



Last week our theme was on the apostles **St James & St John**. What can we learn from the apostles James and John? They were Brothers and they were two of Jesus' first disciples. So all our Whanau have an opportunity to follow Jesus Christ but we need to hear Christ calling us to follow him. Not everyone will hear the calling. They were fishermen and came from a modest family, which means to follow Christ it doesn't matter what your family background is as long we accept Christ as our Lord and Saviour. They were called the "Sons of Thunder" so they would have had a very strong physical presence. Followers of Christ need to express their Christian presence when people are searching for the love of Christ. Together with Peter, they formed the inner core of the disciples. All organisations, including the church and this fellowship is not exempt. You gotta have an inner core, people willing to give total commitment to its cause. They were present at the most significant healing and spiritual manifestations of Jesus' ministry. We have to be involved with helping and supporting those in need, as it's not until we experience sharing the love of Christ do we get to witness the miraculous healing power of Jesus Christ. They weren't afraid to ask Jesus to use God's power to destroy villages that would decline to receive them. Sometimes we are challenged to use the power given to us by Christ to ensure that others do not take advantage of who we represent. We sometimes get our values mixed up. They requested to sit on either side of Jesus when his glory and kingdom comes. They had no problem asking Jesus to be his right and left hand men, that's how confident they were in their faith and belief but when it comes to the kingdom of God, it

will be God's decision, we need to remain focused on following the teachings of Christ. Both James and John were significant leaders in the early development of the church and James was executed for being a follower of Jesus Christ. So to follow Christ it costs us our lives, especially spiritually, mentally and physically.

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Kia ora everyone!!!

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The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship

Number 2 Account

BSB: **032082**

Account Number: **15-5562**

LAST WEEKS CONTRIBUTION

Church Attendance: **29**

Communicants: **22**

Memorial Service Attendance: **32**

Our Weekly Target is \$2500.

Donations: **\$220.00**

Congregational Giving: **\$185.85**

Direct Debit: **\$617.50**

Auto Payments: **\$155.00**

Fundraising: **\$0**

Total contributions: **\$1178.35**

Sunday 1 Aug 2010

CHURCH OF TE WAIRUA TAPU

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Rarangi:

*Kia hohoro, e te Atua, ki te whakaora i ahau; Ko ahau ia, he iti, he rawakore; hohoro mai, e te Atua, ki ahau; ko koe toku awhina, toku kai-whakaora; kaua ra e whakaroa e Ihowa. **Waiaata 70.1, 5***

Reflection:

*I am righteous, the very righteousness of God; only because of the ultimate blood sacrifice, and completed work of Jesus at Golgotha. **AMEN***

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ATIRIKONA: Kaio M. Karipa
KAIKARAKIA: Kararaina Fields

HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: **33**
 Gradual Hymn: **46**
 Offertory Hymn: **53**
 Communion: **64**
 Closing Hymn: **65**

SENTENCE:

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; I am poor and needy, hasten to me, O God, you are my helper and deliverer, O Lord do not tarry. **Psalms 70.1, 5**

COLLECT:

O God, from whom all good things come, give us grace to live to your glory; give us respect for each other and for all your creation; fill our lives with a sense of wonder, and give us wisdom in all our dealings; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

1ST READING:

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Foolishness or Wisdom

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

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

2ND READING:

Colossians 3:1-11

Raised to Life with Christ

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and

abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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GOSPEL READING:

Luke 12:13-21

The Parable of the Rich Man

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

This is the Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ the Word



WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Andrew Brown 1 Aug 2003
 Vaine Tu Tai 1 Aug 2006
 Michael Nathan 26 July 2010

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

NGA KUPU TAPU I ROTO I TE REO

Classes start at 7.30am - 9.30am each Sunday Morning. Kaumatua/Kuia & Rangatahi all welcome. Haere mai! Call Wara **0406-585-575**

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.

TWT CHOIR SMAC

Choir practice is every Sunday at 1pm. Call Char Roberts – **0416-135-894** for more information.

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