



Last week was the Second Week in ADVENT.
The Theme was **"The Hope of Israel:"**

John the Baptist was Gods messenger, a prophet who was sent to proclaim the Word of God. God is the way the truth and the life. John the Baptist was also preparing the way for the 'coming' or 'arrival' of Jesus Christ. The 'coming' or 'arrival' of Jesus Christ is the season known as Advent and we are in now in the second week of Advent.

John the Baptist remained committed and faithful to his calling and he stayed obedient to God. He was a humble man that wore odd clothing and ate strange food but his message was clear and precise. Matthew 3:2 & 3

'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Faithful God, whose promises stand unshaken through all generations: renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our Judge and Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of The Holy Spirit. One God forever and ever **Amen**

E te Atua pono, ko au ki tauranga ka tu tonu i roto i nga whakatupuranga, whakahoutia te tumanako ki roto i a matou, kia noho kakama, kia noho mataara tonu ai matou, mo te hokinga whakahirahira mai o Ihu Karaiti, to matou Kaiwhakawa, to matou Kaiwhakaora, e

noho nei e hira nei koutou i roto i te hononga ki te Wairua Tapu, kotahi Atua, mo ake tonu atu.

Amine



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: **24**
Communicants: **17**
Our Weekly Target is \$2500.
Donations: **\$700.00**
Congregational Giving: **\$235.25**
Direct Debit: **\$280.00**
Auto Donations: **\$212.50**
Fundraising: **\$0.00**
Total contributions: **\$1427.75**

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTION- WOLLONGONG

Attendance: **17**
Communicants: **5**
Offeratory: **\$279.55**

[CHURCH COLOUR IS VIOLET]

Sunday 12 Dec 2010

CHURCH OF TE WAIRUA TAPU

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Rarangi:

*He reo no tetahi e karanga ana, Whakapaia e koutou i te koraha te huarahi o Ihowa, whakatikaia i te titiohea he ara nui mo to tatou Atua. **Ihaia 40:3***

Reflection:

*Heard the real 'Secret'? That when you pursue Jesus and His righteousness, given to you as a gift - everything you need (Matt 6:31-33) will be added to you. **AMEN.***





KAIKARAKIA: Kararaina Field

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HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: **Joy to the World**

Gradual Hymn: **Whakarongo Ki te Reo
(Hark the Herald)**

Offertory Hymn: **O Come all ye Faithful**

Communion: **The First Noel**

Closing Hymn: **Marie te Po (Silent Night)**

SENTENCE:

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. **Isaiah 40:3**

COLLECT:

Terror and doom, and wrath to come, John your herald preached to bring us to repentance; open our eyes, almighty God, show us our sin, and grant us forgiveness. Hear this prayer for your love's sake. **Amen**

1ST READING:

Isaiah 35:1-10 The Return of the Redeemed to Zion

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come

and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

2ND READING:

James 5:7-10 Patience in Suffering

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 11:2-11 Messengers from John the Baptist

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

Jesus Praises John the Baptist

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

This is the Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ the Word



WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Robert Bloomfield 10 Dec 2003

Kingi Rudolph 12 Dec 2004

Jeremy Crean 12 Dec 2005

Johny Broughton 6 Dec 2006

Joseph Webber 10 Dec 2006

Robert Hapuku 8 Dec 2007

John Copeley 11 Dec 2008

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ivan Maheno

Neisha Hura

Alison Robertson

Kilharn Manuera

George Tupaea

Ereana Moses

Peta Kingi



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CONFIRMATION 19/12

Confirmation with Bishop Forsythe will be held on 19th December 2010. Confirmation is about confirming one's faith in Jesus Christ and not about making sure children/youth and adults can take the bread and wine on Sunday mornings. Preparation Classes will be held on 11/12 and 18/12. Please contact [Archdeacon Karipa](#) if you or one of your whanau is interested in Confirmation".

DECEMBER EVENTS

19th Christmas Dinner 6pm, venue TBA

24th Christmas Service 11:30am

26th Comunion Service 10:30am

TE WAIRUA TAPU KURA

The Kura closes on Sunday 19 December 2010 and reopens on Sunday 9 January 2011