

The Venerable's Corner

Last week the theme was “**Children of God**”. John the Apostle, son of Zebedee and brother of James the disciple called ‘Son of Thunder’, makes it clear from his first words of his gospel the identity of Jesus Christ. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. John continues this theme throughout his gospel, pointing us to Christ as the way we need to follow. John’s gospel is not a life of Christ; but a powerful perspective of incarnation, a demonstration that Jesus was, and is, the very heaven sent Son of God and the only source of eternal life.

- Christ is the word of God and was at the beginning of all creation
- He was instrumental in bringing all creation into being
- Prophets spoke of his coming for centuries
- Christ was to be accepted and rejected by his own people and outsiders as the true Messiah, sent by God
- Christ gives power to become children of God if we receive him and believe in his name not because we can whakapapa or have genealogical connections back to him, or we can will ourselves to do so, but because God reveals Christ to us, born of God not of man

None of this knowledge is truly rational but more spiritual and it is by the grace of God that this knowledge is revealed to us! It’s like

watching people do things that you might think is right or wrong but you are confronted with making a decision on what they do, even if you don’t make one, that’s still a decision! From Christ’s fullness we have all received grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made God known to us.

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: **31**

Communicants: **17**

Our Weekly Target is \$2500.

Donations: **\$0.00**

Congregational Giving: **\$92.05**

Direct Debit: **\$280.00**

Auto Donations: **\$277.50**

Fundraising: **\$0.00**

Total contributions: **\$649.55**

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Sunday 9 Jan 2011

CHURCH OF TE WAIRUA TAPU

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Rarangi:

*Ko koe, e Ihairaira, ko taku pononga, ko Hakopa, ko taku i whiriwhiri ai, ko te uri o taku i aroha ai, o Aperahama; Ko taku ano i tango mai ai i nga pito o te whenua; he mea karanga nei hoki koe naku i roto i ona topito; ko taku kupu hoki ki a koe, Ko koe taku pononga; he mea whiriwhiri koe naku, kahore koe e maka atu e ahau. **Ihaia 41:8, 9***

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: **100**
 Gradual Hymn: **241**
 Offertory Hymn: **70**
 Communion: **166**
 Closing Hymn: **226**

SENTENCE:

My people, I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, You are my servant, I have chosen you and not rejected you.' **Isaiah 41:8, 9**

COLLECT:

Open the heavens, Holy Spirit, for us to see Jesus interceding for us; may we be strengthened to share his baptism, strengthened to share his cup, and ready to serve him forever **AMEN**

1ST READING:

Isaiah 42:1-9

The Servant, a Light to the Nations

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens

and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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 3:13-17

The Baptism of Jesus

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved with whom I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ the Word



WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Darrly Henare 6 Jan 2003
 Sarah Hughes 8 Jan 2004
 Jackie Werahiko 8 Jan 2005

Nancy Baker 3 Jan 2006
 Baby Shontaye 9 Jan 2007
 Harold Norman 8 Jan 2007
 James Paul 7 Jan 2008
 Lenny Muru 3 Jan 2009

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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



ST ANNES SERVICE

Reminder that there will be a service at St Annes Anglican Church in Hammondville on Sunday 9 Jan 2011 from 2:45pm-3:45pm



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 Kura closes on Sunday 19 December 2010 and reopens on Sunday 9 January 2011