

The Venerable's Corner

Last week our theme was **Christian Freedom**. In the gospel Jesus continued to focus on **possessions** and the way in which possessions stop us from true Christian Freedom and that is to follow him. What's required? You gotta be able to let go of those relationships that are closest to you. When Jesus tells us to hate those that are nearest and closest to us, he doesn't mean it literally. What he means is that there is no love in life that can compare to his. We can be a follower of Jesus without being a disciple. We can go along and listen to someone talk about a particular subject but it doesn't mean we are going to do anything with the subject matter. ITS ONLY KNOWLEGE! There is a huge difference between attending a lecture and being a student. This is a problem we face in the church, not just in this church but the whole church. We have plenty of distant followers of Jesus but very few real disciples. It is same in our community, we have plenty of Maori wanting to learn our culture; te reo, tikanga and kawa but only from a distance, lets learn the basics but it's too hard a life being a Maori. Secondly, we must weigh up the cost of following Christ. It is obvious that the man did not sit down and think about how much it was going to take, financially, physically, mentally and spiritually to complete the building of his tower. How does it feel when you don't have the resources or you choose to walk away from something you haven't finished or completed? Like most half-finished jobs, we feel embarrassed and humiliated. It's all about the long haul! The journey! Christian freedom is all about our love for Christ and Christ's love for us. There is no other love greater than our love for God's gift and that is Jesus Christ. Are you and I in for the long journey with Jesus Christ and being a true disciple!

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER EVENT FOR THE CHURCH

Sunday 19th September 2010
Sydney Portuguese Community
100 Marrickville Road, Marrickville
(10mins walk from Sydenham Train Station)
Food Stalls
Entertainment
Guest Appearances
Ground Hangi for Sale
Kapa Haka Groups Performing
\$10 koha for entry fee
Children Free
All Proceeds Come to the Church!

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: **15-5562**

LAST WEEKS CONTRIBUTION

Church Attendance:
Communicants:

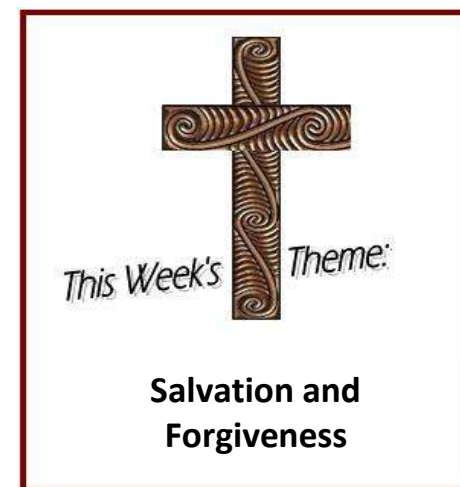
Our Weekly Target is \$2500.
Donations: **\$13.04**
Congregational Giving: **\$62.10**
Direct Debit: **\$617.50**
Auto Donations: **\$195.00**
Total contributions: **\$887.64**

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Sunday 12 Sep 2010

CHURCH OF TE WAIRUA TAPU

www.tewairuatapu.com.au



Rarangai:

*Kia homai ai e te Ariki te rangimarie ki a ratou e tatari atu ana ki a ia, a meinga hoki e korerotia tona ingoa e ana poropiti. Kia whakapuare ai ona taringa ki te inoi o ana pononga. **Hiraka 36.15, 16***

Reflection:

*Jesus Calvary sacrifice is the sole answer which Believers need and have, to satisfy both God's judgement, and their own consciences. So we can confidently 'Rest in Peace', while we're fully alive! **AMEN.***





ATIRIKONA: Kaio M. Karipa
KAIKARAKIA: Norman Rogers

HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: **96**
 Gradual Hymn: **116**
 Offertory Hymn: **117**
 Communion: **104**
 Closing Hymn: **40**

SENTENCE:

May the Lord give peace to those who wait for him and may his prophets proclaim his name. His ears are open to the prayer of his servants. **Sirach 36.15, 16**

COLLECT:

Good and gracious Shepherd, we rejoice in your protection and care, we know you will seek us out and save us: guide us, O Lord, and keep us in the ways that lead us to peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1ST READING:

Exodus 32:7-14

The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ' The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot

against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.' But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever." ' And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

2ND READING:

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making

me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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GOSPEL READING:

Luke 15:1-10

Praise and Glory to God

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

This is the Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ the Word



WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Zeidyn Wilson 6 Sep 2003
 Desmond Walmsley 8 Sep 2007
 Kate Fraser 6 Sep 2008
 Donald Rota 6 Sep 2010

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ivan Maheno
 Neisha Hura
 Alison Robertson
 Kilharn Manuera
 Tania Farr

TE WAIRUA TAPU GOES TO MARRICKVILLE!

We are letting everyone know that there will be NO 10.30am service at Te Wairua Tapu on Sunday 19 September as we will all be at the Community Fundraiser being held on behalf of the church. Join us there!

LIVERPOOL/HAMMONDVILLE

A reminder that we will be at Hammondville this Sunday at 2:45pm - 3:45pm St Anne's Anglican Church, Corner of Walder Road and Stewart Avenue Hammondville

TWT CHOIR SMAC

Choir practice is every Sunday at 1pm. Call Char Roberts – **0416-135-894** for more information.

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