



The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship
Church of Te Wairua Tapu Inc.

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SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2011

“The Hope of Israel”



ATIRIKONA: Kaio Karipa
KAIKARAKIA: Norman Rogers

CHRISTMAS CAROLS:

Opening Carol: Joy to the World
Gradual: Whakarongo ki Te Reo
Offertory: O Come all Ye Faithful
Communion: Mary's Boy Child
Closing Carol: Marie te Po

Colour = Violet

SENTENCE:

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.
Psalm 22:3-5

RARANGI:

Otiia he tapu koe, kei nga whakamoemiti a Iharaira tou nohoanga. I whakawhirinaki o matou matua ki a koe, i whakawhirinaki, a whakaorangia ana e koe. I karanga ratou ki a koe, a kua ora; i whakawhirinaki ki a koe, a kihai i whakama. **Nga Waiata 22:3-5**

COLLECT:

God for whom we wait and watch, you sent John the Baptist to prepare for the coming of your Son; give us courage to speak the truth even to the point of suffering. **Amen**

1ST READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

2ND READING Peter 3:8-15a

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is on it will be burned up. Since all these

things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:1-8

Praise and Glory to God

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word

PRAYERFUL PATHWAYS

We pray for the sick:

Carmen Rupe	Ken Rau
Sam Morunga	Keita Murray
Queenie Connell	Nancy Baker
Michael Madden	Richard Kahui
Dolly Tepania	Mark Kahui

We remember:

Terence Markey 28 Nov 2003
Alfred Briggs 28 Nov 2005



LAST WEEK

The theme last week was **Christ the King**.

Last Sunday was the 1st Sunday in Advent. The season of Advent marks the beginning of the Christian year in western Christianity and ends on Christmas Day. In many eastern Christian churches, the church year begins on September 1 so Advent begins at a different time to when it starts in western churches. The Eastern equivalent of Advent is called the Nativity Fast, which runs for 40 days. Advent around the world is usually associated with the Advent calendars that parents give their children to help them count the days until Christmas. Preparation for Christmas is an important theme for Advent, particularly at the beginning. It is a time when families plan their Christmas menu's, buy gifts and wrap them, carols are sung, Christmas cards are sent and houses are decorated with Christmas-themed lights and other decorations. Advent wreaths are also symbolically used and they are usually made of fir and decorated with gold and silver ribbons or scarlet woollen threads. Lit wreaths may be displayed on the table where family and friends sit while singing carols and preparing handmade gifts. Advent customs in some countries include lighting candles and hanging special Advent wreaths. It is uncertain when the celebration of Advent was first introduced in the Christian church. Some sources say that Advent began on November 11 (St Martin's Day) at some time in the fifth century in the form of a six-week fast leading to Christmas. Advent was reduced to its current length at some stage in the sixth century and the fasting was later no longer observed. It was customary, although no longer practiced, for poor women to carry "Advent images", which were two dolls dressed to represent Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the northern parts of England. Those who saw the dolls were expected to give a donation in form of money and bad luck was believed to occur to those who were not visited by the doll-bearers before Christmas Eve. Advent is originally a time to reflect and prepare for Christmas similarly to how Lent is in preparation for Easter. Purple is historically the main colour used for Advent because it reflects penitence, fasting, and the colour of royalty to welcome the Advent of the king (Jesus Christ). The focus of the entire season of Advent is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Therefore, Advent is a time for us to **REFLECT** and **PREPARE** ourselves as we begin this journey!

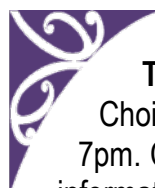
LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

TWT attendance	Adults	Tamariki
Donations	\$0.00	
Collection	\$271.75	
Direct Debits	\$657.50	
Auto Donations	\$167.50	
Fundraising	\$0.00	
Total Contributions	\$1096.75	

FINANCIAL DONATIONS

If you wish 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 No 155562



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

'LIKE' US ON FACEBOOK: Keep up on all the latest by joining our 'Church of Te Wairua Tapu - Poihakena' page. Search on the name and then click the LIKE button. Or click on the link below

[Te Wairua Tapu Facebook](#)

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. Contact Wara Heremaia on **0406-585-575**

SISTER'S OF THE PACIFIC

Our Sister/Our Mother in Samoa



Thank you to everyone who participated in our project, *Our Sister/Our Mother in Samoa*. On the 19th November we raised a gift of love for Siloma who lives in Samoa and although we haven't met Siloma, it's through her wonderful work that we have forged this relationship. After the devastation caused by the tsunami in Samoa, we realised how can we make a difference to a family in Samoa. How could we help and who could we help? We were blessed with Siloma, here was this generous woman, already shocked with what she had experienced, she opened her home to family made homeless, she visited family in hospital and provided ongoing food and love. We were privileged with the assistance of her daughter Polu to collate and send a huge food package to assist Siloma in caring for others.

So it was with sadness that we received the news that Siloma is unable to walk after having a stroke. We do know she needs a wheelchair and care. A huge thank you to Sheila for sourcing a wheelchair and this has now arrived in Samoa. Thank you to everyone who donated our prizes, bought and sold tickets and congratulations to our winners. We raised a \$1000 to accompany the wheelchair for Siloma. Thank you all for your generosity.



Congratulations to Irma, one of our winners

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday 04 December	There will be NO Wollongong service this week – will keep you informed when we have our next service early next year!
Sunday 11 December	10.30am – Bishop Rob Forsyth will be joining us for fellowship and it would be fantastic to see you attend this service. Confirmation Classes: Please contact Archdeacon Karipa on 0424-553-579 for more details if you wish to confirm your faith or you have whanau who want to be confirmed when Bishop Forsyth is with us on Sunday 11 December , please let me know!
Saturday 24 December	A reminder that we will be holding our Christmas Eve Service at Te Wairua Tapu, which starts at 11.30pm .
Sunday 25 December	There will be a 10.30am Christmas Day Service held at Te Wairua Tapu this year as it falls on a Sunday.

CONTACTS:

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Karauna Waititi	Kaikarakia (Priest Assistant)	(Refer to Chaplain)	-
Norman Rogers	Kaikarakia (Priest Assistant)	(Refer to Chaplain)	-
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