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SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2011

"THE GIFT OF HOPE"



ATIRIKONA: Kaio Karipa

KAIKARAKIA: Norman Rogers

HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: **48**

Gradual Hymn: **248 + 248A**

Offertory Hymn: **190**

Closing Hymn: **191**

SENTENCE:

To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield **Psalms 33:19,20**

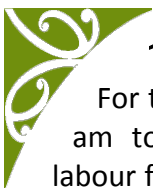
COLLECT:

God, you have given us a lodging in this world but not an abiding city. Help us, as a pilgrim people, to endure hardness, knowing that at the end of our journey Christ has prepared a place for us. **Amen**

1ST READING: Exodus 16:2-15

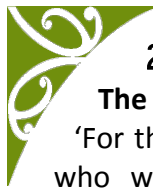
The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this

wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.' Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." ' And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." ' In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.



2ND READING: Phillipians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.



GOSPEL READING: Matthew 20:1-16

The Labourers in the Vineyard

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard."

when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'



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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.



and many many more for the future. We also extend our wishes to Archdeacon Kaio Karipa and his wife Pat on their 25th Wedding Annivesary and wish them all the very best for the future.

Reminder

Thank you all for attending the AGM on Saturday 3 September 2011. The EOFY Reports have been posted on the website. However, as discussed, the Church has had to review its focus for the future. As a result we request your initial involvement in three areas:

1. We require skilled, experienced and dedicated members for the Church Executive Council as follows: Executive Secretary, Property Manager, Events Manager, Communications/Marketing Manager, Relationship Manager and up to three members. We need the Executive Council members no later than 30 September 2011,
2. We require you to review our ***draft Strategic Plan*** (posted on website/facebook) that was developed as part of a review of our operations with a a focus on the future. It is requested that you review the Plan and provide feedback, suggestions and ideas no later than 30 September 2011. Once all the responses have been consolidated, a final plan will be distributed.
3. We require you to promote the Church, encourage your famlies, friends, children, bussiness associates and general community to be part of the Church. The church is undergoing change and we need your involmment to achieve our Vision and help shape the future of the Church.

Can all responses and nominations for the Executive Council please be sent to Archdeacon Kaio Karipa sydmaf@tewairuatapu.com.au



PRAYERFUL PATHWAYS

We pray for the sick:

Carmen Rupe Ken Rau
Sam Morunga

We remember:

Esther Hartwell 13 Sep 2006
Shane Hau 15 Sep 2007

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 Gift of Faith

Last weeks theme was The Gift of Faith. The Gift of *faith* is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to discern with extraordinary confidence the will and purposes of God for His work, and to act on God's promises with confidence and unwavering belief in His ability to fulfill His purposes. People with this gift: believe the promises of God and inspire others to do the same; act in complete confidence of God's ability to overcome obstacles; have an attitude, in various crises that arise, not only that God can do something, but that He will do it; advance the cause of Christ because they go forward when others will not; ask God for what is needed and trust the Lord for provisions. A person with this gift is usually: prayerful, optimistic, trusting, assured, positive, inspiring, hopeful and spiritual. We are blessed within the Church that our Minister Archdeacon Kaio Karipa has this very special gift of faith and that he has shared this with us every Sunday at service. On behalf of the Church community we wish him a very happy 50th birthday

Mary Isaacs 15 Sep 2008
Darren Wahanui 16 Sep 2008
Joharina Flavell 18 Sep 2008

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

TWT Attendance:

Communicants:

Donations: **\$0.00**

TWT Collection: **\$718.95**

Direct Debit: **\$335.00**

Auto Donations: **\$117.50**

Fundraising: **\$0.00**

Total contributions: **\$1171.45**



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details are as follows:

The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship

Number 2 Account

BSB: **032082**

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