

Collects for Anglican Youth Yeah!

The Year of Youth, Advent 2005-Advent 2006

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Foreword

Welcome to this Project L resource! You will find the collects for the last third of Youth Yeah! from Pentecost 14 to Aotearoa Sunday. Please use them in to help in your celebration of young people and all they are and all they offer. At its meeting in May 2004, General Synod / Te Hinota Whanui agreed unanimously to set aside the liturgical year from Advent 2005 – Advent 2006 as a “Year of Youth” to celebrate the place and role of youth ministry in the life of the Church. At the meeting of the T3 Youth Executive earlier this year renamed the Year of Youth as Youth Yeah! Youth Yeah is an opportunity for our church to:

- Recognise and celebrate young people and all they do.
- Find ways of making young people and our work among them more visible.
- Name the ministry among young people as one of our priorities.
- Consider how well that priority is reflected on our allocation of people and financial resources.
- Address issues relevant to young people e.g. student loans
- Create changes in the church structure.

Project L is one of the ways we want to celebrate Youth Yeah! Project L is about making Anglican liturgy youth-friendly. As such it is one of our most urgent projects and is a central component of what we at Toru are offering. Project L is designed to develop and produce liturgical resources designed specifically for the youth ministry context of Aotearoa-New Zealand and Polynesia. As part of this groups of young people from all three Tikanga have been invited to write a collect for every Sunday of Youth Yeah that reflects a youth perspective. It is hoped that these collects will help the wider church to celebrate Youth Yeah!

These collects will often use language that we would not usually use. Sometimes the theology will be different from ours. You are invited to use these collects as written to experience something of what young people across our church offer. The collects reflect their concerns and enthusiasm. They reflect their passion for God. You are also invited to pray for the group that wrote the collect during your intercessions. Most groups have provided a description of their group, including their dreams and hopes, and what they would like prayer for. In this way we will all become a lot more aware of what is happening among young people, and we can join with them in praying for each of those ministries. More resources are becoming available as the year continues. These will be made available during Youth Yeah on the Toru website: www.toru.org.nz

Enjoy using these offerings from the young people of our church!

Arohanui

Project Director

Anglican Youth Yeah Collect

God of our journey,
You call us to travel to a new place.
When storms threaten,
May we trust in your grace.
When peace reigns,
May we speak in your praise.
Unite us, both young and old,
That our light might so shine,
And bring glory to you
In your holy and precious name we pray,
Amen.

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Advent

Advent Sunday
(27 November 2005)

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Second Reading	1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
Gospel	Mark 13: 24-37

Theme

Seeing and Acting on the Signs

Sentence

“It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come.”

Mark 4:34-35

Collect

E te Atua, e te Kaihanga
 You provide us with the signs to follow
 Like the fig tree being a sign for summer
 So here the Kowhai flowering bring the Tui
 And the blooming Pua (frangipani) heralds our summer

You call us to be actively ready
 To be alert to the signs of our time
 To know what is happening in the lives of young people
 To be open to new ways of being your doorkeeper
 and your witness among them.
 Through Jesus our doorkeeper

Amen

Contributed by

The T3 Youth Executive

We are Young people and Youth leaders from the three Tikanga, elected at the Common Life Tikanga Youth Exchange. We act as the Standing Committee of Tikanga Youth Exchange. Our executive is made up of two representatives from each Tikanga, and the Tikanga Youth Facilitator. We meet twice a year for at least a weekend. Our aim is to continue to represent the views of young people to the wider church. Our prayer is that our church will recognise and celebrate our young people and all they do; that it will make the ministry among young people one of our top priorities for financial and other resources; that the church would be aware of and address the issues that affect young people; and that we all would continue to work with young people to create a church that lives out the gospel in our changing times.

2nd Sunday in Advent
(4 December 2005)

Readings

First Reading	Isaiah 40: 1-11
Second Reading	2 Peter 3: 8-15a
Gospel	Mark 1: 1-8

Theme

Whakapaia te huarahi o te Ariki / Prepare the way of the Lord

Sentence

“He reo nō tētahi i te koraha e karanga ana, Whakapaia te huarahi o te Ariki, Whakatikaia ōna ara.”

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”
Mark 1:3

Collect

Maori

E Pā, e tō mātou Atua,
Nāu te ao i hanga, nāu mātou i hanga,
Nāu anō hoki i tuku mai tāu tama hei ara whaingā mā mātou.
He rerekē tāu e pai ai ki tō mātou e hiahia ai,
Ka puta mai hoki tō karanga i te tutua i te koraha,
Ehara i ngā tāngata whai mana i ngā temepara.
Tūwherangia ō mātou ngākau kia rangona e mātou tō reo e pakō mai ana i te koraha,
Āu poropitinga e haruru mai ana i te hunga rangatahi,
Kia tū, kia oho, kia matāra,
Kia whakamārama te huarahi,
Kia whakatikaina ōu ara ki tāu e pai ai.
Ka tāpaea ēnei mea katoa ki a koe i runga i te ingoa o te Matua, te Tama, me Te Wairua Tapu.
Āmine.

E te Atua

You call us your young people out of the wilderness to be your messengers in the world
Help us to recognise and hear your voice through the young people
By preparing your way in the world
And proclaiming the Good news to all people
Through your son Jesus Christ
Amen

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3rd Sunday in Advent
(11 December 2005)

Readings

First Reading	Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11
Second Reading	1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24
Gospel	John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Theme

Christ the Light

Sentence

"He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light."
John 1:8

Collect

Almighty Ever-living Heavenly Father
Full of grace and truth
Our heart is full of all creativity and joy
We praise you and worship you as we continue being witnesses for you
Help us to be steadfast in our faith
Empower us to work together in the Spirit that you've baptised us into
To continue to proclaim your good news
Through our most precious Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

Samoan

Le Atua soifua e, le Tama, le ona le mana ma le malosi,
le ua tumu i le agalelei, o le puna foi o mea moni uma,
ua e faatoaatoaina lo matou fiafiaga faapea lo matou ola saili'ili ia matou tapuaiga ma le ola tautua i
lau afio. Fesoasoani ina ia tumau lo matou faatuatua.
Ia maua foi le malosi e galulue faatasi ai i le mana o le Agaga Paia, e pei ona papatisoina ai i matou e
molimauina lau talalelei; e ala lo matou faaola o Iesu Keriso,
Amene.

Tongan

'E tamai mafimafi m ta'engata
Ko koe 'ae mo'oni pea moe kelesi fuape.
'oku fonu homau loto 'ihe fiefia,
'o 'oatu 'e mau faka feta'i moe hu, koe faka mo'oni ki ho'o 'afio,
Faka malohi'i mo faka ivia ange 'emau tui,
'aki 'ae laumalie koia homau papitaiso,
Kemau kei talaki 'ae ongoongo lelei
'ia sisu kalaisi ko homau faka mo'ui
'Ameni

Contributed by

The Youth of Vitilevu West - Fiji

4th Sunday in Advent
(18 December 2005)

Readings

First Reading	2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16
Second Reading	Romans 16: 25-27
Gospel	Luke 1: 26-38

Theme

Knowing and living God's will

Sentence

"And the Angel came to Mary and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus."

Luke 1:29-31

Collects

God who does not discriminate
We are thankful that you choose to use us for your work
regardless of the labels that we and society place on us
Give us your good sense to mix with our questions and our faith.
Till next time
Amen

Mysterious Lord of the unexpected
You are awesome and powerful
You made your spirit come over Mary
To bring us your son
Help us not to be afraid of your power.
Help us to follow your great plan
Through your Son,
Amen

King over our fears, problems and testing times
We are in your high favour
We are weak and sometimes we think we are not worthy
Help us to know your will
And to carry out your will in the world.
Prepare us for the plans you have.
Thank you for your encouragement and guidance,
Amen

God you are scary
Your burden us with responsibilities
And challenge us to let your light shine through us
Show us the deeds, great or small,
That will bring your kingdom into our world
Through you may we gain courage.
Amen. Alleluia. Amen

God who is always in control of everything
 God who showed us through the example of Mary how we can have faith and trust in you
 When you call may we answer with confidence like Mary
 Help us to know that we are called to do great things
 Give us faith to discern your calling and to act with courage and wisdom
 Through Jesus Christ our strength and hope
 Amen

God who is always there
 God who has no fear
 God in whom we trust
 We praise you for your guidance in our lives
 Even though we don't understand all of your plan
 Help us to be happy in the plan for us
 In all of life's situations help us to put our trust in you

Let the Holy Spirit overcome all our fears and doubts
 Help us to be strong in our faith as witnesses to the people
 Let your message spread to all your favoured children
 Help us find our strength in you, and not let other things turn us around
 Help us know in our souls that we are not alone
 Makes us open to when and where your message will come to us
 God who is always there
 Amen

Contributed by

The Youth of National Anglican Youth Forum: Tikanga Pakeha

The National Anglican Youth Forum; Tikanga Pakeha is for school goers (usually over 14 years old), university goers, and workers-as well as others who really care about young people in the church. For the last three or four year around 60 young people from the seven diocese attend Forum. Sometimes there are up to 100. Forum meets once a year during the first week of the July school holidays. It is hosted by a different Diocese each year, so moves around the country. In 2006, Forum is being hosted by the Diocese of Waiapu and will be held in Rotorua, on July 2-6. Our purpose is to provide a space for young people; To experience the wider church and what it means to be a part of a network; learn the skills to speak for themselves in the wider church; and have a voice and know the adults present will remember and act on their ideas and visions. We hope that Forum will continue to develop and be a place of empowering young people to make a difference and to become the creative and forward thinking leaders our church needs. We hope that Youth Ministry will be seen as a core activity of all of church life, not something we do if we have time or resources left. This will mean that parishioners and clergy will make to time build relationships with young people. We also hope:

- That the habit of having services on Sunday mornings will be addressed and
- alternative ministry times for young people will be explored;
- That funding for youth staff, youth groups, youth events and youth initiatives are
- considered a priority and not just given what's left over; and
- That young people are given opportunities to voice their concerns at all levels of the
- church, including synod and vestries. Youth must make their voice heard, so that
- others understand us.

