



The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship  
**Church of Te Wairua Tapu**

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**SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2011**

**“The Forerunner”**



**PIHOPA:** Robert Forsyth  
**ATIRIKONA:** Kaio Malcolm Karipa

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS:**

Opening Carol	Hark The Herald Angels Sing
Gradual	Kei Roto Te Teparā
Offertory	Joy to the World
Communion	Haere mai ra Koutou
Closing Carol	Arahina

**RARANGI:**

He reo no tetahi e karanga ana, Whakapaia e koutou i te koraha te huarahi o Ihowa, whakatikaia i te titiohea he ara nui mo to tatou Atua. **Īhāia 40:3**

**SENTENCE:**

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. **Isaiah 40:3**

**COLLECT:**

Almighty God, you sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son; grant that those who proclaim your word may so guide our feet into the way of peace, that we may stand with confidence before him when he comes in his glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer. **Amen**

**1 ST READING: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release

and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations

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

**2ND READING: 1Thessalonians**

**5:16, 19-28**

Rejoice always, Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. Beloved, pray for us. Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all of them. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL READING:

**John 1:6-8, 19-28**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord"', as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing

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

## PRAYERFUL PATHWAYS

### We pray for the sick:

Carmen Rupe	Ken Rau
Sam Morunga	Keita Murray
Queenie Connell	Nancy Baker
Michael Madden	Mark Kahui
Dolly Tepania	Lovey Tuhou
Ellen Johnson	

### We Remember:

Robert Bloomfield	10 Dec 2003
Johnny Broughton	6 Dec 2006
Joseph Webber	10 Dec 2006
Robert Hapuku	8 Dec 2007
John Copeley	11 Dec 2007
Tom Pomare	6 Dec 2011

## LAST WEEK

The theme last week was **The Hope of Israel**. "With the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day." How different is God's perspective from ours! How patient God must be! One day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years are like one day. We have one day all marked out in a 24 hour time cycle, which most of our plans are worked into. What time we need to get up, what we need to do throughout the day and then what time we need to get to sleep, completing our 24 hour cycle. Yet God is able to fit a thousand years into one day! That really

the universe. Here we are in our little corner of the universe doing whatever we do, taking care of our business and God is taking care of God's business! The important point from 1 Peter, is that God does not want anyone to perish but for everyone to come to repentance before Christ's second coming. Hence God's great patience! Especially when we have to consider how much we have to do to help others find their way to Christ. Not with the sinners but with the saved! As it stated in the gospel, the beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"'. A story that hasn't changed in over 2 thousand years. The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. A story where John the Baptist appears in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And how people flocked to him and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Yet John knew, even with all the mana he had at his fingertips, he knew there was someone more powerful than him! I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' We pray for our church and our faithful that you give us time to be patient in our ministry and committed to the faith! **Amen**

## LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

TWT attendance	Adults <b>30 &amp; 6</b> Tamariki
Donations	<b>\$250.00</b>
Collection	<b>\$113.85</b>
Direct Debits	<b>\$315.00</b>
Auto Donations	<b>\$127.50</b>
Fundraising	<b>\$0.00</b>
<i>Total Contributions</i>	<b>\$806.35</b>

## FINANCIAL DONATIONS

If you wish 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 No 155562**

## TWT GROUPS

### TWT CHOIR SMAC

Choir practice is every Wednesday night at 7pm.  
Call Char Roberts – **0416-135-894** for more information.

## TE WAIRUA TAPU FACEBOOK

'LIKE' US ON FACEBOOK: Keep up on all the latest by joining our 'Church of Te Wairua Tapu - Poihakena' page. Search on the name and then click the LIKE button. Or click on the link below

[Te Wairua Tapu Facebook](#)

## **NGA KUPU TAPU**

**Nga Kupu Tapu i Roto i Te Reo** hold Maori language classes every Sunday from 7:30am to 9:30am at Te Wairua Tapu. **Contact Wara Heremaia 0406-585-575**

## **KURA RATAPU**

We have a great group of Tamariki and during Advent we are making an Advent Wreath, completing our Christmas Colouring and making Christmas Cards. May this time as we prepare for the " Birth of Jesus" be our time to reconnect, spend- time and appreciate our caregivers, parents and grandparents.

**Contact: Pat Karipa on 0402 685 193**

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## NOTICEBOARD:

<b>Belated Bits</b>	<p><b>Congratulations to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Celeste and Roy Asotasi on the birth of their 7.1 pound son Xayden Ariki Asotasi on 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 2011 at 1.38am</li> </ul> <p><b>Condolences to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Waaka and Bell whanau with the passing of Ivor Tamate (Nuki) Waaka (79). Nuki died at his home in West Pennant Hills, Sydney on Saturday 26 November 2011 from heart failure. Born 29 March 1932 in Whakatane, Aotearoa/New Zealand. Nuki shucked oysters by day, tended bar in the afternoons and was an entertainer by night. Nuki travelled the world with the band he founded, "<b>The Maori Volcanics</b>" and was still entertaining with another of his band's the "<b>Skyliners</b>". Nuki was interred at the Maori Lawn Cemetery, Rookwod Sydney.</li> </ul>
<b>Upcoming Events</b>	<p><b>Sunday 11 December:</b> 10.30am – Bishop Robert Forsyth will be joining us for fellowship and it would be fantastic to see you attend this service. Confirmation Classes: Please contact Archdeacon Karipa on 0424-553-579 for more details if you wish to confirm your faith or you have whanau who want to be confirmed when Bishop Forsyth is with us on Sunday 11 December, please let me know!</p> <p><b>Saturday 24 December:</b> A reminder that we will be holding our Christmas Eve Service at Te Wairua Tapu, which starts at 11.30pm</p> <p><b>Sunday 25 December:</b> There will be a 10.30am Christmas Day Service held at Te Wairua Tapu this year as it falls on a Sunday. The Birth of the Saviour</p> <p><b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012:</b> Happy New Year! Service at 10.30am</p>