

The Venerable's Corner

Last week the theme was “**The Final Revelation**”. Making choices! Every day, every waking moment, we are confronted with making choices. When we wake up we have to decide what it is we have to do first. Whether to start the day with a cup of tea or coffee or do some type of exercise like going for a walk or doing your gardens or you choose to pray and meditate. Whatever it is, you have to make a choice! In the reading from **Deuteronomy** the people of Israel are given a choice by God; life and prosperity or death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you will possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, you shall perish and you shall not live long in the land that you possess. I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. In the reading from **1 Corinthians** Paul states; for as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling in the church, you remain in the flesh and behave according to human knowledge. When someone says, ‘I belong to Paul’, and another, ‘I belong to Apollos’, you are thinking purely from a human perspective not a spiritual perspective and that is why Paul treats them as infants in Christ and he uses the metaphor of feeding the people with milk and not solid food because they were not ready for solid spiritual food. Unless the people choose to rise above their own emotions, feelings and understandings they will not connect spiritually with Christ or with God. Paul goes on to say that as servants of Christ they have

brought people to come and believe in Jesus Christ through their work and ministries **BUT** God gives the growth. It is not until we connect with God are we able to become servants, working together among God’s people. We are not here for ourselves but to serve God. So we are confronted with making a choice; serve God and give God the glory or serve yourself and glorify each other? Make the right Choice!

Money Matters

Kia ora everyone!!!

If you want to make an automatic payment or a donation, our **Westpac Bank** account details are as follows:

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

LAST WEEK’S CONTRIBUTION

Attendance: **26+4 Tamariki**
 Communicants: **17**
 Our Weekly Target is \$2500.
 Donations: **\$60.00**
 Congregational Giving: **\$419.55**
 Direct Debit: **\$280.00**
 Auto Donations: **\$67.50**
 Fundraising: **\$0.00**
 Total contributions: **\$827.05**

[CHURCH COLOUR IS GREEN]

Sunday 20 Feb 2011

CHURCH OF TE WAIRUA TAPU

www.tewairuatapu.com.au



Rarangi:

*Kei ko ra ko te moana, tona nui tuauriuri: kei reira nga mea ngokingoki e kore e taea te tatau, nga kirehe hoki, ana nonohi, ana nunui. **Waiata 104:25***

Reflection:

*Ever realised you are intended to be 'undevourable', dear Believer? (1 Pe 5:8). Resolutely impervious! Because everything about you and your life, has been eternally redeemed by our Lord, Jesus Christ's blood. **AMEN.***

The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship telecommunications proudly sponsored by



www.kiwitv.com.au



ATIRIKONA: Archdeacon K Karipa
KAIKARAKIA: Karauna Waititi

HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: **211**
Gradual Hymn: **116**
Offertory Hymn: **62**
Closing Hymn: **150**

SENTENCE:

O Lord how manifold are your works; in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. **Psalms 104:25**

COLLECT:

Give us, we pray you, gentle God, a mind forgetful of past injury, a will to seek the good of others and a heart of love. **Amen**

1ST READING:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Ritual and Moral Holiness

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God. You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD. You shall not defraud your neighbour; you shall not steal;

and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a labourer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling-block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the LORD. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the LORD.

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

2ND READING:

1Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, 'He catches the wise in their craftiness', and again, 'The Lord

knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.' So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

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

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 5:38-48

Concerning Retaliation

'You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

Love for Enemies

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

This is the Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ the Word



WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Jadine Ackerman 14 Feb 2001
Marcus Boyle-McTaggart 19 Feb 2001
Debbie Brown 14 Feb 2002
Tamaki Ransfield 17 Feb 2002
Clark Pikaahu 16 Feb 2003
Ruby Williams 18 Feb 2005
Sandra Fox 14 Feb 2006
Dennis Banks 20 Feb 2008
Hingaia Morson 20 Feb 2008
Leon Campbell 14 Feb 2009
Theresa Toko 15 Feb 2009
George Allan 17 Feb 2009

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Hohi Clarke	Tim Puha
Ivan Maheno	Fred Kaa
Neville Berridge	Ken Rau



Sunday 20th Feb Wollongong Service

This Sunday we will be conducting our outreach service at Fairy Meadow, Wollongong at 3pm.



TWT CHOIR SMAC

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

TE WAIRUA TAPU FACEBOOK

'LIKE' US ON FACEBOOK: Keep up on all the latest by joining our NEW 'Church of Te Wairua Tapu - Poihakena' page. Search on the name and then click the LIKE button.

Or click on the link below

[Te Wairua Tapu Facebook](#)

TE WAIRUA TAPU KURA

The TWT Kura Te Reo classes has restarted for 2011 every Sunday from 7:30am to 9:30am at the Church.