

The Venerable's Corner

Last week the theme was **"Waitangi Day"**. Today, Waitangi Day represents the growth of our nation Aotearoa/New Zealand and that growth includes us all living Australia. In the Sydney suburb of Merryland's last weekend, we celebrated our own Waitangi Festival. It is unbelievable how many Maori live in Sydney, let alone other Pacific Island people! There were hundreds that came out to support the festival even though the temperatures were in the 40's. It was a very hot day! But the people kept coming in, whether to buy a kai, watch the entertainment or link up with whanau and friends. It was a big day! Thank you to all those that came out and supported and volunteered to help out with the festival. It was a fantastic day! One thing notable was watching all our young people being confronted with their identity whether they were Maori, Pacific Island or Pakeha. WAITANGI DAY is about a sense of belonging, a time where we can come together as one people and enjoy each other. Waitangi Day is not about being Ngapuhi or Maori but it's a time and a place where anyone can come and share together and celebrate the significance of Waitangi. In the gospel reading, verse 10 stated; *the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.* This is the verse that Samuel Marsden used in his first sermon in Aotearoa/New Zealand on Christmas Day 1814. A Ngapuhi kaumatua asked at that time; e pehea mai ana te Pakeha na? (What is the meaning of the Pakeha's words?) Ngapuhi chief and Samuel Marsden's protector, Ruatara, replied; kaore koutou e marama inaianei; taro ake nei (You don't understand what he is saying now, but you will by and by). In other words, nothing much has changed as far as the gospel is concerned. People don't GET the gospel but they will one day. Just as we have come to love our Lord Jesus Christ so will they, by and by. We always think that

conversion must come through our works and our ministries and I am not doubting that this doesn't happen, but real conversion comes to people when Christ becomes a reality to them. I was asked by someone what we were selling at the Waitangi Festival. I replied, the Lord! And we had a laugh! We don't have to say much to plant the word we just gotta know when to speak. And we had such a big sign in front of our stall that said it all! ***"For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but may have eternal life, John 3:16!"***

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: **25+3 Tamariki**

Communicants: **15**

Our Weekly Target is \$2500.

Donations: **\$160.00**

Congregational Giving: **\$124.90**

Direct Debit: **\$617.50**

Auto Donations: **\$137.50**

Fundraising: **\$0.00**

Total contributions: **\$1039.90**

[CHURCH COLOUR IS GREEN]

Sunday 13 Feb 2011

CHURCH OF TE WAIRUA TAPU

www.tewairuatapu.com.au



Rarangi:

"Ka kapi hoki te whenua i te matauranga ki te kororia o Ihowa, ano ko nga wai e taupoki ana i te moana. Hapakuku Rua:Tekau ma wha

Reflection:

Ever realised you are intended to be 'undevourable', dear Believer? (1 Pe 5:8). Resolutely impervious! Because everything about you and your life, has been eternally redeemed by our Lord, Jesus Christ's blood. AMEN.

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ATIRIKONA: Archdeacon K Karipa
KAIKARAKIA: Kararaina Field

HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: **211**
Gradual Hymn: **259**
Offertory Hymn: **248/248a**
Closing Hymn: **171**

SENTENCE:

The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. **Habbakuk 2:14**

COLLECT:

God of Israel old and new, write in our hearts the lessons of your law; prepare our minds to receive your Son Jesus Christ.

1ST READING:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set

before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

2ND READING:

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

On Divisions in the Corinthian Church

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 5:21-37

Concerning Anger

'You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement." But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

Concerning Adultery

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

Concerning Divorce

'It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce." But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of

unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Concerning Oaths

'Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord." But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be "Yes, Yes" or "No, No"; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

This is the Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ the Word



WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Dion Driver 8 Feb 2004
Patricia Judge 8 Feb 2005
Moana Savage 7 Feb 2006
Ronnie Tito 7 Feb 2006

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Hohi Clarke	Tim Puha
Neisha Hura	Alison Robertson
Ereana Moses	Kilharn Manuera
George Tupaea	Ivan Maheno
Fred Kaa	Neville Berridge
Ken Rau	



Upcoming Events

Sunday 13th Feb Kahui Wahine Finding Us Series

1pm at TWT Dining Room (airconditioned)
Our guest presenter is kaumatua Wara Heremaia who will be teaching us the meaning of Himene 116

E Te Atua, Kua Ruia Nei: this Sunday afternoon, and this is not a wahine only event, everyone is welcome. Donot forget to bring a plate of goodies to share, for more info call Pat Karipa 0402685193

Kahui Wahine Prayer for February.

During last weekend's Waitangi Festival we handed out information about the Church of Te Wairua Tapu and also the significance of Ruatara and Samuel Marsden in relation to our ministry here in Poihakena and Aotearoa- New Zealand. In our KW 2011 Calendar the following prayer appears in February to acknowledge this relationship.

Te Ara mo te Rongopai", "The Gateway for the Gospel". Creator of all the peoples of the world, you chose Ruatara to prepare for and welcome the Christian missionaries to Aotearoa; may the gateway that he opened for the gospel encourage us to look for every means by which your word may be proclaimed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From For All The Saints: The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia Pg 156, Celebrated by the Church on the 11th May



TWT Groups

TWT CHOIR SMAC

Choir practice is every Sunday at 1pm. 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.