Christmas

Christmas Day
(25 December 2005)

Readings

First (Old) Testament	Isaiah 52: 7-10
Second (New) Testament Reading	Titus 3: 4-7
Gospel	John 1:1-14

Theme

Be a light in the light and dark

Sentence:

“In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.”

John 1:5

Collect

God of the Dark
 God of the Light
 God of the Day and Night
 You sent your Word to be born in Bethlehem
 May your true light shine in our stable as we welcome your son
 That we may see as you can
 As we go out into the world to be light in the dark and day in the night.
 Amen

Contributed by

The Youth of the Project L Workshop

Project L is one of the key projects for TORU, the Anglican Centre for Youth Ministry Studies. Project L seeks to make Anglican worship youth friendly by developing and producing cutting-edge pastoral and liturgical resources designed specifically for Youth Ministry.

1st Sunday after Christmas
(1 January 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3
Second Reading	Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel	Luke 2:22-40

Theme

Witnesses of Salvation

Sentence

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples.”

Luke 2: 29-31

Collects

Loving Father,

We thank you so much for the promise that you have kept throughout the generations.

We thank you that you allowed your servant Simeon to witness with his own eyes the arrival of our Salvation.

We pray that we may all become the Simeon of this generation, so that we may be witnesses of the Lord of our Salvation and become instruments of Salvation to others while we are strong and active, some as Youth of our church.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

AMEN

Samoan

Le Tama alofa e,

Faafetai tele i lou faamaoni ua molimauina mai lea tupulaga i lea tupulaga.

Faafetai ina ua fai lau auauna o Simeona ma molimau ma vaai tino i lau faaolataga.

Avea i matou ma Simeona o lenei talutalu fou, fai ai i matou o ni molimau a lo matou Alii ma lo matou faaola, e talai atu le tala o le faaolataga ao maua le malosia ma le sogasoga a le autalavou a lau ekalesia. Ona o Iesus Keriso lo matou Alii, o loo afio faatasi ma lau afio, faatasi ma le Agaga Paia le aso e faavavau lava,

Amene.

Tongan

Tamai Anga'ofa Lahi

'Oku mau fakamalo ko ho'o tala'ofa kihe to'utangata kotoa pe

'Oku mau fakafeta'i kiate koe, 'ihe fakamo'oni 'a ho'o sevaniti ko Simione, kihe hoko mai 'ae faka mo'ui.

'Oku mau lotu ke tuku ke mau hoko ko Simione ki homau kuonga ni,

Ke mau hoko koe faka mo'ui ki he kakai kotoa pe lolotonga 'emau kei Talavou mo e Finemui.

'Oku mau kole 'eni 'ia Sisu Kalaisi,'a ia 'oku mo'ui mo pule fakataha mo Koe, mo e Laumalie Ma'oni'oni.

'Ameni.

Contributed by

The Youth of St Paul's Anglican Church, Tonga

We are a Youth group made up of teenagers and young adults between 12 and 36. We belong to St Paul's and we provide a youthful Christian environment and teaching based on Christian principles and values. We generally meet twice a week at the church hall from our own programmes. We also have monthly meetings at the beginning of each month. We have a wide range of programmes ranging from spiritual to physical activities. But you could say that from Monday to Friday, the young people are always at the church compound, either for a programme, or playing volleyball, or for church activities such as singing and drama practice - or sometimes just cleaning the church compound. We hope to provide the youth with a safe environment in which they feel at home, and secondly to give them a taste of 'being youthfully alive in Jesus', yet feeling free to express themselves. Please pray for Youth Ministry, Protection and Guidance of youth, for the Youth voice to be heard in their respective churches, for Young people and elders of the church to be both open minded and complement each other in their ministry, and for youth to be an instrument of the Lord.

Epiphany

1st Sunday after Epiphany
(8 January 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Genesis 1: 1-5
Second Reading	Acts 19:1-7
Gospel	Mark 1:4-11

Theme

The Baptism of Jesus: Answering “YES” to God’s Call

Sentence

“And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Mark 1: 10-11

Collects

Lord, God Creator of the universe and all that is in it,
 You made us in your image and loved us unconditionally
 We thank you for revealing yourself to the world through your communication
 with your son Jesus Christ.
 We thank you for crowning Jesus, not only with honour and glory
 but with responsibility to bring back your people to you through His ministry.
 We humbly ask you to grant us obedience and faithfulness to your son Jesus Christ,
 So that your saving love reach others through us young people of your Holy Church
 We ask these things in your Son’s name our Saviour and Lord.
 Amen

Samoan

Le Atua e, le na faia le lagi ma le lalolagi ma mea uma o ia i,
 Ua e faia foi i matou i lou faatusa ma ua e alofagia i matou e aunoa ma se noataga,
 Matou te faafetaia lava oe i le faailoa mai o lau afio e ala i lou alo o Iesu Keriso, ina ua e faaee ou
 mamalu ia te ia, ma faafoi mai ai ou tagagata ia te oe e ala i ana galuega.
 Matou te tatalo ma le faamaualalo i ou luma ina ia ave ma o matou loto atoa la matou faatuatua ia
 Iesu Keriso,
 Ina ia ave ai i matau nei, o alo ma fanau a lau ekalesia, e o’o o’o atu ai le tala laveai a lau afio i ou
 tagata. O la matou tatalo i lau afio e ala atu i lou Alo, lo matou faaola,
 Amene.

Tongan

‘E ‘Eiki Lelei, ko koe na’ake Fakatupu ‘ae univeesi,
 Na’ake ngaahi kimautilu ‘i ho ‘imisi moke ‘ofa’i
 ‘Oku mau fakamalo ‘i ho’o ha’ele mai ki mamani, ‘i ho ‘alo ko Sisu Kalaisi.
 Fakamalo he ha’ele mai ‘a Sisu ‘i he naunau moe kololia ke huhu’i mo fakatau’ataina’i ‘a mamani.
 ‘Oku mau kole, ke ngaahi kimautilu ke mau talangofua mo falala ki ho ‘alo ko Sisu Kalaisi.
 Me’angaue ‘aki ‘ae Talavou mo e Finemui ke vaka ai ho ivi fai fakamo’ui ki ho Siasi,
 ‘Oku mau kole e ngaahi me’ani, ‘i he Huafa ho ‘Alo ko homau Fakamo’ui
 ‘Ameni

Contributed by

The Youth of St Barnabas, Tonga.

We are a Tongan Anglican Youth Group There are 25 active members – teenager and young adults. We meet weekly for various programmes such as bible studies, games, action song / skits and singing practices, and visitations etc. We would like our young ones to be able to identify themselves with our Christian environment and perspectives. We hope that the church can be a secure place for young adults and teenagers to relate to one another. We hope to be a part of the church as youth, accepted, recognised and valued. We want the church to be a place where old and young are able to work hand in hand and grow together in their faith.

2nd Sunday after Epiphany
(15 January 2006)

Readings

First Reading	1 Samuel 3: 1-10 (11-20)
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 6: 12-20
Gospel	John 1: 43-51

Theme

Following Jesus

Sentence

“Jesus said, 'Follow me... for I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

John 1: 43, 51

Collects

Heavenly Father you have called us to serve and follow you as your disciples.
Teach us, O Lord, show us your ways and guide us in your truth,
For you are God our Saviour.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Samoan

Le Tama e oi le lagi, ua e valaauina i matou, o ni soo a lau afio matou taumulimuli ma tautua ia te oe.
Aoa ia i matou le Alii e. Taitai matou i ala o lau amiotonu, aua o lau afio o lo matou faaolataga, ona o Iesu lo matou Alii,
Amene.

Tongan

Tamai faka hevani, na'ake ui kimautilu ke mau hoko ko ho'o kau tisaipale.
Faka 'ilo kiate kimautilu 'ae ngaahi hala 'oe ma'oni'oni,
Tataki kimautilu 'ihe ngaahi hala 'oe mo'oni
He ko koe koho mau 'otua koe faka mo'ui
'ia sisu kalaisi ko homau 'eiki.
'Ameni

Contributed by

The Youth of All Saints Youth, Apia, Samoa.

We are the Youth members of the All Saints Anglican Church in Samoa. We meet once a week, at the Church Hall to discuss activities for the year, such as fundraising, bible studies, and other social activities. We hope to increase the number of youth members attending and participating in the all the youth activities and meetings, and especially for all young people to know and have faith in the word as well have salvation. Please pray for all young people to have a thirst for the Word and for them to learn more about our Saviour Jesus Christ; That their minds and hearts are not easily tempted by the many worldly things or activities that seems to be taking a lot of their times these days. Moreover please pray for them to make time for the Lord, because it is getting harder these days to get them to come to church and to participate in the youth activities.

3rd Sunday after Epiphany
(22 January 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Jeremiah 3:21-4:2
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 7:17-23
Gospel	Mark 1:14-20

Theme

Repent and believe the Good News

Sentence

“And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.”

Mark 1: 17

Collects

Our Loving God, Provider of all our Talents,
Be merciful on us, your children, forgive us for all our weaknesses.
Help us to repent and turn to You.
May we be fishers of men using our gifts from You.
Through Your Loving Name,
Amen.

