

The Venerable's Corner

It is fantastic to know that there is a greater love outside of ourselves and far beyond our own comprehension and understanding and that is God's unconditional love. In the gospel reading, there are no better examples of this unconditional love than the love of the shepherd for his sheep and the joy of the woman who found her lost coin. It is amazing that we need to be reminded with earthly examples to get back to understanding God's unconditional love. Why? Because we get lost and stray from truly embracing God's love at a more personal and meaningful level. When someone sins, it is such a huge struggle and challenge to comeback because you feel so unworthy inside that it is much easier to walk away rather than comeback and face ones sins with God. That is why the love of God is unconditional because a person that strays from God and then finds their way back are welcomed back and God rejoices in their return and the burden that one carries is lifted from them and they find so much peace within their being. Last week our theme was **Salvation and Forgiveness**. When we read the reading from Exodus, we discover God getting pretty angry with the people for creating and worshipping a false God. If it wasn't for Moses pleading on behalf of his people and God responding in kind with love to Moses, we would think that God is a God of wrath and destruction. How wonderful to know that with the coming of Jesus Christ, we are given deeper insights into the being and Wairua of God. In the reading from 1 Timothy it states, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. Every time we think we've got God and Jesus Christ all worked out they remind us through the working of the Holy Spirit in others, that we haven't got it! And that in the end, we are all sinners just like

everyone else. What a revelation that can be for anyone. When one realises that they are no better than anyone else under the love and mercy of God, it is such a peaceful and joyous place. We are constantly asked to become more Christlike, experiencing salvation first hand means seeking forgiveness for our sins first. There is no better transforming experience than seeking forgiveness before God and receiving salvation from doing it.

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: **155562**

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTION

Church Attendance: **33**

Communicants: **26+5 Tamariki**

St Anne's Service

Church Attendance: **17**

Communicants: **5**

Offeratory **\$53.25**

Our Weekly Target is \$2500.

Donations: **\$775**

Congregational Giving: **\$446**

Direct Debit: **\$280**

Auto Donations: **\$162.50**

Total contributions: **\$1663.50**

[CHURCH COLOUR IS GREEN]

Sunday 19 Sep 2010

CHURCH OF TE WAIRUA TAPU

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Rarangī:

*Ka mea te Ariki: Kore atu hoki he atua, ko ahau anake; he Atua tika, he Kai-whakaora; kahore ke atu, ko ahau anake. Tahuri mai ki ahau, kia ora ai koutou, e nga pito o te whenua. **Ihaia 45.21, 22***

Reflection:

*Nearing the end of his long life, Saint John could still scribe for sixty future generations of Believers, the Holy Spirit inspired "Beloved, I wish above all things, that thou mayest prosper, and be in health, even as thy soul prospers". **Amen.***

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TE WAIRUA TAPU GOES TO MARRICKVILLE!

A reminder that there will be **NO** 10.30am service at Te Wairua Tapu this Sunday 19 September as we will all be at the Community Fundraiser being held on behalf of the church. Join us there!

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER EVENT FOR THE CHURCH

Sunday 19th September 2010
Sydney Portuguese Community
100 Marrickville Road, Marrickville
(10mins walk from Sydenham Train Station)

- Food Stalls
- Entertainment
- Guest Appearances
- Ground Hangi for Sale
- Kapa Haka Groups Performing
- \$10 koha for entry fee
- Children Free

All Proceeds Come to the Church!

SENTENCE:

Thus says the Lord: There is no other god besides me, a righteous God and Saviour, turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth. **Isaiah 45.21, 22**

COLLECT:

Holy God, as you have called us to serve you, guide us and make us worthy of our calling. Give us wisdom to use our talents and resources to your glory and the benefit of all who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1ST READING:

Amos 8:4-7

Israel's Doom

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, 'When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

2ND READING:

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Church Worship

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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GOSPEL READING:

Luke 16:1-13

The Crafty Steward

Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another,

who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

This is the Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ the Word



WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

- Salina Rakitch 19 Sep 2005
- Esther Hartwell 13 Sep 2006
- Shane Hau 15 Sep 2007
- Mary Isaacs 15 Sep 2008
- Darren Wahanui 16 Sep 2008
- Joharina Flavell 18 Sep 2008

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

- Ivan Maheno
- Neisha Hura
- Alison Robertson
- Kilharn Manuera
- Tania Farr
- Percy Peihopa

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