

The Venerable's Corner

Last week the theme was “**Revelation in the childhood of Christ**”. From the gospel reading, John gives an account of John the Baptist and the way in which he saw Jesus Christ. He was the one anointed by God to take on the sins of the world, a person far greater than he could ever be. So great, that John makes it clear Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Jesus is clearly the one that the people were waiting for to appear and John even points his own disciples, Andrew and Simon (who Jesus re-named Peter) to follow Jesus. How easy it may be for some to make a name for ourselves, using their gifts and talents to do well, further their careers and find a standing in the community that everyone looks up to, respects and admires. Then one day, someone comes along and you know that this person is the one that is going to supersede your leadership. How will you respond? You have been in a place of privilege for a long time; you’ve worked hard to get there, sacrificed time, energy and family commitments. Are you willing to just give it all up for someone else? When you choose to follow Jesus Christ you choose to let go of those things which keep you bound up such as pride, honour, glory, privilege, prestige and power. John had a deep personal relationship with God and he truly knew who Jesus was as he quickly takes the focus off his ministry and points his disciples in the direction of Jesus and tells them, “Look, there is the Lamb of God!” I am not he! To have examples like

John to follow, we have no reason to be self-centred and to believe the world and the universe revolves around us. How small our thinking is if everything was to depend on what we do! John teaches us to keep thinking beyond ourselves and that God is so much greater!

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: **25+8 Tamariki**

Communicants: **15**

Our Weekly Target is \$2500.

Donations: **\$0.00**

Congregational Giving: **\$131.90**

Direct Debit: **\$280**

Auto Donations: **\$85.00**

Fundraising: **\$0.00**

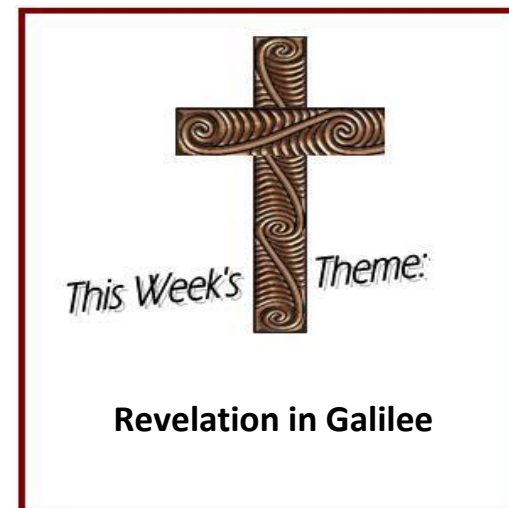
Total contributions: **\$496.90**

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Sunday 23 Jan 2011

CHURCH OF TE WAIRUA TAPU

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Rarangi:

*He mea whakawehi, he tapu, tau utu kupu ki a matou, e te Atua o to matou whakaoranga, e te okiokinga o nga pito katoa o te whenua, o te hunga hoki i tawhiti i runga o te moana; E whakau nei i nga maunga, he kaha hoki nona; tona whitiki nei he kaha. **Nga Waiata 65:5, 6***

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.***

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ATIRIKONA: Archdeacon K Karipa
KAIKARAKIA: Karauna Waititi

HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: **211**
Gradual Hymn: **253/253A**
Offertory Hymn: **48A**
Communion: **255**
Closing Hymn: **150**

SENTENCE:

With awesome deeds you answer our prayers for deliverance, O God our Saviour; you that are the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of far off seas. **Psalms 65:5, 6**

COLLECT:

Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and wonders the greatness of your saving love; renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all your weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

1ST READING:

Isaiah 9:1-4

The Righteous Reign of the Coming King

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they

rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

2ND READING:

1Corinthians 1:10-18

Divisions in the Church

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus Ministers to Crowds of People

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

This is the Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ the Word



WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Purua Solomon 19 Jan 2001
Ngairi Jones 20 Jan 2003
Patricia Markey 23 Jan 2005
Tiki Tanga 17 Jan 2006
William Berry 22 Jan 2007
Mary Spooner 20 Jan 2009
Tony Perry 20 Jan 2009
Thomas Pardoe 19 Jan 2010

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Fred Kaa	Hohi Clarke
Tim Puha	Neisha Hura
Alison Robertson	Ereana Moses
Kilharn Manuera	George Tupaea
Ivan Maheno	



WAITANGI DAY SERVICE

Reminder that there will be a Waitangi Day service on Sunday 30 January 2011.

WAITANGI DAY FESTIVAL 2011

Reminder that the annual Waitangi Day Festival will be held once again at Holroyd Gardens in Merrylands on Saturday 5 February 2011.

KIWI WAKA FESTIVAL 2011

Reminder that the annual Kiwi Waka Festival will be held at the Time and Tide

Hotel at 30 Campbell Avenue Dee Why NSW 2099 on 6th February 2011 from 9am – 5pm



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

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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.

FOR SALE

TWT are selling some of its Pews to make way for lighter and more comfortable chairs. Some Pews will be retained to ensure the 26 years of history and culture of the church is maintained.

So if you want to secure a piece of Te Wairua Tapu history and culture please contact Greg Makutu by email

greg@tewairuatapu.com.au or ring 0404 005 341.

The following details are provided:

Quantity: 10 Long Pews @ \$300 each
3 Short Pews @ \$200 each

Logistics: The purchaser must arrange uplift as delivery is not possible. Also please arrange assistance as the Pews are very heavy.

Viewing: Pews can be viewed every Sunday from 10:30am – 1pm.

