

## The Venerable's Corner

Last week our theme was **Ministers and stewards of the gospel**. As the church, we are the ministers and stewards of the gospel. We are given the responsibility to proclaim the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, born into this world to redeem it and bring salvation. In the gospel of John it states in chapter 3, verse 16; for God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. This is our mandate. That is what we are about and who we claim to be. In last week's gospel reading, we find Jesus entering a specific village, we aren't given it's name but while he is there he meets a certain woman called Martha. Martha welcomes Jesus into her home and there he meets Mary, Martha's sister. So Jesus meets these two sisters and they both see Jesus differently. Mary immediately recognises Jesus and sits at his feet and listens intently to what Jesus has to say. Whereas Martha, was distracted by her many tasks and burdens she had to perform. So much so, she says to Jesus, 'Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to help me.' But Jesus said, 'Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is only one thing you need. Jesus didn't come straight out and say, Martha, sit down, shut up and listen to me. Instead he said, Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.' That is why the gospels are written in parables, the answers are not given to us

directly but we have the **free will** to choose how we see Jesus. We have to discover, like Martha and Mary, who Jesus is for us. We need to be in a relationship with him. Jesus has to be a reality in our lives and in the church so we have the right tools to be good stewards and ministers of the gospel.

## 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: **41**

Communicants: **28**

Our Weekly Target is \$2500.

Donations: **\$150.00**

Congregational Giving: **\$251.71**

Direct Debit: **\$280.00**

Auto Payments: **\$195.00**

Fundraising: **\$0.00**

Total contributions: **\$876.71**

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Sunday 25 July 2010

# CHURCH OF TE WAIRUA TAPU

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### Rarangi:

*Ka mea a Ihu, 'Ko ta koutou i te ao nei, he mamate: otira kia maia; kua taea e ahau te ao.'* **Hoani 16.33b**

### Reflection:

*"As we plead the blood of Jesus into situations, Satan the destroyer, cannot come near. Mirrored, by that blood protection ascribed (Exod 12:13) believers in Moses plague-bound Egypt. AMEN".*

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

**HYMNS:**  
Opening Hymn: 72  
Gradual Hymn: 122/123  
Offertory Hymn: 27  
Communion: 56  
Closing Hymn: 60

**SENTENCE:**  
Jesus said, 'In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.' **John 16.33b**

**COLLECT:**  
Grant us, merciful God, that as James and John left their father and all that they had to follow your Son Jesus Christ, so may we be ready to follow, even unto death to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

**1ST READING:**  
**Jeremiah 45:1-5**  
**God's Promise to Baruch**  
The word that the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Baruch son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah: Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch: You said, 'Woe is me! The Lord has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest.' Thus you shall say to him, 'Thus says the Lord: I am going to break down what I have built, and pluck up what I have planted—that is, the whole land. And you, do you seek great

things for yourself? Do not seek them; for I am going to bring disaster upon all flesh, says the Lord; but I will give you your life as a prize of war in every place to which you may go.'

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

**2ND READING:**  
**Acts 11:27-2:2**  
**The Death of James**  
At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul. About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

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**GOSPEL READING:**  
**Matthew 20:20-28**  
**The Request of the Mother of James and John**  
Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I

am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.' When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

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



**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:**  
Miriama Matthews 19 Jul 2001  
Ahinoama O'Nairns 23 Jul 2001  
Hanna Brown 19 Jul 2001  
Ena Reid 24 Jul 2008

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK**  
Ivan Maheno  
Nancy Baker  
Kereama Wiwarena  
Neisha Hura  
Alison Robertson  
Kilharn Manuera  
Tania Farr  
Pat Mills

**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.

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