



Last week the 3rd Sunday in Advent and the theme was “**The Forerunner:**”

John the Baptist, the last of the Prophets as we understand it as Christians. Known as the Forerunner to Jesus Christ. What an amazing character! A person who had the world at his feet and had a following of many people. A man that could have formed his own church and pointed everyone to God. He had respect, honour and a big reputation! However, he humbled himself to Jesus. He told his own disciples to go and check out Jesus. What did they find? Jesus told them, ‘Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.’ How many people will humble themselves to someone else? It wasn’t until John was informed by his disciples that he realised who Jesus was and that he was the Messiah, the one whom he and many others had been waiting for. As we get closer to Christmas, we are challenged like John, to ask who Jesus Christ really is too us? Its a time of giving and sharing, exchanging gifts with family and friends. Its a time when we can reflect upon the greatest gift given freely to us and that is the Son of God, Jesus Christ our saviour! **Amine**



Kia ora everyone!!!

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The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship
Number 2 Account
BSB: **032082**
Account Number: **155562**

LAST WEEK’S CONTRIBUTION

Attendance: **14**
Communicants: **11**
Our Weekly Target is \$2500.
Donations: **\$240.00**
Congregational Giving: **\$52.50**
Direct Debit: **\$617.50**
Auto Donations: **\$147.50**
Fundraising: **\$0.00**
Total contributions: **\$1057.50**

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Sunday 19 Dec 2010

CHURCH OF TE WAIRUA TAPU

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Rarangi:

*Maturuturu iho, e nga rangi i runga; kia ringihia mai ano he tika e nga kapua; kia puare te whenua, kia hua te whakaora, kia wana ngatahi te tika; naku, na Ihowa, taua mea i hanga. **Mathew 1:23***

Reflection:

*If you have a heart to give to people, you will have nothing to give, unless and until, you first learn to receive from God. Consider the principle Luke underlines with Mary and Martha in Lk 10:38-42. **AMEN***





PIHOA: Bishop R Forsyth

KAIKARAKIA: Achdeacon K Karipa

HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: **Joy to the World**

Gradual Hymn: **Whakarongo Ki te Reo (Hark the Herald)**

Offertory Hymn: **O Come all ye Faithful**

Communion: **The First Noel**

Closing Hymn: **Marie te Po (Silent Night)**

SENTENCE:

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us. **Matthew 1:23**

COLLECT:

Living God, you called your people out of Egypt and gave them the covenant; prepare our hearts to hear your call, so that we may receive with joy the gospel of your Son and be your faithful people, now and for ever. **Amen**

1ST READING:

Isaiah 7:10-16 Isaiah Gives Ahaz the Sign of Immanuel

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and

honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

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

2ND READING:

Romans 1:1-7 The Letter of Paul to the Romans. Salutation

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 1:18-25 The Birth of Jesus the Messiah

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her

husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

This is the Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ the Word



WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Brian Doyle 15 Dec 2003

Joseph Ward 18 Dec 2005

Tere Robson 15 Dec 2006

Rioeka-Mae Manuera 18 Dec 2006

Lorraine Bullivani 16 Dec 2007

Kaitiaki Cherrington 14 Dec 2007

Glenn Mills 15 Dec 2009

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ivan Maheno

Neisha Hura

Alison Robertson
Kilharn Manuera
George Tupaea
Ereana Moses
Peta Kingi
Tim Puha



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TE WAIRUA TAPU KURA

The Kura closes on Sunday 19 December 2010 and reopens on Sunday 9 January 2011



DECEMBER EVENTS

24th Christmas Service 11:30pm

26th Communion Service 10:30am