Samoan

Lo matou Tama agalelei e, le puna o tomai uma,
la e faapalepale ia i matou o lau fanau, ma faamagalalo o matou vavaiga.
Fesoasoani mai ina o matou foi atu il lau afio.
Ia matou faaogaina tomai mai ia te oe matou te fagota ai mo ni soo se tele,
ona o lou suafa, le Agalelei e,
Amene.

Tongan

‘E ‘otua ‘oe ‘ofa, ‘a koe ‘oku ke foaki taleniti ki he kakai fuape,
Alo’ofa mai kiate kimautolu ko ho’o fanau, pea faka molemole’i ‘emau ngaahi vaivai.
Tokoni’i kimautolu pea ke hoko homau ngaahi taleniti koe tapuaki, ke ‘omi ai ha ngaahi laumalie ki he
‘afiona’
‘iho huafa toputapu
‘Ameni

Contributed by

The Youth of the Holy Family Church, Waidradra, Fiji

The Holy Family Youth Group belongs to the Church of the Holy Family, in the village of Waidradra. Because our church is located in the village of Waidradra, our Youth Group is community-focused, meaning we work together ecumenically with our Methodist and Roman Catholic Youths of the village. Our village is located at the Adventure Capital of Fiji – Pacific Harbour. Because our village is a hotspot for eco tourism, (we have a great beach, great inland waterfalls and rivers, as well as the diverse wildlife), some of our young people have been fortunate to land jobs in the tourism industry. There are 30 Anglican youths in our Group. Realistically, because we live in a village, we meet everyday, either in the gardens, fishing, or at community events, however, we also meet formally every Monday night at 8.00pm in our Church Hall. Our Monday night meetings involve singing, praise and worship, and Bible Study. We also make visitations once a week to the elderly and sick people in our village.

Our main purpose is to nurture our young people of Waidradra in their spiritual life and relationship with God. Another purpose is to learn to share the Word of God. We also try to create an awareness and appreciation of the young people in our village towards making the most of God's creation by earning income for our families in the village through fishing (Waidradra is a coastal village), and planting crops for both subsistence and semisubsistence purposes. Our Youth Group has been involved in farming projects over the years, since we registered with the Government Ministry of Youth and Sport. We have had successful yaqona farming project and just this year we began a new project – watermelonfarming project. Also this November our Youth Group will be opening our Annual Church Bazaar therefore we are preparing ourselves for this occasion. In the near future, we look forward to seeing more of our young people joining priesthood, lay minister services to help spread the Word of God to those who don't know Jesus. We ask your prayers for the young people of the village of Waidradra. We especially ask your prayers for those young people who are breadwinners for their families, who try to meet the demands of their families on a daily basis. We also ask your prayers for those youths in our village who do not value the Word of God, who do not value their families, who lie around idle and unemployed. We ask you to pray that Our Good Lord will help them make use of their talents from above.

4th Sunday after Epiphany
(29 January 2006)

Readings

First (Old) Testament	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Second (New) Testament Reading	1 Corinthians 8:1b-13
Gospel	Mark 1:21-28

Theme

Faith, Hope and Love

Sentence

“His work is full of majesty and splendor, and His righteousness endures forever.”

Psalms 111: 3

Collects

Jesus, Lover of my soul,
Everyday we wake up to Your Unfailing Love.
Thank You for sharing Your Love upon us.
Please help our Youth Generation to go out into the world, reaching out to those who are lost and need Your Love.
Grant this in Your precious Name,
Amen.

Samoan

Iesu e, le e pele i lou agaga,
Out e ala i lou alofa i aso uma,
Faafetai ina ua e apoina I matou i lou alofa.
Faamolemole unai lenei augatupulaga talavou e pai atu i e ua leiloa i le lalolagi ma faapea ona manaomia lou alofa, Talia mai la matou talosaga e ala atu i lou suafa mamalu.
Amene.

Tongan

Sisu, kokoe 'oku to'oa ai homau loto,
'oku mau faka malo koe 'ofa ta'efilifili manako 'ae 'afiona 'oku mauta'imalie ai.
Faka ivia e finemui moe talavou kotoa pe
Kenau talaki 'ae ongoongo lelei ki mamani,
Pea kia kinautolu 'oku nau masiva 'ihe 'ofa.
Foaki 'eni 'iho huafa toputapu mo naunau'ia
'Ameni

Contributed by

The youth of Suva/Ovalau Anglican Archdeaconry Youth (SAAY), Fiji

The Suva/Ovalau Anglican Archdeaconry Youth (SAAY) Group is a unique group made up of 10 hyper-active Parish Youth Groups within the Navua-Suva-Nausori stretch as well as the island of Fiji's Old Capital, Ovalau. Our combined group is very diverse in the sense of spatial coverage, (half of Viti Levu as well as the island of Ovalau), multi-racial therefore multi-lingual Fijians, Indo-Fijians, Rotumans, Solomons, Chinese, Tongan, Samoan, and of European and part European descent), and made up of many youthful talented individuals. We believe we are the largest Archdeaconry Youth Group of our Diocese of Polynesia, with 9 Youth Groups at Parish level (Holy Trinity Cathedral, Holy Family, Holy Redeemer, St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, St. John, St. Christopher, St. Athanasius), and 2 Youth Groups at Mission District level: St. Michael & All Angels (Matata & Kalekana village), St. Stephen (Wainaloka village). The Total Youth Roll is 300 which is an average of 27 per Youth Group.

While each individual Parish Youth Group has their own programmes running on a weekly basis, or twice a week at the most, at Archdeaconry level, our Biennial Yearly Plan (2004- 2005) has seen us combine for 10 events in total. Our combined meetings have been for specific purposes such as Fellowship services, Evangelism Crusades, Combined Rally, Outreach events, Fiji Youth celebrations (National Day of Prayer, National Youth Day, Fiji Day), Sports/Picnic Day, Fundraisers (Variety Concert & Palau Night), as well as whenever requested by our Archdeaconry (e.g. Youth Presentation to Synod 2004, Street Appeal in aid of St. Christopher's Home 2004,2005). Our Combined events have been graciously hosted by the different parishes in our Archdeaconry. The Core Objectives of the SAAY which we have listed in our "SAAY Regulations" have been:

- To continue to renew our lives as young, energetic, active Christians through His
- Word, Prayer and Action.
- To play an active, outstanding role in our respective parishes and at Archdeaconry
- level.
- To renew our relationship with our Anglican brothers and sisters of our Archdeaconry
- as well as our ecumenical counterparts.
- To promote the extension of membership to all young people within the Archdeaconry through evangelism in a form best understood by our Youth Generation e.g. Youth
- Evangelism through music, art, media and drama.

We hope for the extension of His Kingdom in our Archdeaconry not only by quantity but especially through Quality. SAAY supports Youth evangelism through Music. Therefore, because we have many young people with God-Given talents in music; (talents such as playing the instruments, as well as writing music and composing songs), we hope to start up a combined SAAY Band, fully equipped and it is a dream to become renowned with our music. We hope that our work as SAAY will produce QUALITY in our youths that will shine throughout their lives i.e. by producing the best in young people turning out to be the best in whatever jobs they perform, whatever roles they play in the society, producing QUALITY Christian families, and also one day representing the Church on a larger scale such as at Diocesan level, Standing Committee level, and Provincial level. We ask your prayers for the work of the SAAY and the fulfillment of our Objectives. We pray for our mission out to the lost youths of Suva City, and the island of Ovalau We ask your prayers for youths who are less fortunate than us, especially those in St. Christopher's Home, Dilkusha Home, Society of the Blind and Cavalier Boys Home, the street kids and beggars in Suva. We ask your prayers for youths who are lost into the world, especially the lost youths of Suva City We also ask you to pray for the individual youth groups of SAAY. Esp. for the village youth groups of Holy Family, Holy Redeemer, St. Mark, St. John, St. Michael, St. Athanasius, who most times face financial hardships on a daily basis, as well as the other youth groups in the greater Suva area who struggle to keep the interest of their members in the Circle of the Church. We ask your prayers for the celebration of "YEAR OF YOUTH" in our Archdeaconry and we pray for His Guidance upon our plans.

5th Sunday after Epiphany
(5 February 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Isaiah 40: 21-31
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 9: 16-23
Gospel	Mark 1:29-39

Theme

Thanksgiving for Mothers

Sentence

"Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth"
Mark 1: 38

Collects

Jesus, our present help,
Thank you for the precious gift of mothers,
For the comfort and assurance they bring us.
May we honour, respect and treasure them.
Be a mother to those that need one,
And surround them with your loving arms.
Like our mothers,
May we give ourselves to prayer,
Be uncompromising believers,
Minister healing to those around us,
And be people who will rise up to the challenges of today,
Amen.

Samoan

Fa'afetai tele le Atua mo lau mealofa taua o tina, le mafana ma le faamaoni o le latou tausiga ia i matou. Ia matou faatauaina ma tausii fa'apelepele ma le fa'aloalo ia i latou.
Ia matou opo i lima o le alofa le ua leai se tina, avea ai i matou ma matua.
Ia matou faataitai ia i lo latou ola tatalo, fa'atuatua, ma le faamaoni, ola auauna e molimoli atu ai le filemu, faapea ma le toa i taimi e fetai ai ma lui o lenei talutalu fou.
Amene.

