

The Venerable's Corner

Last week the theme was **“Revelation in Galilee”**. Paul further states, Christ did not send him to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent and smart wisdom to take away the power of the cross of Christ. For the message about the cross is foolish to those who don't know or don't believe, but for believers who are being saved it is the power of God. Our theme this morning is **Revelation in Galilee**. In our gospel reading, Jesus begins his ministry in Galilee, a place where many outsiders lived. According to the prophet Isaiah, Galilee was full of 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”*** This only supports Paul's calling to the church, the message about the cross is foolish to those who don't know or don't believe, but for believers who are being saved it is the power of God. Jesus was revealed to the people in Galilee and his challenge to them was, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' The message has not changed today, Jesus continues to call us as the kingdom of God is near. It is up to us to hear this calling from Jesus and repent of our sins and be saved! Just as he walked by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, and said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Today, as a revelation in this church, Jesus is calling to you all to follow him and he will make you proclaim the good news of the kingdom to others, which is freedom from ourselves and our own selfish needs.

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: 39

Communicants: 28

Our Weekly Target is \$2500.

Donations: **\$300**

Congregational Giving: **\$185.85**

Direct Debit: **\$617.50**

Auto Donations: **\$185.00**

Fundraising: **\$0.00**

Total contributions: **\$1288.35**

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Sunday 30 Jan 2011

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Rarangi:

*Kotahi taku mea i inoi ai i a Ihowa, ko taku tena e rapu ai: kia noho i te whare o Ihowa i nga ra katoa e ora ai ahau, kia kite ai i te ataahua o Ihowa, kia ui ai i roto i tona temepara. Ka huna hoki ahau e ia ki tona teneti i te ra o te he, ka huna ki te wahi ngaro i tona tapenakara, ka hapainga ahau ki runga ki te kohatu. **Nga Waiata 27:4-5***

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: Norman Rogers

HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: **111**
Gradual Hymn: **116**
Offertory Hymn: **90**
Communion: **80**
Closing Hymn: **171**

SENTENCE:

One thing I have asked of the Lord, which I long for, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on your beauty O Lord and to seek you in your temple. **Psalm 27:4-5**

COLLECT:

Jesus, you suffered on the cross for our redemption; help us, if we are called to suffer, to be like you: to forgive and to trust in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

1ST READING:

Ephesians 2:13-18

The Righteous Reign of the Coming King

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death

that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

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

2ND READING:

Acts 10:34-43

Gentiles Hear the Good News

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly

Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ the Word



Prayful Paths

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Eric Lawrence 26 Jan 2001
Toni Meha 26 Jan 2001
Lillian Dunn 25 Jan 2007

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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



Upcoming Events

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.

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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.