



The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship
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"THE HOLY BIBLE"



ATIRIKONA: Kaio Karipa

KAIKARAKIA: Kararaina Field

HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: **211 - Nau mai Piki mai**

Gradual Hymn: **243 – Tapu, Tapu, Tapu**

Offertory Hymn: **150 – Ahau e Inoi atu nei**

Communion: **210 – Ka Noho Ahau**

Closing Hymn: **171 – Ma Te Marie**

SENTENCE:

In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. **James 1:18**

COLLECT:

Come, Holy Spirit, with the new fire; when our prayer seems to fail, when we hear no voice nor any answer, rouse us and light our way. **Amen**

1ST READING: Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not

answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

2ND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Israel's Rejection Is Not Final

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but

have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 15:

21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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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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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

WOLLONGONG SERVICE

A reminder that the Wollongong service will be held on Sunday 14 August at 3pm at Fairy Meadow Community Centre, Fairy Meadow.

HAMMONDVILLE SERVICE IN SEPTEMBER

We will be at St Anne's Anglican Church on Sunday 18 September at 2.45pm, corner of Walder Road and Stewart Avenue.



LAST WEEK

THE VENERABLE'S CORNER

Our theme last week was **The Church, the Body of Christ**. The church has been around for over 2000 years and our hope is that it will still be around until the end of time! For that to happen, will

take a lot of faith! Not just our own faith today but the faith of our tamariki, our mokopuna and their mokopuna and so on throughout the coming generations. However, it all depends on what we do in the present that will ultimately determine our future. For instance, in the gospel reading, we find Jesus leaving his disciples and going to a mountain alone to pray. No wonder as Maori we have a mountain to identify where we come from? It's not so much the mountain that is important but what is that we do on the mountain when we get there! According to Jesus, we should **PRAY!** The church building therefore, is a place of worship, a place where we gather each week to pray. In other words, the Church of Te Wairua Tapu, is our mountain in Sydney and each week, we the people, the Body of Christ, come here to worship God and to offer our prayers up to God. We don't come here to judge others or try to be better than others but as a community we come here to worship! Why? Because we need to continue to build up our faith and keep our relationship with God strong! You might ask what for? Because as soon as you and I leave this mountain we run into trouble like the disciples! We get battered by the waves of life, we have nothing to hold onto and anything that comes along and challenges us, we get rattled by them and we tend to make the wrong decisions to deal with them or we feel we are not good enough to deal with the situations we find ourselves in! Then all of a sudden, God comes along and gives us a jolt back into the right direction! What I love most about our gospel reading is Peter's response, 'Lord, if it is you, let me walk on the water.' Jesus said, 'Come on then.' So he got out of the boat and started walking on the water and went towards Jesus. But when he saw the strong wind, he got scared and began to sink, he yells out to Jesus, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus catches him and says, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' In the end we as the church cannot go anywhere without Jesus Christ. You see, we NEED Jesus Christ as he is our centre and he is the one that gives us our direction!



PRAYERFUL PATHWAYS

We pray for the sick:

Carmen Rupe Ken Rau
Aphir Tahitahi Sam Morunga
Phil Kingi

We remember:

Abraham Kite 8 Aug 2001
Burnetta Chamberlain 14 Aug 2003
Bernard London 9 Aug 2004
Bruce Morgan 13 Aug 2004
Paul Nathan 8 Aug 2005
Eric Daniels 12 Aug 2006
Georgina James 12 Aug 2007
George Kereopa 12 Aug 2007
John Parkinson 14 Aug 2007
Junior Wilson 10 Aug 2008
Julie O'Grady 13 Aug 2009
Kath O'Brien 11 Aug 2010
Margaret Love 09 Aug 2011



LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

TWT Attendance: **30 + 10 Tamariki**
Communicants: **25**

Donations: **\$100.00**
TWT Collection: **\$307.05**
Direct Debit: **\$1142.50**
Auto Donations: **\$127.50**
Fundraising: **\$0.00**
Total contributions: **\$1677.05**



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Number 2 Account
BSB: **032082**
Account Number: **155562**