Tongan

'Oku mau fakafeta'i ko e Fa'e koe me'a'ofa fungani 'i hono ohi mo 'ofa'i kimautolu
Ohi kimautolu ke mau fakalangilangi'i mo faka'ap'apa'i 'enau mo'ui.
Hoko mu'a 'ae 'afiona koe Fa'e kia kinautolu kuo mole 'enau ngaahi Fa'e, ke nau mafana 'iho'o 'ofa.
Ngaohi 'emau kimautolu ke mau hoko koe tapuaki moe fakamo'ui ki he kakai kotoape
'i he 'aho ni pea ta'engata
'Ameni

Contributed by

The youth of St Johns, Suva, Fiji

6th Sunday after Epiphany
(12 February 2006)

Readings

First Reading	2 Kings 5: 1-14;
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 9: 24-27
Gospel	Mark 1:40 –45

Theme

Koe Otua iate kitautolu “God is with us”

Sentence

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light ... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us.”

Isaiah 9: 2a, 6a

Collects

Tongan

‘E ‘Otua na’a ke foaki mai ‘a ho ‘Alo monu’ia, ke ne faka’auha ‘a e ngaue ‘a e tevolo.
Ngaohi ‘akimautolu kemau hoko ko ho’o fanau pea ke mau ma’u ‘a e mo’ui ta’engata.
Tokoni a kimaautolu kemau ma’oni’oni ‘o hange ko ‘ene Ma’oni’oni.
‘I homau ‘Eiki huhu’i ko Sisu Kalaisi.
Ameni

O God, You gave us your Holy Son
The many influences of the devil, He will overcome
Make us your children, to gain everlasting life
As He is Holy, help us to cleanse our lives
Through our Redeemer, Lord Jesus Christ,
Amen

Samoan

Le Atua e, ua e foai lou atalii pele ona o i matou,
o aafiaga uma foi o leaga ua e fa’aleleina,
Ina ia matou maua le ola e faavavau, faapaia ia i matou aua o lau afio o le Paia, fesoasoani ina ia o
matou ola mama ona o Le ua famamaina i matou, Iesu Keriso.
Amene.

Contributed by

The Good Samaritan Youth Group, Ofa ki he Laumalie Ma’oni’oni Parochial District, Otahuhu.

We are a Tongan Youth Group with 40 members. We meet regularly for different programmes at our Church. Our goals include enforcing our Tongan identity, organising fellowship programmes within the church and other Christian churches, organising programmes to draw more young people into the church and use retreats/ workshops and bible studies as training for youth ministry.

7th Sunday after Epiphany
(19 February 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Isaiah 43: 18-25
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 1: 18-22
Gospel	Mark 2: 1-12

Theme

Open Our Minds

Sentence

“They praised God and said, “We have never seen anything like this!”

Mark 2: 12

Collects

Amazing grace, Son of God
We acknowledge your silent presence
In the midst of our busy temporary home
Kindly open our minds to discern your will
That we may move from ignorance to insight
Standing up firmly and obediently following Jesus despite the crowd
Through Christ our redeemer,
Amen

Samoan

Le Alo o le Atua, le ua maoae lona agalelei,
I totonu o le vevesi o lenei olaga le tumau,
Matou te lagona ma le mautinoa lou faatasi ma i matou.
Tatala taliga o matou mafaufau ina ia talia gofie lou finagalo
e taiala i lo matou le malamalama ma faapupulaina mata o le pogisa,
ona matou tutu ai lea i ou luma ma le amiotonu ma mulimuli ia Iesu;
ona o le Keriso lo matou faaola,
Amene.

Tongan

‘E ‘Alo ‘oe ‘Otua, koe kelesi fakaofu ‘ae ‘afiona
‘Oku ke ‘afio ‘i ho mau lotolotonga pea ‘ihe lilo,
Tanaki homau ngaahi ‘atamai ke mau ‘ilo ma’u pe ho finagalo ‘i he taimi ‘o ‘emau puputu’u.
Ako’i kimautilo kemau fetukutuku mei he ‘emau tonounou, ki he lelei ‘ae ‘afiona.
Ke mau tu’u ‘ihe talangofua ‘o muimui kia Sisu ko ia koe Kalaisi pea mo homau huhu’i
‘Ameni

Contributed by

The young people of the College of the Diocese of Polynesia – St John's Theological College, Auckland

We are lay people of Polynesia studying at different degrees at St John's College. Out of ten students, there are five of us who are involved with the youth. We all belong to different youth groups, as a Bishopric we meet once a month. As a college we meet all the time for different things. Our purpose is to hopefully we all go into some sort of ministry – but other than that we just study.....

We hope that when we leave St John's that we go into youth, administration, education, etc ministry for the church. Please pray for Youth and ministry

8th Sunday after Epiphany
(26 February 2006)

Readings

First Reading	2 Kings 2: 1-12
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 4: 3-6
Gospel	Mark 9: 2-9

Theme

The Transfiguration

Sentence

“Teacher, it is good for us to be here.”
Mark 9: 5

Collects

Dear Jesus,
Christ of the Transfiguration,
As you led Peter, James, and John,
lead us the Youth of the Church,
so that we may build the tents of our lives,
in your presence and hear your voice,
and in hearing, bring hope to the churches in our Islands,
Amen.

Samoan

Iesu e le keriso, le ua faapaiaina ma faailoa ai le paia o le Atua,
Taitai i matou le autalavou e pei ona e taitai Peteru, lakopo ma loane.
Taitai le autalavou a lau Ekalesia ina ia o matou faatuina faleie o o matou olaga i lou apitaga ma o
matou auina atu le tala o le faamoe i ekalesia i motu eseese, ina ua o matou lagona ma faalogoina lou
siufofoga.
Amene.

Tongan

Sisu, koe kalaisi koe 'oe ha faka kehe,
Tataki 'ae kau talavou 'oho siasi hange ko ho'o tataki 'a pita, semisi, mo sione,
Ke langa 'emau ngaahi mo'ui 'iho'o afio,
Pea ke mau ongo'i ho le'o,
'oku ne 'omi 'ae 'amanaki lelei ki ho siasi 'i mamani.
'Ameni.

Contributed by

The young people of St Johns the Baptist College Students, Suva, Fiji.

We are Second Year theological students, and there are three of us. Please pray that God will birth in the hearts and minds of our Church leaders a burning passion for Youth Ministry.

Lent

Ash Wednesday
(1 March 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 5: 20b-6:10
Gospel	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Theme

Seeking God

Sentence

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store for yourselves treasures in heaven.”

Matthew 6: 29

Collect

Gracious Companion,
You see through all our deception.
Help us to know our true motives;
Reshape them to your will;
As we seek you deeper
in our journey into Lent.
AMEN

Contributed by

The Youth of the Project L Workshop

1st Sunday in Lent
(5 March 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Genesis 9: 8-17
Second Reading	1 Peter 3: 18-22
Gospel	Mark 1: 9-15

Theme

Temptation

Sentence

“Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the Good news of God and saying, the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is near; repent and believe in Good news.”

Mark 1: 15

Collects

Dear Lord, our Heavenly Father;
We thank you that your son Jesus spent forty days and forty nights in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry.
We ask you to anoint us with your Holy Spirit that we may truly repent and be drawn closer to you.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
AMEN

Samoan

Lo matou Tama e oi le lagi, matou te fa'afetaia oe ona o le saunia o lou alo o Iesu mo lana galuega e ala i le faaunuuua i le toafa mo le fasefulu o ao ma po. Faauuina i matou e lou Agaga Paia ina ia matou maua le loto salamo moni ma tosina atu ai i matou ia te oe.
Amene.

Tongan

'E 'eiki lelei ko 'emau tamai oku 'i hevani,
'oku mau faka feta'i koe 'aho moe po 'e fangofulu,
Ne faka kakato 'e sису 'ihe toafa koe tokateu ke huhu'i 'a mamani,
Pani kimautolu 'aki ho laumalie ma''oni'oni ke mau tafoki mo'oni 'ihe loto faka tomala, 'o ofi ai kiate koe 'ia sису kalaisi ko homau 'eiki
'Ameni

Contributed by

The Anugrah Anglican Youth Group, Balmoral, Auckland

We are an Indo-Fijian youth group, who meet twice a month in Balmoral. Our purpose is to worship and share the Word of God. We hope that we can bring more young people to the Lord and that our group may grow. We pray that more and more young people may come to know Jesus.

2nd Sunday in Lent
(12 March 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16
Second Reading	Romans 4: 13-25
Gospel	Mark 8: 31-38

Theme

Take up your cross and follow me

Sentence

“Take up your cross and follow me... Be unashamed of me and my words.”
Mark 8: 34, 38

Collects

Jesus, our Saviour
Empower our young hearts to take up our Cross,
and live a surrendered life.
Give us boldness to profess our faith,
and to love you more than the pleasures this world offers.
AMEN.

Samoan

Iesu e, le ua faaolaina i matou,
faamalosi o matou loto maaleale ina ia mafai ona o matou tauave lou satauro
ma ola i le fa'amaualalo;
Foi le loto tele e ta'uta'u lo matou faatuatuga,
ma alofaina oe ai lo mea ua faatumuina ai lo matou lalolagi.
Amene

Tongan

Sisu, ko koe ko homau faka mo'ui,
Faka ivia homau loto neongo 'emau kei talavou
Ke mau fua homau kolosi pea ke tukulolo 'emau mo'ui.
'omi ha loto malohi ke mau fakamo'oni ki he 'emmau tui,
Ke mau 'ofa kiate koe, 'o mahulu ange he me'a kotoa pe.
'Ameni.

Contributed by

The Anglican youth of Pagopago, American Samoa.

3rd Sunday in Lent
(19 March 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Exodus 20: 1-17
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 1: 18-25
Gospel	John 2: 13-22

Theme

Serving with passion

Sentence

“He himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.”

