



The Theme last week was **Christ Our Prophet**. if Christ is our prophet, in last week's gospel reading, Jesus basically tells us straight, we can't take short cuts to heaven! If we believe Jesus Christ is the way, then don't bother trying to find another way. If we believe Jesus Christ is our prophet, then we need to follow his instructions! In other words, if we try to find another way or a back door, we are nothing but thief's and bandits and trying to get into heaven through devious means! I know the analogy of shepherds and sheep are a long way from what our children and youth perceive them to be, some of them probably see sheep as the shepherds and the shepherds as the sheep! But shepherds do know their sheep and sheep, as dumb as we are sometimes told they are, they do know their shepherds and they don't follow anyone else. It is the same with us, we think the way we are following Jesus is so right, that we don't listen to other peoples perspective or views because we get scared they might change the way we think and they might influence our values and beliefs. However, if our faith is so strong then we shouldn't be afraid of how others view Jesus Christ! It's all in the living! Jesus said, I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. That is what I love so much about Jesus being our prophet. He came so that we can have life and have it abundantly! We get so caught up in being careful about what we are saying and how we are perceived by others that we lose sight of what it is we are

supposed to be doing, and that is enjoying life! We get so overwhelmed by life that we actually forget about living and enjoying what is going on around us, especially those signs of love and compassion which God puts in front of us! To follow Jesus means we have to adjust our faith to suit life, which only deepens and strengthens our faith not weaken it!

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: **24+10 Tamariki**

Communicants: **20**

Our Weekly Target is \$2500.

Donations: **\$100.00**

Congregational Giving: **\$84.05**

Direct Debit: **\$677.50**

Auto Donations: **\$67.50**

Fundraising: **\$00.00**

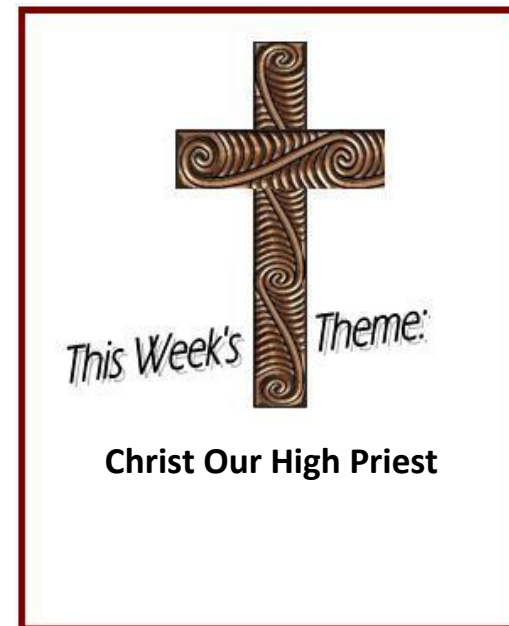
Total contributions: **\$929.05**

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Sunday 22 May 2011

CHURCH OF TE WAIRUA TAPU

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Rarangi:

*Kahore nei ia e kitea e koutou, heoi arohaina ana e koutou; ahakoa kahore koutou e kite inaiane, heoi i a koutou ka whakapono nei ki a ia, nui atu te koa, he koa kororia, e kore e taea te korero **1Peter 1:8:***





Today's Service

ATIRIKONA: Bishop Robert Forsyth
KAIKARAKIA: Archdeacon K Karipa

HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: **166**
Gradual Hymn: **248, 248a**
Offertory Hymn: **191**
Closing Hymn: **171**

SENTENCE:

Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, **1Peter 1:8**

COLLECT:

Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life for all creation; grant us grace to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen**

1ST READING:

Acts 7:55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice,

'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

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

2ND READING:

1Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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GOSPEL READING:

John 14:1-14

Jesus the Way to the Father

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

This is the Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ the Word



Prayful Paths

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Thomas Tahu 20 May 2004
Emily Nathan 19 May 2006
Christopher Mohi 22 May 2008
Amiria Rochow 15 May 2011

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ngaire Rogers	Carmen Rupe
Karanui Pene	AphirTahitahi
Sam Morunga	Hohi Clarke
Ken Rau	Fred Kaa



Upcoming Events

TE WAIRUA TAPU FESTIVAL

Reminder, that the annual Te Wairua Tapu Gala Day is on Sunday 19 June 2011 from 10:30am to 4:00pm. There will be no Sunday service at the Church that day.

TE WAIRUA TAPU WOLLONGONG SERVICE

Reminder, that the next Te Wairua Tapu service at Wollongong is on Sunday 5 June 2011 at 3:00pm.



TWT Groups

TWT CHOIR SMAC

Choir practice is every Wednesday night at 7pm. 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

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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.