

## The Venerable's Corner

Last week our theme was **Faithfulness**. In the past three weeks the church has undergone some significant challenges and changes, which I'm sure has been an unsettling experience for many. I know there are rumours out in the community that the church is closing their doors and that our 25<sup>th</sup> celebration has been cancelled. I want to make it clear that neither of these rumours are true. In fact I am excited with the prospect of the church becoming even more notable in the community and our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary being more memorable and a very enjoyable occasion. On behalf of the fellowship, I want to thank Frank Thompson, Kararaina Field and Charlotte Howell for their service, loyalty and contributions to this mission during their term as guardians on the church council, which has been responsible for the governance of this mission. We look forward to their participation in other areas of ministry and being involved with the life of the church. May God continue to bless them and their families. Faithfulness to God and to Jesus Christ is such a demanding quality. It requires so much from us that at times it overwhelms us. When we think we have reached the limits of our faith, God pushes us a bit further to see how much more we can take. This might seem all too much at times but it is not until we become more open and more vulnerable to God that we get to move into a space of being more faithful and more dependent on God. May all that we do be to the glory and praise of God!

[CHURCH COLOUR IS GREEN]

### 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 Matters

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: **40/19**

Communicants: **37/5**

Our Weekly Target is \$2500.

Donations: **\$1845.00**

Congregational Giving: **\$489.15**

Direct Debit: **\$712.50**

Auto Payments: **\$142.50**

Fundraising: **\$1200**

Total contributions: **\$4389.15**

Sunday 18 July 2010

# CHURCH OF TE WAIRUA TAPU

[www.tewairuatapu.com.au](http://www.tewairuatapu.com.au)



### Rarangiri:

*Tenei te Atua hei kai-awhina moku; kei roto te Ariki i te hunga e tautoko ake ana i toku wairua. Ka kakama ahau ki te mea patunga tapu ki a koe, ka whakamoemiti ki tou ingoa, e Ihowa: he mea pai hoki. **Waiata 54.4,6***

### Reflection:

*"Because death and life are in the power of the tongue (Prov 18:21), we can choose to line our words up with God's Word. Believers, we can release the power within His Word to work for us. AMEN".*

The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship telecommunications proudly sponsored by



[www.kiwitv.com.au](http://www.kiwitv.com.au)



**ATIRIKONA:** Kaio M. Karipa  
**KAIKARAKIA:** Norman Rogers

**HYMNS:**

Opening Hymn: 44  
 Gradual Hymn: 109  
 Offertory Hymn: 25  
 Communion: 23  
 Closing Hymn: 2

**SENTENCE:**

Behold, God is our helper; the Lord is the upholder of our life. With a free will offering let us sacrifice to him; give thanks to the name of the Lord, for it is good.  
**Psalm 54.4,6**

**COLLECT:**

Lord, among the business and bustle of the world, make us to be still and attentive to your presence; keep our ears open to your call, keep our hearts open to your love, make our minds sensitive to your coming, that we may rejoice that we dwell in you and you are in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**1ST READING:**

**Genesis 18:1-10a**  
**A Son is Promised to Abraham**

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down

to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

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

**2ND READING:**  
**Colossians 1:15-28**

The Supremacy of Christ  
 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him

God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

**Paul's Interest in the Colossians**  
 I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

**GOSPEL READING:**  
**Luke 10:38-42**

**Jesus visits Martha and Mary**  
 Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She

had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

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



**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:**

- Andrew Tairi 14 Jul 2001
- Nikora Natana 12 Jul 2003
- Liza McGlashan 13 Jul 2004
- Albert Marsh 17 Jul 2004
- Clive Smith 13 Jul 2004
- Andrew August 13 Jul 2005
- Michael Kite 17 Jul 2005
- Daniel Gardner 18 Jul 2005
- George (Hubba) Tairua 16 Jul 2007
- Te Rere Flufalefalo 18 Jul 2007
- Margaret Te Wake 15 Jul 2008
- Hana Ruawhare 16 Jul 2003

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

- Ivan Maheno      Pat Mills
- Nancy Baker      Kellie Kahui
- Kereama Wiwarena
- Neisha Hura
- Alison Robertson
- Kilharn Manuera