



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



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“THE GIFT OF LOVE”



ATIRIKONA: Kaio Karipa
KAIKARAKIA:

HYMNS:

Opening Hymn:

Gradual Hymn:

Offertory Hymn:

Closing Hymn:

SENTENCE:

Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.
Psalms 33:30,31

COLLECT:

We pray you, Jesus, take the old water, our busy, conscientious lives, and turn them into gospel wine, that everyone may see your life and thirst. **Amen**

1ST READING: Exodus 17:1-

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Water from the Rock

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said,

‘Give us water to drink.’ Moses said to them, ‘Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?’ But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, ‘Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?’ So Moses cried out to the Lord, ‘What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.’ The Lord said to Moses, ‘Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.’ Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, ‘Is the Lord among us or not?’

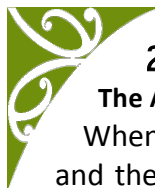
2ND READING: Phillipians

2:1-13

Imitating Christ's Humility

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also

highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:23-32

The Authority of Jesus Questioned

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

The Parable of the Two Sons

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.



TWT GROUPS **TWT CHOIR SMAC**

Choir practice is every Wednesday night at 7pm. Call Char Roberts – **0416-135-894** for more information.

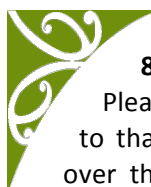
TE WAIRUA TAPU FACEBOOK

'LIKE' US ON FACEBOOK: Keep up on all the latest by joining our '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](#)

NGA KUPU TAPU

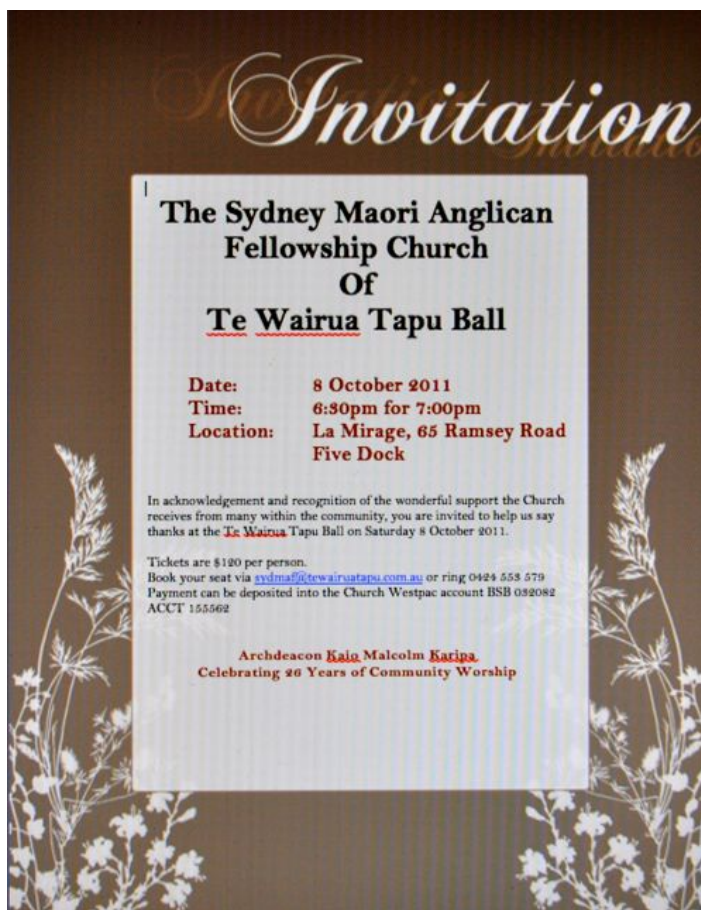
Nga Kupu Tapu i Roto i Te Reo hold Maori language classes every Sunday from 7:30am to 9:30am at Te Wairua Tapu.



UPCOMING EVENTS

8 October 2011 Te Wairua Tapu Ball

Please be advised that the Church is hosting a Ball to thank all those that have supported the church over the last year. It will be a wonderful night of Italian style food and music in an absolutely beautiful and professional venue. We do hope you can come and enjoy an evening of friendship, fellowship and whanaunatanga.



