

Last week our theme was **Faithfulness to God's call**. In our reading from Hebrews it stated that the meaning of **faith** is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen yet and by faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. Faith is not a tangible thing; it can't be touched, seen or defined, it is what it is. Faith is all about believing in those things that we declare to be future events in our lives. The best example we given of this is Abraham. God came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield and your reward shall be very great.' God led Abraham outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And Abraham believed God. And this is what happened. Abraham and his wife Sarah had children at an old age and their whanau went on to build a great nation. Initially, we are like Abraham, we cannot see into our futures but we can hope for things to happen in our future as long as we have faith in those things we hope for. Each one of us has hope in our futures; it might be to have better lives, to have secure financial bases, to own our own homes, to have better relationships with our Whanau or to get out of situations and circumstances that are not beneficial to our wellbeing. And we need to do this, we need to pray and ask God to help us in our personal lives and to be part of our lives and to support us in our time of need. Therefore, when God does respond to our needs and we may be faithful to our own personal hopes and dreams but are we being faithful to God's call to us? Are we listening to what God is saying to us? In our gospel reading, Jesus states, 'Do not be afraid, little flock,

for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms, which means to give money to assist others in need. That is why we respond to God's call by being on direct debit, automatic payments, the money you put in our collection baskets and we are learning to tithe to the church because what we do as a fellowship is to take care of the needs of our community when they come seeking spiritual guidance and direction. Our ultimate goal, is to create a spiritual purse or kite for ourselves that doesn't wear out and it's full of spiritual treasure that carves us a track to heaven and if that is where our treasure is to be found, then that is where our hearts must continue to be.

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Rarangī:

*Ka tae mai te anahera a Kapariera, 'Tena koe, e te wahine kua manakohia nei.' **Ruka 1.28a***

Reflection:

Establish your heart by grace (Heb 13:9). Stand firm upon His promises; and access His blessings in your life because of Jesus perfect obedience. AMEN

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Today's Service

ATIRIKONA: Kaio M. Karipa
KAIKARAKIA: Norman Rogers

HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: **46**
 Gradual Hymn: **111**
 Offertory Hymn: **38**
 Communion: **32**
 Closing Hymn: **40**

SENTENCE:

The Angel Gabriel came and said to her,
 'Hail O favoured one!' **Luke 1.28a**

COLLECT:

God of love, you chose the blessed virgin Mary to be the mother of your only Son; grant that we who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1ST READING:

Isaiah 61:10-11

The Good News of Deliverance

Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.' Then I said, 'How long, O Lord?' And he said: 'Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate;

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

2ND READING:

Galatians 4:4-7

Son of a Human Mother

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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GOSPEL READING:

Luke 1:46-55

Mary's Song of Praise

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

This is the Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ the Word



Prayful Paths

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Burnetta Chamberlain 14 Aug 2003
 Bernard London 9 Aug 2004
 Bruce Morgan 13 Aug 2004
 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

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ivan Maheno Nancy Baker
 Kereama Wiwarena
 Neisha Hura Pat Mills
 Alison Robertson Tania Farr
 Kilharn Manuera

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WOLLONGONG KARAKIA

Our next Wollongong Service will be held on Sunday 15 August at 3pm at the Fairy Meadow Community Centre. All are welcome to join us. Come and meet the whanau in Wollongong.

[Wollongong Karakia](#)

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The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship

Number 2 Account

BSB: **032082**

Account Number: **15-5562**

LAST WEEKS CONTRIBUTION

Church Attendance: **24**

Communicants: **16 + 3 Tamariki**

Our Weekly Target is \$2500.

Donations: **\$397.56**

Congregational Giving: **\$161.85**

Direct Debit: **\$617.50**

Auto Payments: **\$195.00**

Total contributions: **\$1371.91**