



The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship  
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## SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER 2011

### "THE GIFT OF WISDOM"



**ATIRIKONA:** Kaio Karipa

**KAIKARAKIA:** Kararaina Field

#### HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: **111**

Gradual Hymn: **112**

Offertory Hymn: **183**

Closing Hymn: **257**

#### SENTENCE:

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. **Psalm 90: 14, 12**

#### COLLECT:

Merciful God, in Christ you make all things new; transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen**

**1ST READING: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20**

#### The Ten Commandments

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for

yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.

**2ND READING: Phillipians**

**3:4b-14**

Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the

surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

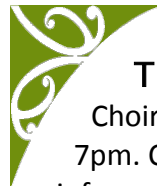


## **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:33-46**

### **The Parable of the Wicked Tenants**

'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?' Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and

given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.' When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.



## **TWT GROUPS TWT CHOIR SMAC**

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

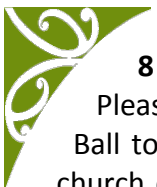
## **TE WAIRUA TAPU FACEBOOK**

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## **NGA KUPU TAPU**

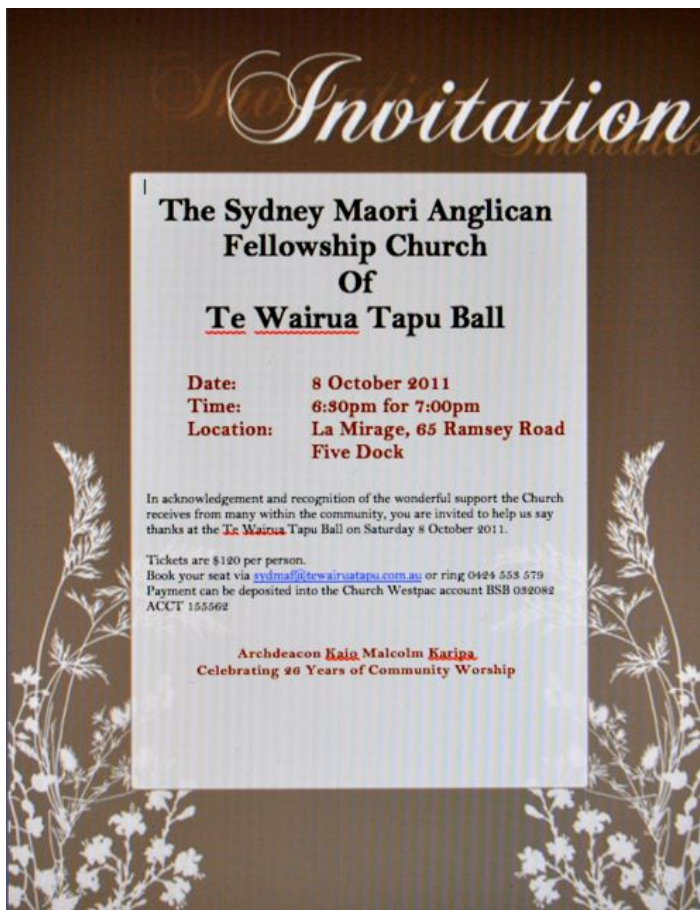
**Nga Kupu Tapu i Roto i Te Reo** hold Maori language classes every Sunday from 7:30am to 9:30am at Te Wairua Tapu.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **8 October 2011 Te Wairua Tapu Ball**

Please be advised that the Church is hosting a Ball to thank all those that have supported the church over the last year. It will be a wonderful night of Italian style food and music in an absolutely beautiful and professional venue. We do hope you can come and enjoy an evening of friendship, fellowship and whanaunatanga.



assistance required, followed by an opportunity for questions before moving on to the Park.

## Last week



### The Gift of Love

*E toru nga mea,  
Nga mea nunui,  
E ki ana,  
te Paipera,  
whakapono,  
tumanako,  
Ko te mea nui,  
Ko te Aroha!*

We are told through that waiata that there are 3 HUGE things to come from the Bible; FAITH, HOPE and LOVE! But the greatest of all is LOVE! These words were taken from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 13. It goes on to explain what love looks like. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. Our theme last week was Love! And throughout all three of last week's readings spoke about God's LOVE. How forgiving God is towards God's people and yet, we don't get it. God continues to love unconditionally yet humanity still refuses to accept God's love as it might cost them too much! People are too afraid to put their hands up in case they have to give something up or pay for it! Nothing comes free these days! That's what we are told anyway! However, God's LOVE extends way beyond anything we can imagine but I do know everyone has their own limits because when you get so far out you get scared because you may not find your way back! Love does that, especially when it comes to God. God first loved us so why be afraid? God's love cost nothing we only need to respond to it!

### 9 October 2011 Feedback on Strategic Plan

Please be advised that the Management Team of Te Wairua Tapu intend to provide feedback from the responses received in regards to the Strategic Plan and the invitation for skilled members to the church Council. The feedback will be at 1pm at the Church on Sunday 9 October 2011. Following the feedback a short brief on the next steps in the process will also be given. The church would like to thank you for your support and appreciate any feedback not only on the Strategic Plan but the future of the church.

Please go to the Te Wairua Tapu website to view the Strategic Plan [www.tewairuatapu.com.au](http://www.tewairuatapu.com.au)

### 22 October 2011 Te Wairua Tapu Community Day

Please be advised that Te Wairua Tapu will hold a Community Day for our children on Saturday 22 October starting at the Church at 10:30am then moving to the park for a BYO picnic and activities. The day will begin with a briefing for all on the changes occurring within the Church and the

### Reminder

Thank you all for attending the AGM on Saturday 3 September 2011. The EOFY Reports have been posted on the website. However, as discussed, the Church has had to review its focus for the future. As a result we request your initial involvement in three areas:

- We require skilled, experienced and dedicated members for the Church Executive Council as follows: Executive Secretary, Property Manager, Events Manager, Communications/Marketing Manager, Relationship Manager and up to three members. We need the Executive Council members no later than 30 September 2011,
- We require you to review our draft Strategic Plan (posted on website/facebook) that was developed as part of a review of our operations with a focus on the future. It is requested that you review the Plan and provide feedback, suggestions and ideas no later than 30 September 2011. Once all the responses have been consolidated, a final plan will be distributed.
- We require you to promote the Church, encourage your families, friends, children, business associates and general community to be part of the Church. The church is undergoing change and we need your involvement to achieve our Vision and help shape the future of the Church.

TWT Collection: \$  
 Direct Debit: \$  
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 Total contributions: \$

## DONATIONS

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**

Can all responses and nominations for the Executive Council please be sent to Archdeacon Kaio Karipa [sydmaf@tewairuatapu.com.au](mailto:sydmaf@tewairuatapu.com.au)



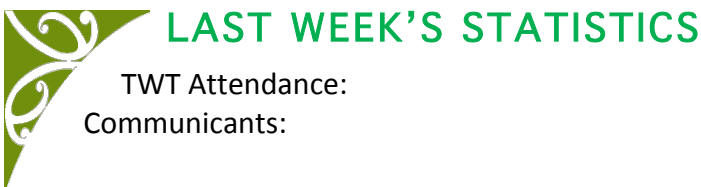
## PRAYERFUL PATHWAYS

### We pray for the sick:

Carmen Rupe                      Ken Rau  
 Sam Morunga

### We remember:

Rhona Halbert 1 Oct 2001  
 Sonny Pomana 28 Oct 2001  
 Willy Papa 27 Sep 2006  
 Brian Browning 1 Oct 2009



## LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

TWT Attendance:  
 Communicants:

Donations: \$