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SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2011

“Our Lives”



ATIRIKONA: Kaio Karipa

KAIKARAKIA: Norman Rogers

HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: **88 Ko Koe, E Ihu, Tena**

Gradual Hymn: **247 To Get a Touch From The Lord**

Offertory Hymn: **245 Te Atua, Tapu o Nga Tapu**

Communion Hymn: **95 E Te Toka Ingoa Nui**

Closing Hymn: **171 Ma Te Marie**

SENTENCE:

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him. **Psalms 34:8**

COLLECT:

Father, let us not serve you grudgingly like slaves, but with the gladness of children who delight in you and rejoice in your work. **Amen**

1ST READING: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

The Tribes Renew the Covenant

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons

Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; 'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.' Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.' But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the Lord!' Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.' The people said to Joshua, 'The Lord our God we will serve, and him we

will obey.' So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

2ND READING:

1 Thessalonians 4:9-18

Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another; and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, beloved, to do so more and more, to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, so that you may behave properly towards outsiders and be dependent on no one.

The Coming of the Lord

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:1-13

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

Jesus said, 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those

bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! There will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

TWT GROUPS

TWT CHOIR SMAC

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

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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

Sunday 13 November

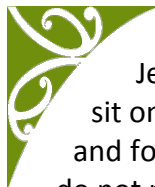
9.00am - **Holy Communion Service** will be held before the Remembrance Day Service

10.30am - **Remembrance Day Service** Please be advised that NZ Veterans in Partnership with the Church will host a Remembrance Day Service and Medals Presentation. Everyone is welcome to attend the service whereby the NZ High Commissioner HE Maj Gen (Retd) Martyn Dunne CNZM and City of Sydney Cllr Phillip Black will conduct the Medal presentations to NZ Veterans that are able to attend. However, in attendance will also be Sir Ian R Turbott Kt AO CVO CMG Hon.D.Litt, WWII NZ Veterans 97 year old Frank Harlow, 95 year old Arch Campbell and 93 year old Maurice Borland.

2.45pm - **Holy Communion Service at St Anne's Anglican Church** at 2.45pm, corner of Walder Road and Stewart Avenue

Sunday 20 November

10.30am – **Te Kakano o Te Atua Kapa Haka Group** will be joining us and performing during our karakia



Last week

Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; do whatever they teach you and follow it; BUT do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. Jesus teaches us to be fully aware of what is going on around us and don't accept what seems to look and be right but in fact it is not! Our theme last week was **Prayer in the Lord**. Prayer is something that comes from deep within ones being and is brought forth from ones heart and directed intentionally at God. Prayer is a powerful way to communicate with God, individually or communally and you can pray at anytime and anywhere. Prayer has no restrictions and it costs nothing! As Christians, we have been given the gospel and if we believe Jesus Christ to be our saviour, then we are called to pray in and through his name. What we discovered in last week's gospel reading is that we cannot fool God because God knows our hearts and can see straight through us. God knows when our prayers do not come from our hearts and are only superficial. So when we pray make sure our hearts are open, our words and thoughts intentional and we offer them up to God through Jesus Christ.



PRAYERFUL PATHWAYS

We pray for the sick:

Carmen Rupe	Ken Rau
Sam Morunga	Keita Murray
Queenie Connell	Michael Madden

We remember:

Guy Hona 1 Nov 2001
Mona Williams 2 Nov 2006
William Jacobs 2 Nov 2006
Eru Pukape 3 Nov 2008
Keeti Leef 2 Nov 2009
Bill Waihape 30 Oct 2011

Sonny Moke 02 Nov 2011



LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

TWT Attendance:
Communicants:

Donations: **\$1358.00**
TWT Collection: **\$121.50**
Direct Debit: **\$657.50**
Auto Donations: **\$67.50**
Fundraising: **\$0.00**
Total contributions: **\$2204.50**

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**