1 Peter 2: 24, 25

Collects

Jesus our temple, who conquered death and abides in God’s house,
grant that our love for your house burns in us like a fire,
and that we as your young people of today,
will remember the words you yourself spoke to the Jewish leaders
and serve you with our alofa and mana,
through you O God who is slow to anger but swift to forgive.
AMEN

Samoan

lesu e, Le matou te malu ai, ua e faaumatia le oti ma ua e i le saofaiga ma le Atua, ia ola lo matou alofa ia te oe e pei o se afi mumu ina ia manatua e lenei augatupulaga au fetalaiga i le nuu o Isaraelu ma tautuaina lau afio i le alofa ma le malosi, aua o lau afio le Atua e, ua telegese lou toasa ae televave lau faamagalalo.
Amene.

Tongan

Sisu, ko koe ‘ae tempale koe hoifua’anga ‘oe ‘otua,
Ngaohi homau ngaahi loto kemau vivili ‘ihe loto mafana ki ho fale tapu,
Kemau lea ‘ihe laumalie ‘oe afi ‘iho tempale,
Pea ke mau tauhi kiate koe ‘aki ‘ae kotoa ‘emau mo’ui,
‘ki he ‘otua ‘oe ‘alo’ofa moe faka molemole, pea oku tuai ke houhau. ‘Ameni

Contributed by

The Samoa Agelu Youth Group – Diocese of Polynesia Bishopric Youth in NZ.

We are young pacific islanders all Samoan and we range from the age of 13 to 19 who come together any time we can even if its for practice or just for fellowship. We enjoy each others company and we basically just love working together as a Youth for a project or for God's calling.

We meet every Saturday at our Church in Mangere!

When we get together it is usually for our practice for our songs that we sing during Communion on Sundays, or Youth Meetings, or even Bible Studies. We have practice every Saturday but we have alternate Saturdays where we have either Bible Studies or clean up.

At the moment our group's hope and dream is to fully utilize our Youth members talents to the best of their ability and for glorifying God and using it to praise God. We pray for the use of the Youth in the Church and the growth of Youth so that they may become great and mighty leaders for God within the Church.

4th Sunday in Lent
(26 March 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Numbers 21: 4-9
Second Reading	Ephesians 2: 1-10
Gospel	John 3: 14-21

Theme

Living Everlasting Life

Sentence

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

John 3:16

Collects

Heavenly Father,
You loved the world so much that you gave your only son, the light of the world that whoever is in darkness may come to the light in obedience to God through Jesus Christ your only son.
AMEN.

Samoan

Le Tama e oi le lagi,
Ua e auina mai lou alo aua ua tumu oe i le alofa mo le lalolagi;
O ai foi se oi le pogisa ua faamalamalamaina
aua o ia o le malamalama, ona o mai ai lea i le Atua ma le faamaoni,
ona o Iesus Keriso, lou alo e taoatasi.
Amene.

Tongan

‘E tamai faka hevani
‘i ho’o ‘ofa, na’ake foaki ho ‘alo pe taha,
Ke hoko koe maama ki mamani, pea koia kotoa pe ‘oku ‘ihe faka po’uli kene ma’u ‘ae mo’ui
talangofua.
‘oku mau kole ‘eni ‘ia sisu kalaisi ko homau ‘eiki
‘Ameni

Contributed by

The Anglican Youth of Vanua Levu, Taveuni, Fiji

Pray that God will give us a heart after Him; also pray that God birth in us a passion for young people that are yet to experience the Love of God and that young men and women will willingly offer themselves to the work of God.

5th Sunday in Lent
(2 April 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Jeremiah 31: 31-34
Second Reading	Hebrews 5: 5-10
Gospel	John 12: 20-33

Theme

The cost of following Christ

Sentence

“If you love your life, you will lose it. If you give it up in this world, you will be given eternal life. If you serve me, you must go with me. My servants will be with me wherever I am. If you serve me, my Father will honor you.”

John 12: 25-26

Collects

Almighty Father,
We thank you for sending your only son Jesus Christ to live in the midst of our sinful world.
We thank you that in spite of our impurity he is still stretching out his hands to rescue us from the power of sin.
Strengthen us as youth and older members of your Church to fulfil our ministry in reaching out to others as vessels of your love and salvation.
We ask all these in the Mighty Name of Jesus Christ.
AMEN.

Samoan

Le Atua mamana e,
Matou te faafetaia lau afio ina ua e auina mai lou Alo i le lalolagi e tumu i le agasala.
Matou te faafetaia lau afio aua e ui lava i lo matou le atoatatoa,
ua ia opo ina atu i matou i ou aao ma faasao ia i matou nai le pule a le agasala.
Faamalosiaiu i tupulaga a lau Ekalesia ina ia avea i latou ma faga ma lou alofa e faaooina lau faaolataga i ou tagata. I le Suafa o le Atua mamana ua matou tatalo atu ai.
Amene.

Tongan

Tamai mafimafi mo ta'e ngata
'oku mau faka malo he ha'ele mai ho 'alo 'o afio 'ihe lotolotonga 'oe angahala'ia 'oe mamani,
Faka feta'i he ala mai hono to'ukupu mafimafi, 'o faka haofi kimautolu mei he malohi 'oe angahala.
Faka ivia ange 'ae talavou moe finemui kenau hoko koe vaka ho'o 'ofa pea moe mo'uita'engata ki ho siasi
Oku mau kole 'eni 'ihe huafa 'o sisu kalaisi
'Ameni

Contributed by

The All Saints Youth, Tonga.

We are a Tongan Anglican Youth Group that meets twice a week. We meet for the youth's weekly programmes and also participate in the activities of the church. Our priority is to gather the young people, give them a place where they can interact and grow as Christians. All Saint's Youth is honoured by their parents participation and support in all their programmes. Our hopes and dreams are that young people would contribute more in building up the Kingdom of God through their ministry.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday
(9 April 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Isaiah 50: 4-9a
Second Reading	Philippians 2: 5-11
Gospel	Mark 15: 1-47

Theme

Help us to stand and see you as our Passionate Saviour

Sentence

Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Mark 15:2

Collect

Passionate Saviour
 We clothe you in purple, then place a crown of thorns on your head
 We praise you, then forget your truth
 The crowd wavered, and mocked you as the King of the Jews
 The centurion stood, and saw you as God's Son
 Help us to stand and see
 May we be like Joseph of Arimathea
 And know when to honour the Body of Christ with fine linen
 As we build your kingdom
 AMEN

Contributed by

The Youth of the Project L workshop

Easter

Easter Sunday
(16 April 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Acts 10: 34-43
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
Gospel	mark 16: 1-8

Theme

Our living Saviour

Sentence

“But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you.”
Mark 16:7

Collect

Risen Incarnate who rolls the stone away
Laden with anointing spices, we walk the road to your tomb
We stand, afraid, faced with the open cave
We wonder at these words of resurrection
Terror and amazement war in our hearts
We still don't get it.
Lead us through our fear to understanding
That we may know you as our living Saviour
AMEN

Contributed by

The Youth of the Project L workshop

2nd Sunday after Easter
(30 April 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Psalm 4
Second Reading	Acts 3:12-19
Gospel	Luke 24:36b-48

Theme

Salvation is here

Sentence

“Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations”

Luke 24:46-47

Collect

Heavenly Father, King of Peace

Although we sometimes doubt your wisdom, you constantly remind us that only through you are all things possible. Thank you for guiding us in our faith and sharing with us the only way to eternal peace and salvation

Through your holy name, Jesus Christ the Lord

Amen

Maori

E to Matua i te rangi, te Ariki o te rongomau

Titiro atawhai mai ina matou ka ngakaurua,
Aua hoki matou e taka ki te he,
Engari araihina matou i runga i te huarahi o te whakapono,
Ki tae ake ki te oranga tonutanga
Ko koe tonu to matou Ariki,

Amine.

Contributed by

Te Māra Rangatahi Ministry School

Te Māra is the official Rangatahi Ministry School of Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa (the Maori Anglican Church). We aim to identify and nurture a new generation of diverse and dynamic rangatahi leadership for Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa. To catch up with what we are doing, check out our website at www.rangatahi.org.nz

1st Sunday after Easter
(23 April 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Psalm 133
Second Reading	Acts 4:32-35
Gospel	John 20:19-31

Theme

Being open to Jesus

Sentence

"Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."
John 20:29

Collect

E te Atua,

Open our Hearts like the doors of the house where the disciples met, so we can receive your love.
Forgive us for our sins and may you guide us in our time of need, as your son Jesus guided his disciples.
Give us courage to proclaim your Gospel so we may open our eyes to your love for us. Let us rejoice in
the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ

Amen

Contributed by

Contributed by Paula Wallace (18yrs) and Leroy Komene Chambers (17yrs), from "O-Town", Epiphany Church, Otara.

3rd Sunday after Easter
(7 May 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Psalm 23
Second Reading	Acts 4:5-12
Gospel	John 10:11-18

Theme

Christ the Good Shepherd

Sentence

“I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me”
John 10:14

Collects

Jesus our Shepherd,

We trust you because you care for us.
We love you because you never abandon us.
You lay down your life for us, never seeking to put yourself first.
May we always walk in your light, and follow your example.
Through your Spirit we pray these things,
Amen

E te Atua o nga hipi katoa,
Ka tuku whakamoemiti nei ki a koe, mo au tiakitanga pai.
Ko koe tonu ra to matou piringa, to matou hepara.
No reira whakakahangia matou kia tu whai kororia ai koe,
i roto i o matou ngakau.
I roto nei i to Ingoa tino tapu,
Amine.

