

The Venerable's Corner

Human Frailty was last week's theme and with the earthquake in Christchurch causing so much destruction and devastation, you realise how important life is and we should treasure every moment that we are given. Our hearts go out to all those families that have lost loved ones in Christchurch. May our God of compassion comfort them during their time of immediate grief, pain and suffering and also through the days, months and years they must face without the ones they love. Last week's gospel reading gives us so much hope in this time of distress. With the loss of so much life, the destruction of so many buildings, the loss of basic amenities such as water, power and sewerage to make life even tougher for the people living in Christchurch, God remains present at this time. We look at the compassionate response shown by all New Zealanders and foreign countries whom have and continue to assist and aid the people in Christchurch. Through the hearts and minds of others we see the living God in action in and around Christchurch. People are opening their homes to strangers, teams of rescuers from other nations are there, resources both locally and internationally arriving in Christchurch and the way in which people are being connected and building strong new relationships from this disaster. Christchurch and New Zealand will come out of this tragic situation a stronger, more resilient and compassionate nation. Although we may feel that God is not with us at times, we need to look a lot closer at human frailty, our life situations and circumstances and we might, with patience and understanding see God and know that God is present and alive, especially when we are surrounded by so much chaos and tragedy.

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: **\$0.00**

Congregational Giving: **\$115.40**

Direct Debit: **\$280.00**

Auto Donations: **\$147.50**

Fundraising: **\$0.00**

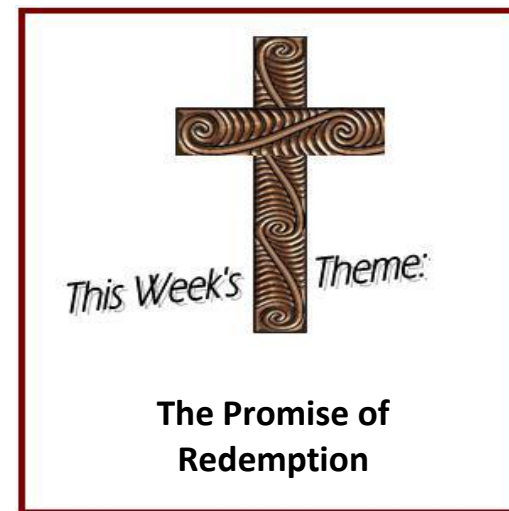
Total contributions: **\$542.90**

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Sunday 6 Mar 2011

CHURCH OF TE WAIRUA TAPU

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Rarangi:

*Na, ko a Ihowa i hoko ai ka hoki mai, ka haere mai ki Hiona, me te waiata ano ratou: i runga i o ratou mahunga he hari e kore e mutu: ka whiwhi ratou ki te koa, ki te hari; a rere ana te pouri me te aue **Isaiah 51:11***

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Today's Service

ATIRIKONA: Archdeacon K Karipa

KAIKARAKIA: Norman Rogers

HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: **166A**

Gradual Hymn: **259**

Offertory Hymn: **88**

Closing Hymn: **190**

SENTENCE:

The ransomed of the LORD will return; everlasting will crown their heads; gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. **Isaiah 51:11**

COLLECT:

God our ruler and guide, when we come to the place where the road divides, keep us true to the way of Christ, alive to present opportunities, and confident of eternal life.

AMEN

1ST READING:

Deuteronomy 11:18-2, 26-28

You shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and fix them as an emblem on your forehead. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the LORD swore to your ancestors to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth. If you will diligently observe this entire

commandment that I am commanding you, loving the LORD your God, walking in all his ways, and holding fast to him, then the LORD will drive out all these nations before you, and you will dispossess nations larger and mightier than yourselves. Every place on which you set foot shall be yours; your territory shall extend from the wilderness to the Lebanon and from the River, the river Euphrates, to the Western Sea. No one will be able to stand against you; the LORD your God will put the fear and dread of you on all the land on which you set foot, as he promised you. See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today; and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn from the way that I am commanding you today, to follow other gods that you have not known.

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

2ND READING:

Romans 1:16-17; 3:22b-28 (29-31)

The Power of the Gospel

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, 'The one who is righteous will live by faith.' the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a

sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, since God is one; and he will justify the circumcised on the ground of faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

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GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 7:21-29

Concerning Self-Deception

'Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord", will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?" Then I will declare to them, "I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers."

Hearers and Doers

'Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew

and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!' Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

This is the Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ the Word



Prayful Paths

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

William Weherua 4 Mar 2003

William Barnett 4 Mar 2004

Teremoana Rongotaua 6 Mar 2006

Tom Kingi 1 Mar 2008

Jackson Bell 3 Mar 2008

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lorraine Waititi

Hohi Clarke

Tim Puha

Ken Rau

Fred Kaa

Neville Berridge

Sam Morunga

Aphir Tahitahi



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

Anglican cathedrals throughout New Zealand held prayer services open to all on Tuesday 1st March at 12.30 pm for the people of Christchurch and those who died tragically on Tuesday 22nd February, 2011, 12.51 pm. Two cathedrals damaged in the latest earthquake: Christ Church (Anglican) in Cathedral Square and the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament (Roman Catholic). Both are just a few blocks away from each other. The New Zealand Government are committed to having them restored. Te Hui Amorangi O te Taitokerau have gifted \$10,000 dollars to Bishop John Gray and his people. We are also gifting to them our next Sunday's offerings. It should be noted that NZ is prone to earthquakes because it is located in the Pacific Ring of Fire, which produces 90% of all the world's earthquakes and 80% of all the globes largest earthquakes. The Australian plate and the Pacific plate fault line runs right through the heart of Christchurch.

Reverend Rob McKay

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN AOTEAROA/NEW ZEALAND

Ivan Maheno
Neisha Hura-Tupaea
George Tupaea
Kilharn Manuera

We also continue to 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.

TE WAIRUA TAPU HANGI FUNRAISER

When: Sunday 13 March 2011

Order By: 12 noon, Saturday 12th March

Hangi: PORK, CHICKEN, BEEF, STUFFING, POTATO, PUMPKIN and KUMARA - \$15.00

Or

Hangi With: RAW FISH, MARINATED MUSSEL, DESSERT, 2 FRIED BREAD and a CAN of DRINK - \$25.00

ORDERS TOO:

Lance King 0450-551-211
Alice King 0402-777-457
Archdeacon Karipa 0424-553-579

Collect YOUR Hangi on Sunday From:
Lurnea, 182 Graham Avenue from 10am to 1pm
CONTACT: Lance and Alice

OR

St ANNES ANGLICAN CHURCH (3.30pm,
After Karakia) Corner of Walder Road and
Stewart Avenue Hammondville
CONTACT: Archdeacon Karipa

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