9 October 2011 Feedback on Strategic Plan

Please be advised that the Management Team of Te Wairua Tapu intend to provide feedback from the responses received in regards to the Strategic Plan and the invitation for skilled members to the church Council. The feedback will be at 1pm at the Church on Sunday 9 October 2011. Following the feedback a short brief on the next steps in the process will also be given. The church would like to thank you for your support and appreciate any feedback not only on the Strategic Plan but the future of the church.

Please go to the Te Wairua Tapu website to view the Strategic Plan www.tewairuatapu.com.au

22 October 2011 Te Wairua Tapu Community Day

Please be advised that Te Wairua Tapu will hold a Community Day for our children on Saturday 22 October starting at the Church at 10:30am then moving to the park for a BYO picnic and activities. The day will begin with a briefing for all on the changes occurring within the Church and the assistance required, followed by an opportunity for questions before moving on to the Park.

Last week

The Gift of Hope



Jesus said, 'For the kingdom of heaven is like...And he goes onto explain the parable of the labourers in the vineyard and the way in which the landowner went about hiring people to work for him.

An example of how God works with people! Some of you may remember when companies hired on the understanding that first on last off! It didn't matter how bad a worker you were, as long as you were hired first, the company couldn't sack you. And if you were hired last and out-performed all the other workers in the company, you still got the sack first! Well the kingdom of God is different, you can become a servant of God and give your life totally to serving God and God's people but always remember to remain focused on why you are doing it. Because at the end of the day, God makes the final decision on who enters the kingdom of God, not us. No matter how much work you and I think we have done in the church and in the community, God determines who enters the kingdom! Like Jesus states, is God not allowed to do what God chooses with what belongs to God? Or do we get envious because God is so generous to others and we don't get the glory we so deservedly think we should get?" Isn't it challenging when God continues to put the spotlight on us and not other people? Our theme last week was HOPE. Jesus it makes it clear that we have to work for this hope! Our hope is in the future not in the present, not in the now but in the future. Our hope is that one day we will dwell with God and God will dwell with us! It will be the time when the kingdom of heaven will reign and we will be part of God's kingdom, inheriting eternal life through our commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ. That is our HOPE! And we want help as many people as we can to enter into the kingdom with us!

Reminder

Thank you all for attending the AGM on Saturday 3 September 2011. The EOFY Reports have been posted on the website. However, as discussed, the Church has had to review its focus for the future. As a result we request your initial involvement in three areas:

We require skilled, experienced and dedicated members for the Church Executive Council as follows:

- Executive Secretary, Property Manager, Events Manager, Communications/Marketing Manager, Relationship Manager and up to three members. We need the Executive Council members no later than 30 September 2011,
- We require you to review our draft Strategic Plan (posted on website/facebook) that was developed as part of a review of our operations with a focus on the future. It is requested that you review the Plan and provide feedback, suggestions and ideas no later than 30 September 2011. Once all the responses have been consolidated, a final plan will be distributed.
- We require you to promote the Church, encourage your families, friends, children, business associates and general community to be part of the Church. The church is undergoing change and we need your involvement to achieve our Vision and help shape the future of the Church.

Can all responses and nominations for the Executive Council please be sent to Archdeacon Kaio Karipa sydmaf@tewairuatapu.com.au



LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

TWT Attendance: **28 + 3 Tamariki**
 Communicants: **15**
 St Anne's Attendance: **16 + 3 Tamariki**
 Communicants: **9**

Donations: **\$220.00**
 TWT Collection: **\$149.10**
 St Anne's Collection: **\$100.00**
 Direct Debit: **\$667.50**
 Auto Donations: **\$97.50**
 Fundraising: **\$NIL**
 Total contributions: **\$1234.10**

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**



PRAYERFUL PATHWAYS

We pray for the sick:

Carmen Rupe Ken Rau
 Sam Morunga

We remember:

Salina Rakitch 19 Sep 2005
 Ivan Thomson 20 Sep 2005
 Barbara Haira 20 Sep 2011