it is a beautiful building but it is the people who belong to St Anne's. It is the people who make a building, a house, a beautiful home! They opened their doors, their hearts and allowed strangers, people they don't even know to fellowship and share in their resources so we can proclaim the gospel to our Maori people in our language and in our traditions. This my brothers and sisters in Christ, is what the Holy Spirit is trying to teach us! Be generous, be kind, be loving and compassionate towards others and the Trinity will come and make their home with you.

## TWT Groups

### NGA KUPU TAPU I ROTO I TE REO

Classes start at 7.30am - 9.30am each Sunday Morning. Kaumatua/Kuia & Rangatahi all welcome. Haere mai! Call Wara **0406-585-575**

### TWT PRAYER GROUP

Contact Christine Adams - **0404-556-563** for more information.

### TWT CHOIR SMAC

Choir practice is every Sunday at 1pm. Call Char Roberts - **0416-135-894** for more information.

### KAHUI WAHINE

Become a FAN of 'Kahui Wahine - Sydney - Church of Te Wairua Tapu' on Facebook. Search for our PAGE and then click the link to 'Become a Fan'.

## Money Matter

Kia ora everyone!!!

If you want to make an automatic payment or a donation, our **Westpac Bank** account details are as follows:

**The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship**

**Number 2 Account**

BSB: 032082

Account Number: **15-5562**

### LAST WEEKS CONTRIBUTION

Church Attendance: 47+14 kids

Communicants: 30

Our Weekly Target is \$2500.

Donations: **\$620.00**

Congregational Giving: **\$213.95**

Total contributions: **\$833.95**

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Sunday 16 May 2010

# CHURCH OF TE WAIRUA TAPU

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### Weekly Quote:

*"Waiting on God requires the willingness to bear uncertainty, to carry within oneself the unanswered question, lifting the heart to God about it whenever it intrudes upon one's thoughts." — Elizabeth Elliot*

### Rarangi:

*I a koe i mea, 'Rapua e koutou toku mata'; ka mea toku ngakau ki a koe, 'ka rapu ahau i tou mata, e te Atua', Kaua tou mata e huna ki ahau. **Waiata 27.8-9***

### Reflection:

*Consider the awesome inheritance which we have as Believers. Heirs through Christ (Gal 4:7). In fact, Joint Heirs with Christ (Rom 8:17). Just the way our heavenly Father loves Jesus, is how He loves us. **AMEN.***

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**ATIRIKONA:** Kaio M. Karipa  
**KAIKARAKIA:** Karauna Waititi

**HYMNS:**

Opening Hymn: **72**  
 Gradual Hymn: **46**  
 Offertory Hymn: **25**  
 Communion: **44**  
 Closing Hymn: **64**

**SENTENCE:**

Lord, you have said, 'Seek my face.' My heart says to you, 'Your face, Lord do I seek.' Do not hide your face from me.  
**Psalm 27.8-9**

**COLLECT:**

Almighty God, who through your great love raised your Son into glory, help us to know we are not alone, to know we dwell in you and you in us, to know that the ascended Lord is with us always, and that your Spirit comes to guide and strengthen us. Lord, as we come before you, grant us a glimpse of your glory; we ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever.  
**Amen**

**1ST READING:**

**Acts 16:16-34**

**Believe in the Lord Jesus**

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would

cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus,

and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church  
**Thanks be to God**

**2ND READING:**

**Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

**Come, Lord Jesus**

'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. 'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.' The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come'. And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. **Amen.**

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**GOSPEL READING:**

**The Holy Gospel According to**

**John 17:20-26**

**Praise and Glory to God**

**May they be one as we are One**

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

This is the Gospel of Christ  
**Praise to Christ the Word**



**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:**

Mary Halbert 12 May 2009

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Ivan Maheno

Nancy Baker

Kereama Wiwarena