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Te Māra Rangatahi Ministry School

4th Sunday after Easter
(14 May 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Psalm 22:25-31
Second Reading	Acts 8:26-40
Gospel	John 15:1-8

Theme

Christ the Vine

Sentence

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

John 15:5

Collects

God, the Vine dresser

Continue to nurture and support us in our spiritual growth
So we may bear the fruits of your Kingdom
We ask all this in the name of your Son Jesus

Amen

Maori

E te Atua o te Aka Pono,

Whakatongia ko matou kei roto i te parekereke o to rangatiratanga,
Kia tipu ai matou hei aka pono mo nga hua o te Wairua Tapu,
Mo to kororia anake,

Amine.

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Te Māra Rangatahi Ministry School

5th Sunday after Easter
(21 May 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Psalm 98
Second Reading	Acts 10:44-48
Gospel	John 15:9-17

Theme

Christ's command is to Love

Sentence

"If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love just as I have obeyed my father's commands and remained in his love. My command is this: love each other as I have loved you."

John 15:10,12

Collects

Dear Lord, Father of all humankind,

Thank you for your eternal food that nourishes us and guides us in your holy work.
Through you may we grow, and only through you can we lead people to your heavenly light to light the hearts of all humanity

Through Christ our Lord

Amen

Maori

E Ihowa o nga mano,

Ki te pupuri matou ki au ture, ka ora ai te ao.
No reira akona tonu mai, kia puawaitia nga hua o te Karaiti
I roto nei i to Ingoa tino tapu,

Amine

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Te Māra Rangatahi Ministry School

6th Sunday after Easter
(28 May 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Psalm 1
Second Reading	1 John 5:9-13
Gospel	John 17:6-19

Theme

Lord make us One

Sentence

“Everything written about me in the Law of Moses, and the Prophets, and the Psalms, must be fulfilled.”

Collects

Almighty and ever-loving God,

Open our minds so we may understand your word,
Open our mouths so we may speak of truth,
Open our hearts so we may find forgiveness,
Open our eyes so we may see your mighty wonders
Clothe us with the power of your love and grant us peace so we may find joy
Through your son Jesus our Saviour

Amen

Maori

E te Atua o nga wa katoa,

Whakaheretia matou ki te pou o to rangimarie,
Kia taea ai te tutukitanga o te inoi a te Karaiti:
“Kia kotahi ai ratou, me taua nei”
I roto tonu nei i to aroha,

Amine.

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Pentecost Sunday
(4 June 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Second Reading	Acts 2:1-21
Gospel	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Theme

The Holy Spirit – God’s gift to Us

Sentence

“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth”

John 16:13a

Collects

Dear Lord,

Your Spirit gives us new life and new hope
 Thank you for all things good in the world
 Thank you for the gift of life
 Thank you for air to breathe, and a soul to keep us alive
 Thank you for the opportunity to live and grow and play here,
 And to discover the world in peace

Thank you Lord for my eyes to see all of your wonderful creations,
 Thank you for giving me taste to taste all of your beautiful food
 Thank you for giving me the sense of smell to smell beautiful flowers
 Thank you for hearing to hear all the birds happily singing in the trees

Because it’s by your Spirit that we know the truth,
 God is good!

Amen

Maori

E te Atua,

Kei a koe te mana, te tapu, te tika, me te pono.
 Kei a koe te aroha, te kaha, te manaakitanga.
 Kei a koe te mauri, te ora, te wairua.
 Homai ki a matou nga homaitanga pai,
 Kia ora ai matou nga tamariki
 I roto i to Wairua Tapu

Amine.

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The children of Mataariki Sunday School, Gisborne.

Season after Pentecost

Trinity Sunday
1st Sunday after Pentecost
(11 June 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Isaiah 6:1-8
Second Reading	Romans 8:12-17
Gospel	John 3:1-17

Theme

Christ our Teacher, Giver of Eternal Life

Sentence

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that whoever believes in Him would not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

Collect

Teacher of Truth,

Help us to be seekers of truth in this turbulent world.
Remind us of the promise of eternal life for those who believe in you.
Be a mentor for us as we teach your salvation to young and old in Aotearoa-New Zealand and Pasifika.
Help us to be ambassadors of your words,
In your precious name, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.
Amen

E te Ariki, to matou Tumuaiki pono,

Arahina matou i roto i tenei ao hurihuri
Kia whai ake ki te tika me te pono
Whakamaharatia ki te tohu o te oranga tonutanga
Whakaakohia ko tou whakaoranga ki nga mea katoa o Aotearoa,
Niu Tireni, me nga Moutere
Meatia matou ko te Haahi hei mangai tuturu mo ou kupu
I roto tonu nei i to Ingoa tino Tapu,
Amine.

Contributed by

Te Māra Rangatahi Ministry School

Te Pouhere Sunday
2nd Sunday after Pentecost
(18 June 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Isaiah 42:10-20
Second Reading	Acts 10:32-43
Gospel	John 15:9-17

Theme

We who are many are one body

Sentence

“Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.”

1 Corinthians 10:17

Collect: Te Kaupapa Tikanga Toru

We are committed to a Three Tikanga relationship that is centred on the Lord’s Table and planted in the whenua of the South Pacific.

We cannot presume to come to this Holy Table trusting in our own righteousness, but in our need for God and each other.

From the baskets of our tikanga journeys, we offer all that we have and are, and all that we shall become.

Most merciful Lord, Your love compels us to come to the table of unity, regardless of our differences. We bring our unique identities, serving with mo’oni, asha, tamata dina, loto onosa’i, humility, and aroha. May we all be sanctified through your grace and remain united until eternity.
Amen.

Contributed by

TORU Anglican Centre for Youth Ministry Studies

This collect is a prayer developed as a Guiding Principle for TORU’s work. It was put together by 21 youth leaders and representatives from Aotearoa-New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga, Western & American Samoa.

TORU focuses on providing three Tikanga education, training, and resources, for Anglican youth leaders. For more, see our website at www.toru.org.nz

Glossary for the collect:

Mo’oni (Tongan)	<i>truth</i>
Asha (Hindi)	<i>hope</i>
Tamata Dina (Fijian)	<i>faithfulness</i>
Loto Onosa’i (Samoan)	<i>patience</i>
Aroha (Maori)	<i>love</i>

3rd Sunday after Pentecost
(25 June 2006)

Readings

First Reading	1 Samuel 17:57; 18:5, 10-16
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Gospel	Mark 4:35-41

Theme

Christ our Peace

Sentence

“Let us go across to the other side.”

Mark 4:35b

Collects

God, our Saviour,
Let us be still like the storm that was calmed,
Keep us all from harm
Let us all not be afraid.
May our troubles be calmed by your presence,
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

E te Kaihanga o te Ao,
Haramai tonu nei ki te hunga e pehia e te mataku
Kia hora te marino
Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana
Kia aio nga rangi i runga
Kia tau te rangimarie
I roto tonu i te ingoa o te Karaiti,
Amine.

Contributed by

Te Mara Rangatahi Ministry School

4th Sunday after Pentecost
(2 July 2006)

Readings

First Reading	2 Samuel 1:1; 17-27
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Gospel	Mark 5:21-43

Theme

Faith

Sentence

“Your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”

Mark 5:34

Collects

God of our faith,
Help us to rise above our doubts
To reach out to you
And to receive our healing
Through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

E te Atua o te whakapono,
Ina ka ngakaurua, awhinatia mai
Kia toroa atu nei ki a koe
Kia riro ki te ora
I roto i a Ihu Karaiti
Amine.

Contributed by

Te Mara Rangatahi Ministry School

5th Sunday after Pentecost
(9 July 2006)

Readings

First Reading	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Gospel	Mark 6:1-13

Theme

Nothing is impossible to God

Sentence

“Only in his home town, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor.”

Mark 6:4

Collects

God of miracles,
When we are surrounded by unbelief
Helps us not to be limited by them
But instead to have faith in you
Because you are the maker of all things
Through Christ our Saviour
Amen

E te Atua o nga merekara,
Ina ka karapotia e te pokaikaha
Awhinitia kia kore matou te whakawhaititanga
Engari kia whakapono tuturu ai
I te mea, nahau nei nga mea katoa
I roto i a Karaiti Ihu
Amine.

Contributed by

Te Mara Rangatahi Ministry School

6th Sunday after Pentecost
(16 July 2006)

Readings

First Reading	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Second Reading	Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel	Mark 6:14-29

Theme

Who is Christ?

Sentence

“King Herod heard of it, for Jesus’ name had become known.”

Mark 6:14

Collects

Holy God,
If we do what Jesus did,
 Will we be hated too?
But no matter what,
Help us to be like Jesus
Who was loving, kind, and always serving others
In your name we pray,
Amen.

E te Atua Tapu,
Mena ka piri matou ki a te Karaiti
Ka kinotia e te Ao?
Engari, ahakoa he aha
Meatia matou kia rite ki a Ihu
Koina i arohatia, i manaakitia ai
I roto i to ingoa,
Amine.

Contributed by

The children of Mataariki Sunday School, Holy Trinity Church, Gisborne

7th Sunday after Pentecost
(23 July 2006)

Readings

First Reading	2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Second Reading	Ephesians 2:11-22
Gospel	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Theme

Jesus our provider

Sentence

“But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Mark 6:50b

Collects

God of Life,
You are a giver of good things
You bless us with what we need
You grant us life and abundance
You save us from the storm
We praise your holy name
Amen.

E te Atua Ora,
Nahau nga homaitanga papai katoa
Nahau nga manaakitanga
Nahau te mauri me te ora
Nahau te Kaiwhakaora
He honore, he kororia ki a koe
Amine.

