



The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship
Church of Te Wairua Tapu Inc.

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SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2011

"A GOD NEAR AT HAND"



ATIRIKONA: Kaio Malcom Karipa

KAIKARAKIA: Kararaina Field

CHRISTMAS CAROLS:

Opening Carol	Joy to The World
Gradual	Kei Roto Te Teparā
Offertory	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Communion	Haere Mai Ra Koutou
Closing Carol	Silent Night

RARANGI:

Maturuturu iho, e nga rangi i runga; kia ringihia mai ano he tika e nga kapua; kia puare te whenua, kia hua te whakaora, kia wana ngatahi te tika; naku, na lhowa, taua mea i hanga. **Ihāia 45:8**

SENTENCE:

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may spring up, and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also; I the Lord have created it. **Isaiah 45:8**

COLLECT:

God of all hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome, that your Son Jesus Christ at his coming may find in us a dwelling prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen**

1ST READING: 2Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.' But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

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

2ND READING: Romans 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the

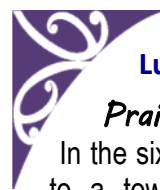
only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen

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LAST WEEK

We were blessed last week with the presence of Bishop Robert Forsyth and wife Margaret with Dr Hone Kaa also finding the time to join us in worship and fellowship. Bishop Forsyth visits us twice a year and it's always fantastic to have him and Margaret come and be with us! It was so appropriate that we had the confirmation of Charn Souter as it fell in line with our theme which was **The Forerunner**. The forerunner being John the Baptised a prophet sent by God to be a witness to testify about Jesus Christ! Bishop shared how important John's testimony was and that was to ensure no one got the message wrong about who was to come. In essence, Jesus Christ was going to be a huge change in direction for those who knew who he was and the impact he was going to make not only on his community and people but on the world! Each time someone confirms and affirms their faith in Jesus Christ is an indication that there is going to be change in one's life, present and future! This change in one's being will also cause one's community to ultimately change! As Dr Hone Kaa stated, "*There is great change ahead*". We continue to look towards Christmas to celebrate and remember the birth of Jesus Christ.



THE HOLY GOSPEL READING:

Luke 1:26-38

Praise and Glory to God

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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

PRAYERFUL PATHWAYS

We pray for the sick:

Ellen Johnson	Ken Rau
Sam Morunga	Dolly Tepania
Queenie Connell	Nancy Baker
Michael Madden	Mark Kahui

We remember:

Brian Doyle	15 Dec 2003
Kingi Rudolph	12 Dec 2004
Jeremy Crean	12 Dec 2005
Joseph Ward	18 Dec 2005
Tere Robson	15 Dec 2006
Ripeka-Mae Manuera	18 Dec 2006
Lorraine Bullivani	16 Dec 2007
Kaitiaki Cherrington	14 Dec 2007
Glenn Mills	15 Dec 2009
Carmen Rupe	15 Dec 2011

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

TWT attendance	43 Adults & 12 Tamariki
Donations	\$570.00
Collection	\$355.95
Direct Debits	\$657.50
Auto Donations	\$117.50
Fundraising	\$0.00
Total Contributions	\$1,700.95

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

MANUHIRI

TE KAHUI MANA RIRIKI

Last Sunday, Dr Hone Kaa, (Chair) and Anton Blank (Director) of Te Kahui Mana Ririki, spoke about reassessing and rectifying our parenting skills and attitudes in our whanau and community. Dr Kaa quoted "We need to create and action a new way of thinking about tamariki".

Te Kahui Mana Ririki is a children's advocacy group, they research, provide educational programs and are well known in challenging for the rights of our tamariki.

They have developed a six-step model for Māori whanau, which incorporates Maori values and techniques for parenting without hitting.

Archdeacon Karipa joined our guests in attending the AbSec Conference "Change for our Children".

Ririki is lifted from a famous Ngati Porou haka and means 'young ones'. We use the term to describe Maori children and young people. Unlike the more commonly-used word tamariki, ririki is not gender specific.



TWT GROUPS

TWT CHOIR SMAC

Choir for 2012 , Call Char Roberts

0416-135-894 for more information.

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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 on **0406-585-575**

KURA RATAPU

3rd Week of Advent

Congratulations to Charn Souter on his Confirmation, during Charn's excellent responses, questions were being asked by our tamariki. What's he doing? Why is he doing it? Simply, when you were baptized your parents and godparents took on the responsibility of teaching you Faith values from the Bible, learning the Lord's Prayer, attending Church, and as you reach your early teens, you now take responsibility for your own Faith and in accepting this you attend classes to re-affirm your commitment before being confirmed at one of our Sunday Services, whereby, Bishop Forsyth or another Bishop will be present to confirm you.

NOTICEBOARD:

<p>Belated Bits</p> 	<p>Congratulations to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Charn Souter who Confirmed his faith last Sunday with Bishop Robert Forsyth being present to affirm Charn's lifetime journey! <p>Condolences to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The whanau of Carmen Rupe who died peacefully on Thursday morning 15 December 2011 at St Vincent's Hospital
<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<p>Saturday 24 December: A reminder that we will be holding our Christmas Eve Service at Te Wairua Tapu, which starts at 11.30pm</p> <p>Sunday 25 December: The Birth of the Saviour There will be a 10.30am Christmas Day Service held at Te Wairua Tapu this year as it falls on a Sunday with a pot luck lunch to follow – please contact Angela Gaare on 0425 295 833 or angela_gaare@yahoo.com</p> <p>Sunday 1st January 2012: Happy New Year! Service at 10.30am</p>

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