



The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship
Church of Te Wairua Tapu Inc.



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SUNDAY 21 AUGUST 2011

"HOLY BAPTISM"



ATIRIKONA: Kaio Karipa

KAIKARAKIA: Norman Rogers

HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: 88 – Ko Koe e Ihu Tena

Gradual Hymn: 116 – E Te Atua, Kua Ruia Nei

Offertory Hymn: 191 – Tenei Hoki Au e Ihu

Communion: 259

Closing Hymn: 195 – Maku Rapea!

SENTENCE:

A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. **Ezekiel 36:26**

COLLECT:

Almighty and everlasting God, by your Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people, that in the ministry to which you have called us we may serve you in holiness and truth; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

1ST READING: Exodus 1:8, 2:10

The Israelites Are Oppressed

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She

named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

2ND READING: Romans 12:1-8

The New Life in Christ

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:

13-20

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered

him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.



TWT GROUPS

TWT CHOIR SMAC

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.



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.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please be advised that the Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship Church of Te Wairua Tapu will be holding its AGM on Saturday 3 September 2011 at 11am at the Church. The Church will present its Annual Report but more importantly it's Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2011.

The Church is also undergoing change and as a result will also be presenting its draft Strategic Plan for community comment and support.



STRATEGIC PLAN 2011-2021

"We cannot always build a future for our youth but we can build our youth for the future"
(Franklin D Roosevelt)

LAST WEEK

THE VENERABLE'S CORNER

Our theme last week was the **Holy Bible**. The bible is a library of books it's not just one book. It's been put together over hundreds even thousands of years and that's why it may seem so hard to read at times and we can't make sense of it! Because there are so many different time and space shifts in between the books! However, simply put, the Bible is a book where God has a very deep relationship with his people. It's full of faith stories but it's primarily all about LOVE! It's about God's unconditional love for people! Over time, you realise that although we search for a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, God's love is also directly aimed at the community not just individuals. If it was just about our own personal salvation we wouldn't need to be in community! From the gospel reading, we find Jesus being pushed beyond his boundaries and looking past his own people and developing a bigger community! Surprise, surprise, it's a woman who pushes him! And it's a woman who belongs to another people, an outsider, someone who doesn't belong to the house of Israel! Jesus replied, don't you know, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs?' Boy, that's a pretty hard response and in normal circumstances you would probably get angry and tell this person Jesus to go and jump, I don't need your blessings! But the woman responded, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Wow! What a humble answer! She didn't get angry, she just bowed even lower to Jesus! Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly. This Canaanite woman truly portrays what strong faith is! She obviously knew who Jesus was or at the very least, witnessed his saving work and miracles for her to approach him in the first instance. You see, the Canaanite woman was an outsider, yet she had the faith to enter into another community and ask for mercy and for Jesus to save her daughter. God's love is for all people, no matter where you come from or what you have done. God's LOVE is unconditional!

PRAYERFUL PATHWAYS

We pray for the sick:

Carmen Rupe Ken Rau
Sam Morunga

We remember:

Rena Cantwell 17 Aug 2002
Maxwell Webster 16 Aug 2004
Richard Jorgenson 18 Aug 2005
Bill Ngawaka 19 Aug 2005
Zurich Marino 16 Aug 2007
Phil Kingi 11 Aug 2011
Aniva Holdaway 14 Aug 2011

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

TWT Attendance: **21 + 3 Tamariki**
Communicants: **17**

Donations: **\$0.00**
TWT Collection: **\$159.25**
Direct Debit: **\$335.00**
Auto Donations: **\$67.50**
Fundraising: **\$0.00**

Wollongong Attendance: **19**
Communicants: **11**
Collection: **\$254.80**
Total contributions: **\$816.55**

DONATIONS

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**