Contributed by

Te Mara Rangatahi Ministry School

8th Sunday after Pentecost
(30 July 2006)

Readings

First Reading	2 Samuel 11:1-15
Second Reading	Ephesians 3:14-21
Gospel	John 6:1-21

Theme

Jesus our provider

Sentence

“When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.””

John 6:14

Collect

Bread of Life,
When we trust in you
Every need is met
Every hope fulfilled
Grant that we may always believe
and never doubt
Through faith in Jesus Christ
Amen.

E te Taro o te Ora,
Ina ka whakawhirinaki
Ka tutuki nga hiahia
Ka ea nga wawata
Homai kia pakari ai to matou whakapono
I roto i a te Karaiti
Amine.

Contributed by

Te Mara Rangatahi Ministry School

The Transfiguration
9th Sunday after Pentecost
(6 August 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Second Reading	2 Peter 1:16-19
Gospel	Luke 9:28b-36

Theme

Jesus the Word

Sentence

“This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!”
Luke 9:35b

Collects

Holy God,
Your word
Is a lamp to our feet
A light to our path
A bringer of peace
And a giver of life
We praise your holy name
Amen

E te Atua Tapu,
Ko to kupu,
He rama ki te wae
He maramatanga ki te ara
He maungarongo ki te whenua
He whakaaro pai ki nga tangata katoa
Whakamoemititia ki to ingoa tapu
Amen.

Contributed by

Te Mara Rangatahi Ministry School

10th Sunday after Pentecost
(13 August 2006)

Readings

First Reading 2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33
 Second Reading Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2
 Gospel John 6: 35, 41-51

Theme

Jesus the bread of life

Sentence

“Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.””

John 6: 35

Collect

Jesus
 Bread of Life
 In a time when the world is hungry for the truth
 draw those in need to use: the waiters of your banqueting table,
 that we may present you, the sustainer of life
 and satisfier of all true thirsts
 that all may be filled.
 Through our heavenly provider,
 Jesus Christ
 Amen

Contributed by

The 18 + Group, Church of the Saviour, Blockhouse Bay, Auckland.

We are the “Life Group” of school leavers and tertiary students for Church of the Saviour. There are nine of us, and we meet weekly at the church. We meet to stimulate one another in our Christian life through Bible study, fellowship and prayer. Our hopes and dreams are:

- To mature as Christians
- To discern God’s will for our lives
- To reach out to others

We’d like you to pray for us, that we would be effective witnesses in our community.

11th Sunday after Pentecost
(20 August 2006)

Readings

First Reading	1 Kings 2: 10-12, 3: 3-14
Second Reading	Ephesians 5: 15-20
Gospel	John 6: 51-58

Theme

Jesus, bread of life; kai for all people.

Sentence

“Just as the living father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.”

John 6:57

Collect:

God, Father of Jesus.
Big Daddy G AMEN!
Cheers for sending your son
So that when we screw up
We can live on through you.
Help us to forgive everyday,
May the bread of life
Be the Kai for all people.
By brother J we pray!
Can I get an amen?
AMEN!

Contributed by

St. Aidans Anglican Parish, Remuera.

We are a group of young people aged from 11-25. We meet every Tuesday night- Group studies and worship at the church Friday night - social night at the church Sunday morning (once a month youth lead service).As a youth group we come together to learn about God and the Church. Our hope is:

- To do more outreach into the community.
- To offer relevant Christianity.

Pray for our church and our youth, so that we can learn and grow to be fully functioning Christians and incorporate God into our lives.

12th Sunday after Pentecost
(27 August 2006)

Readings

First Reading	1 Kings 8: 1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43
Second Reading	Ephesians 6: 10-20
Gospel	John 6: 56-69

Theme

Spirit of Justice

Sentence

“It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh is useless. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.”
John 6: 63

Collect

E te Wairua Pono, Wairua Whakawaa (Spirit of Justice and Truth),
Who is with us, prepares us and sends us out to do your will:
Who has been with us from the beginning, and will be forever.
You invite us to join your mahi in the world
Help us to put our trust in you, and to know that you have been with us from the beginning.
Make us open to receive your gifts and send us out to live your truth and see that your justice is done in all parts of the world.
Help us to trust that your plan is bigger than we can see, and guide us to be part of it.
We pray this through our Friend and Helper,
Amen

Contributed by

The Order of Saint Stephen

We are a religious order: OSS is a network of young adults and their supporters, living out ministry and mission through prayer, community & service, from within the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, NZ. There are currently 8 members in OSS. We are a dispersed religious community, so we don't get to meet together that often. We all meet together once a year, at our annual national retreat. Members meet with other members in their region for other retreats throughout the year, and informal gatherings occur also.

In the words of Bishop Tom Brown, Bishop of Wellington: “OSS is about encouraging and enabling young people, the leaders of tomorrow's church.” OSS is about intentionally developing your relationship with God, which is THE most important thing a person can do. When we meet together as a community, we have fun, get to know each other more, do some reflection and learning about God and ourselves.

Basically, we want to see more young people join OSS, because I have seen the difference it has made in the lives of the present members. Imagine what the Church would be like if all (young) people were intentional about going after God! We'd like to see the Church pray for the young people in OSS already, and for those in the 16-25 year old age group in general, that they would grow to know God in a more deep and personal way.

13th Sunday after Pentecost
(13 September 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Song of Solomon 2: 8-13
Second Reading	James 1: 17-27
Gospel	Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Theme

Having integrity and confidence to always do what is right

Sentence

“Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls”

James 1:21

Collect

Dear Lord our friend,
Help us to hear and obey your message to us.
Help us to be people with clean hearts,
who have integrity and confidence to always do what is right
whether or not others are watching us.
Through the love of God,
Amen.

Contributed by

St Mary's Diocesan School for Girls

14th Sunday after Pentecost
(10 September 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Second Reading	James 2: 1-10, 11-13, 14-17
Gospel	Mark 7: 24-37

Theme of the Sunday

Believing in Jesus

Sentence

Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor

Proverbs 22:9

Collect

All loving God, the one who made the world and the animals,
Help us to believe in you
Through Jesus Christ, the son of the maker of the world.
Amen.

Loving God, kind and helpful,
Help us to do the right things and forgive us for what we do wrong
Through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Mighty loving God and wise
Help us make the right decisions
Through Jesus your son.
Amen.

Our Father in Heaven
Mighty and loving ruler
Strengthen our believing in you and help us to live your way
Through Jesus Christ your son,
Amen.

Contributed by

St. Barnabas Young People, Ngongotaha.

We worship at St. Barnabas and meet once a week on Sunday. We gather during the adult sermon and usually do some activity related to the readings. We'd like the church to pray for the world. There is a general concern for the world wide problems as is often featured on T.V. – i.e. famine, war, floods, terrorism, plus concern and thanksgiving for their families.

15th Sunday Pentecost
(17 September 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Proverbs 1:20-33
Second Reading	James 3:1-12
Gospel	Mark 8:27-38

Theme

Taking up our cross.

Sentence

“Jesus said, ‘For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel will save it’.”

Mark 8:35

Collect

Our cross bearer,
Who protects us in times of need,
Guide us and our families to keep our faith strong in you.
Protect us from being drawn into worldly desires.
Allow us to see your work through others.
Give us strength to resist those who put us down,
Through the power of the Holy Spirit and Christ’s love.
Amen.

Contributed by

WAMY/Anglican Methodist Youth, Whakatane Co-operating Parish.

We are a group of young people who love being together and learning about God. We meet once a week, in a Church building, for fun and teaching, and to get to get to know who God is. What would we like the wider church to pray for? – More realization of who God is.

16th Sunday after Pentecost
(21 September 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Proverbs 31:10-31
Second Reading	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Gospel	Mark 9:30-37

Theme

Being welcomed and embraced by God.

Sentence

“Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms he said to them, ‘Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me’.”

Mark 9:36-37

Collects

God who welcomes and embraces all,
may we whom you have called
to be your children
learn to serve,
and in our serving
may we learn to be like you,
who gathered young and old alike,
our friend and servant-leader.
Amen.

Certain and eternal God.
If I am for you, then I can't possibly be against you.
I trust you.
I am comfortable living my life with you.
Let me no say or thing what is unfriendly and wrong to others.
Help all my words and actions to be whole and bright,
always for good.
Be with me always to strengthen and guide me.
Amen.

Contributed by

St Luke's Youth, St Luke's Anglican Parish, Havelock North

Who are we? – We are the young people at St Luke's! We meet whenever we can.

Please pray for the people and purpose of St Luke's youth.

17th Sunday after Pentecost
(1 October 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22
Second Reading	James 5:13-20
Gospel	Mark 5:13-20

Theme

Salt and light.

Sentence

Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.

Collect

Creator God,
whose son came to knead us into your own image,
and to fill us with beautiful flavour:
season and sprinkle us with your goodness,
so that we might be an acceptable sacrifice to you,
and a pleasant aroma to one another.
This we ask through your son, our salt,
Jesus Christ,
Amen.

Contributed by

The Taranaki Waikato Anglican Youth Network Executive

We are an events based ministry for young people and youth groups in the Diocese of Waikato that will nurture young people in their faith. We meet 6 times a year, in different parts of the diocese, to plan and run awesome youth events. Our hope is for a youth programme and a church which honours and nurtures the gifts of its young. We'd like the Church to pray that the richness of our church may touch the lives of all people in our hurting world.

18th Sunday after Pentecost
(8 October 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Job 1:1; 2:1-10
Second Reading	Hebrews 1:1-14
Gospel	Mark 10:2-16

Theme

Let the children come!

Sentence

“Don’t push these children away. Don’t ever get between them and me. These children are at the very centre of life in the kingdom.”

