

The Venerable's Corner

Last week the theme was "Creation". It is a humbling and awesome responsibility we have to be servants of Christ! Jesus said, if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? And if you greet only your brothers, sisters and friends, what more are you doing than anyone else? But every day when we wake up and then walk out our doors we enter into the world and we are challenged to love all creation including those people we don't know and in particular those people we don't like! What's the point in hanging around with people who already love you unless you enjoy getting accolades and praise for all your work and achievements? This is certainly a self-absorbed attitude and not the way in which Christians should respond. When we choose to follow Christ that means we choose to change our lives and become loving and compassionate people who see past ourselves and see others who suffering from not knowing the reality of God's love. It is up to us to express this love in how we respond to others. If people don't love you, so what? Does that mean we can't love them back? That's the difference between God and humanity, God's love is unconditional as opposed to the limitation of human love. Our theme was **creation**. And creation is designed exactly as God intended it to be. It will always be in our response to creation and our creator that will make a difference! We can love or hate it! But Jesus said, be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect. Give out love and not hate, that is God's perfection! At this time we are witnessing the devastation caused by the earthquake in Christchurch, the loss of lives, the destruction of a city. Yet, we see the love for others so graphically shown by so

many people and even countries like Australia extending their hand of love and compassion. May God be with all our people at home as they confront this disaster. May the love of Christ dwell in all those who are involved with rescue effects and saving the lives of others.

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

Attendance: **28+7 Tamariki**

Communicants: **14**

Our Weekly Target is \$2500.

Donations: **\$560.00**

Congregational Giving: **\$309.90**

Direct Debit: **\$617.50**

Auto Donations: **\$67.50**

Fundraising: **\$0.00**

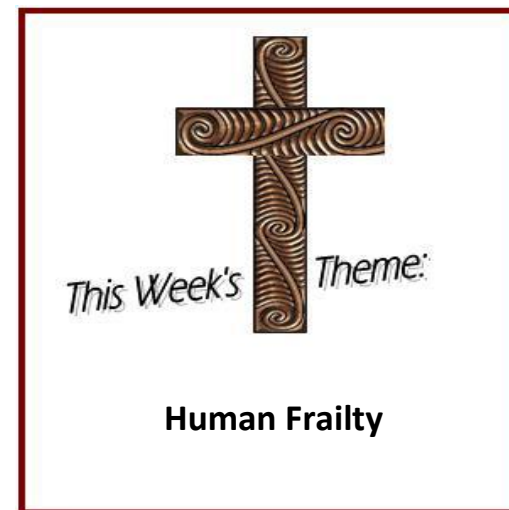
Total contributions: **\$1554.90**

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Sunday 27 Feb 2011

CHURCH OF TE WAIRUA TAPU

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Rarangī:

*Tohungia ahau, e te Ariki: e karanga nei hoki ahau ki a koe i te ra roa nei
He pai hoki koe, e te Ariki, he ngawari: e ranea ana hoki tau mahi tohu ki
te hunga katoa e karanga ana ki a koe. **Waiata 86:3, 5***

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Today's Service

ATIRIKONA: Archdeacon K Karipa
KAIKARAKIA: Kararaina Field

HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: **111**
Gradual Hymn: **112**
Offertory Hymn: **56**
Closing Hymn: **191**

SENTENCE:

Be merciful to me O Lord, for I call to you all the day long; for you Lord are good and forgiving, and of great mercy to all who call upon you. **Psalm 86:3, 5**

COLLECT:

Abba God, we call you Father, and your care for us is motherly as well. Protect our power to love and be loved, and make us glad to be called your children, one whanau in Christ. **Amen**

1ST READING:

Isaiah 49:8-16a

Zion's Children to Be Brought Home

Thus says the LORD: In a time of favour I have answered you, on a day of salvation I have helped you; I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages; saying to the prisoners, 'Come out', to those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves.' They shall feed along the ways, on all the bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of

water will guide them. And I will turn all my mountains into a road, and my highways shall be raised up. Lo, these shall come from far away, and lo, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene. Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones. But Zion said, 'The LORD has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me.' Can a woman forget her nursing-child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

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

2ND READING:

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

The Ministry of the Apostles

Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they should be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgement before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

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GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 6:24-34

Serving Two Masters

'No one 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.

Do Not Worry

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

This is the Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ the Word



Prayful Paths

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Donny Clarke 25 Feb 2001
Taimona Jacobs 22 Feb 2002
Tame Chan 23 Feb 2002
Sam Yates 23 Feb 2005
Te Atamira Cook 27 Feb 2009
Claude Huiarangi

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Lorraine Waititi | Hohi Clarke |
| Tim Puha | Ken Rau |
| Fred Kaa | Neville Berridge |



TWT Groups

TWT CHOIR SMAC

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

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TE WAIRUA TAPU KURA

The TWT Kura Te Reo classes has restarted for 2011 every Sunday from 7:30am to 9:30am at the Church.

"NEWS FROM HOME"

Te Rau Kahikatea is now dissolved and is referred to as tikanga Maori. While Dr. Jenny-Plane Te Paa is on sabbatical the interim Kaihautu of tikanga Maori is Dr. Rangi Nicolson. All three Colleges have been dissolved, meaning they no longer have heads of Colleges, but they do have tikanga leaders who serve under a commissioner Gail Thompson. There are 11 new Maori students at the College for 2011, 3 are from Tai Tokerau: Emma Kaipo from Te Kao, Tony Brooking from Karetu and Jacynthia Murphy from the Hokianga.
Reverend Rob McKay

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN AOTEAROA/NEW ZEALAND

Ivan Maheno
Neisha Hura-Tupaea
George Tupaea
Kilharn Manuera

We also pray for all those devastated by the earthquake in Christchurch. The NZ Government, all our church leaders and congregations, especially Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa, Te Hui Amorangi o Te Waipounamu and Bishop John Gray and family.