



Last week was the First Week in ADVENT. The Theme was **"The Coming of the Lord:"**

The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Thus, Advent is far more than simply marking a 2,000 year old event in history. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God. Included are themes of accountability for faithfulness at His coming, judgment on sin, and the hope of eternal life. It also symbolizes the spiritual journey of individuals, as they affirm that Christ has come, that He is present in the world today, and that He will come again in power. We are called to be faithful stewards of what is entrusted to us as God's people.

Prayer:

Faithful God, whose promises stand unshaken through all generations: renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our Judge and Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of The Holy Spirit. One God forever and ever
Amen

Te Inoi

E te Atua pono, ko au ki tauranga ka tu tonu i roto i nga whakatupuranga, whakahoutia te tumanako ki roto i a matou, kia noho kakama, kia noho mataara tonu ai matou, mo te

hokinga whakahirahira mai o Ihu Karaiti, to matou Kaiwhakawa, to matou Kaiwhakaora, e noho nei e hira nei koutou i roto i te hononga ki te Wairua Tapu, kotahi Atua, mo ake tonu atu.
Amine



Kia ora everyone!!!

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The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship

Number 2 Account

BSB: **032082**

Account Number: **155562**

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTION

Attendance: **17**

Communicants: **11**

Our Weekly Target is \$2500.

Donations: **\$0.00**

Congregational Giving: **\$97.55**

Direct Debit: **\$617.50**

Auto Donations: **\$222.50**

Fundraising: **\$0.00**

Total contributions: **\$937.55**

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Sunday 5 Dec 2010

CHURCH OF TE WAIRUA TAPU

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Rarangi:

Otiia he tapu koe, kei nga whakamoemiti a Ihairaira tou nohoanga. I whakawhirinaki o matou matua ki a koe, a whakaorangia ana e koe. I karanga ratou ki a koe, a kua ora; i whakawhirinaki ki a koe, a kihai i whakama.

Reflection:

Heard the real 'Secret'? That when you pursue Jesus and His righteousness, given to you as a gift - everything you need (Matt 6:31-33) will be added to you. AMEN.

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KAIKARAKIA: Kararaina Field

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HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: **130**

Gradual Hymn: **116**

Offertory Hymn: **191**

Communion: **261**

Closing Hymn: **257**

SENTENCE:

You are the Holy One enthroned on the praises of your people. Our ancestors trusted in you and you delivered them; they put their trust in you and were not disappointed. **Psalms 22: 3-5**

COLLECT:

Almighty God, you sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son; grant that those who proclaim your word may so guide our feet into the way of peace that we may stand with confidence before him when he comes in his glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer. **Amen**

1ST READING:

Isaiah 11:1-10 The Peaceful Kingdom

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Return of the Remnant of Israel and Judah

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

2ND READING:

Romans 14: 4-13

Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who

abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God. **Do Not Make Another Stumble**
Let us therefore no longer pass judgement on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling-block or hindrance in the way of another.

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GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 3:1-12 The Proclamation of John the Baptist

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." ' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan,

confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

This is the Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ the Word



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ivan Maheno

Neisha Hura

Alison Robertson

Kilharn Manuera

George Tupaea

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WOLLONGONG SERVICE 5/12

Reminder that the Wollongong service is on this Sunday at 3pm at Fairy Meadow Community Centre, Fairy Meadow.

CONFIRMATION 19/12

Confirmation with Bishop Forsythe will be held on 19th December 2010. Confirmation is about confirming one's faith in Jesus Christ and not about making sure children/youth and adults can take the bread and wine on Sunday mornings. Preparation Classes will be held on 11/12 and 18/12. Please contact [Archdeacon Karipa](#) if you or one of your whanau is interested in Confirmation".