Mark 10:14

Collect

Indignant God,
 who swept up the little ones to protect them
 from stern words and uncomfortable stares
 and who laid hands on them to bless.
 Open our ears, eyes and hearts
 to see you in the children and young people around us.
 As you gathered them into the centre of your circle
 may we remove our self imposed barriers
 and allow you to bring them in to the centre of our lives,
 and into the centre of this community,
 that they may be joined to you
 and we might receive the kingdom of God.
 We ask this through Jesus Christ
 who said “let the children come”.
 Amen

Contributed by

John Hebenton, Anglican Youth Network Facilitator: Tikanga Pakeha

The objectives of my position are:

- To foster mutual support and encouragement among those working in youth ministry at Diocesan and Regional levels. Youth Ministry includes both Diocesan and Regional Youth Ministry structures and Diocesan and Regional Professional Youth Staff
- To focus the communication network between Diocesan youth ministries and the wider church within Tikanga Pakeha.
- To engage in youth related education and training in partnership with tikanga pakeha diocesan and regional personnel and structures.
- To ensure continued development of youth links with our cultural and ecumenical partners, other national and international youth operations.
- To work with others to broaden and deepen the church’s understanding of youth ministry so that it is seen as ministry: to youth, for youth, with youth, from youth

What are my hopes and dreams? That ministry among children and young people will become the number one priority for our church, and that we will be known for our creative and life changing work among young people. I’d like the Church to pray for the courage and faith to be the kind of church described above.

Tikanga Youth Sunday
19th Sunday after Pentecost
 (15 October 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Jeremiah 1:4-7
Second Reading	2 Timothy 1:8-12
Gospel	Luke 8:22 -25

Theme

Celebrating youth ministry across the Three Tikanga.

Sentence

Ki a koe ano i mohio o tou tamarikitanga ake, ki nga karaipiture tapu, ko nga mea era e whai matauranga ai koe, e ora ai, i runga i te whakapono ki a Ihu Karaiti.

2 Timoti 3:15

From childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:15

Collect

God of our journey
 You were with Tarore as she travelled from her home to a new place
 and you gave her courage and faith when storms threatened to
 overwhelm her.
 You call us to travel together as three Tikanga to the promised land.
 When storms threaten to overwhelm us
 give us the courage and faith to continue
 so that we might arrive at a new place,
 confident in what we have to offer our young people.
 In your name we pray,
 Amen.

Contributed by

The Youth of the Project L Workshop

20th Sunday after Pentecost
(22 October 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Job 38:1-7, 34-41
Second Reading	Hebrews 5:1-10
Gospel Mark	10:35-45

Theme

To serve rather than be served.

Sentence

“For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
Mark 10:45

Collect

Lord Jesus,
As we your people struggle for power,
To sit on either your right or your left.
Draw us together,
To seek your will and not our positions,
To serve rather than be served.
Guide us as we seek to follow you,
To drink the cup that we are offered,
To receive the baptism painful as it may be,
Bless us and guide us in your Son's Name.
Amen.

Contributed by

All Saints in Nelson with Michael Treston, Diocesan Youth Facilitator

The All Saints group are all high school age, church kids, led by the Vicar Rev Dr Andrew Burgess.

21st Sunday after Pentecost
(29 October 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Second Reading	Hebrews 10:23-28
Gospel	Mark 10:46-52

Theme

Caring for others.

Sentence

“Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, ‘Son of David, have mercy on me!’ Jesus stood still and said, ‘Call him here’.”

Mark 10:48-49

Collect

Dear Lord, Our Mentor,
We thank you for always being there for us,
Even when we don't deserve it.
Help us to look after those who are sick or disabled as you look after us.
Teach us not to look down on others,
but instead treat everyone as our equal.
Help us to stay strong in faith and be more like you Lord.
Through your name we pray.
Amen.

Contributed by

Dora Davidson from St Matthew's Anglican Church, Christchurch.

All Saints Sunday
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
(5 November 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Isaiah 35:6-9
Second Reading	Revelation 21:1-6a
Gospel	John 11:32-44

Theme

Have faith in hard times.

Sentence

“...so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.”
Ephesians 1:18-19.

Collect

Lord God
Thankyou for your kindness and understanding towards us in hard times.
Forgive us when we lose our trust in you.
Give us strength, faith and hope in our times of great sadness.
May we forever look to you.
Keep our faith strong in you always,
Through the love of Jesus.
Amen

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St Stephen's Youth Group

We are a small group of young people meet weekly (all girls) having heaps of fun and learning under the name of Jesus We meet weekly. We meet alternate Sunday evenings at St Stephen's Church. The other Sunday we meet as a combined youth group with 4 other churches. We get together to have fun, fellowship and education in the name of the Lord. We hope to increase our numbers and maybe get some male young people.

We'd like the wider Church to pray for young people everywhere; To especially pray for youth in small towns and the problems they face; and to pray also for all leaders that give up their time to plan programmes and be with young people and the people that support them.

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
(12 November 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17
Second Reading	Hebrews 9:24-28
Gospel	Mark 12:38-44

Theme

Extravagant giving.

Sentence

“They all gave out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty, put in everything - all she had to live on.”
Mark 12:44

Collect

Giver of Life,
Our provider,
Thank you that you give yourself for us,
Help us not to do things for reputation or recognition,
but to give ourselves extravagantly for the helpless and hurting
around us.
Please keep us in your joy, free from greed.
In Jesus name,
Amen.

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St John's Youth Group, Dunedin

24th Sunday after Pentecost
(19 November 2006)

Option One (Use this or Option Two below)

Readings

First Reading	1 Samuel 1:4-20
Second Reading	Hebrews 9:24-28
Gospel	Mark 13:1-8

Theme

Valuing diversity.

Sentence

“For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.”

Hebrews 9:24

Collect

Loving God,
in our bustling, busy lives in city and country,
help us to remember that you Lord, are always with us.
Encourage us to live our lives peacefully and to protect our
environment.
May we teach and guide our children well.
Hear us, in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

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Holy Cross Youth and Sunday School, Dunedin.

We are from Holy Cross St Kilda Parish, Sunday School and Youth group. We meet most Sundays excluding School Holidays. We meet at church on 3 Sundays and 1 Sunday we do an activity away from the church. We have an annual family camp at Sutton, near Middlemarch. Our purpose is to learn about being a Christian. We follow a programme which includes bible readings and activities. We participate in CWS 'Wipe out poverty'. This year we will produce art for a silent art auction. We meet for activity and learning days each term. We work on mission projects together, eg we encouraged our church to adopt a World Vision Sponsored Child. We help lead the intergenerational worship usually once a month and we help at parish meals and the fair. At camp we spend time together, go for walks, bike rides, swimming and go to the local church (usually we help with the service). What are your hopes and dreams for your group? We can try to make our community a better place. Hope to remain good friends. Share the good things we have, e.g. St Christopher's Children's Home in Fiji and a primary school near our church. We'd like the Church to pray for a peaceful and fulfilling existence for all people, and to share the resources of the world so there is more equality.

Option Two (Use this or Option One above)**Readings**

First Reading	1 Samuel 1:4-20
Second Reading	Hebrews 9:24-28
Gospel	Mark 13:1-8

Theme

Trust and faith in God.

Sentence

“Take care that no one misleads you. Many will come claiming my name, and saying, ‘I am he’; and many will be misled by them.”

Mark 13:5-6

Collect

God our life companion,
 Help us accept that bad things happen,
 and that they are a part of life.
 Protect and guide us through difficult times and help us not to be
 deceived by others or lose our faith in you.
 Through you, the one and only,
 Amen.

Contributed by

Rebecca and Simon Wharton from St. Michaels and All Angels, Dunedin.

The Otago Peninsula Parish consists of four churches, St Michael’s, St Nichola’s and St Aidan’s, which are placed along the beautiful Otago Peninsula. Our parish is small but we are focused on growth and reaching out to our community. We have been in for the past year and a half but are delighted with the appointment of our new Vicar, Rev’d Helen Wilderspin, who will join us in November this year. We would like to pray for Helen and for the continued growth of our Parish.

Aotearoa Sunday
25th Sunday after Pentecost
(26 November 2006)

Readings

First Reading	2 Samuel 23:1-7
Second Reading	Revelation 1:4b-8
Gospel	John 18:33-37

Theme

The Kingdom of Jesus.

Sentence

“For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.” *John 18:37b*

Collect

God of Truth,
We thank you for the life and ministry of Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa
We ask that alongside Te Pihopatanga you would guide us,
in the struggle for justice and healing,
in commitment to tino rangatiratanga,
and in the spreading of Te Rongopai – The Good News of the Gospel.
May we all continue to grow strong in Spirit and in Truth,
for your glory and your kingdom’s sake,
Amen.

E te Atua Tika,
Tenei matou ka tuku whakamoemiti nei mo Te Pihopatanga o
Aotearoa,
Arahina ou pononga katoa,
Ki te whaingā tika, te whaingā oranga,
Kia mahia ko te tino rangatiratanga,
Kia hora tonu Te Rongopai
Ka taea e tatou te whakapakari i roto i te Wairua Pono
Mo to kororia me to Rangatiratanga,
Amine.

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Advent

Advent Sunday
(3 December 2006)

Readings

First Reading	Jeremiah 33:14-16
Second Reading	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Gospel	Luke 21:25-36

Theme

Our young people: The Church of tomorrow, today.

Sentence

“Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near”

Luke 21:29-31

Anglican Youth Yeah Collect

God of our journey,
 You call us to travel to a new place.
 When storms threaten,
 May we trust in your grace.
 When peace reigns,
 May we speak in your praise.
 Unite us, both young and old,
 That our light might so shine,
 And bring glory to you
 In your holy and precious name we pray,
 Amen.

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