



TE PIHOPATANGA O TE TAI TOKERAU

MANU KORERO

Te Panui o nga Manu Kokiri

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He Manu Tioriori: Waihue Epiha

At only 16 years of age, Waihue Epiha is a rangatahi leader with a strong Mihinare whakapapa and a big Mihinare future.

Coming from the northern community of Peria, her whanau come from a strong Mihinare whakapapa. Waihue attends Te Wharekura o Rangianiwaniwa in Awanui and is heavily involved in all aspects of the life of her whanau and marae, from kapa haka through to Church at St Barnabas on Sundays.

Waihue also has the gift of song, which she uses to express her faith. On the 14th October at Auckland Cathedral in Parnell Waihue made her debut appearance performing in front of hundreds of young people at The Big AYP. The Big AYP (Anglican Youth Party) was a three Tikanga event celebrating the diversity and the talents of young people throughout the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

On the night Waihue performed alongside Kahukura Davis from Auckland, Lucy Maruera all the way from Ruatoki, Tahī Paenga from Gisborne and Rawinia Gray from Te Wai Pounamu. Waihue was supported in her first item by some of the students from Hukarere Girls School who came up from Napier for the event. Artists also performed from Tikanga Pakeha and Tikanga Pasefika,



Above: Waihue sings at The Big AYP



Above: preparing at the Wananga, from left: Jeremy "Tarau" Hollis, Lucy Maruera, Waihue

and the night was blessed by the presence of the three Archbishops and Bishop Kito and Bishop John Paterson.

Kahu, Lucy, Tahī, Rawinia and Waihue had also spent some time at an intense music wananga held in Auckland a fortnight before, composing, writing and recording their songs, under the direction of music producer Jeremy "Tarau" Hollis.

This experience exposed Waihue to the wider three Tikanga Church and gave strong recognition to her wonderful music. It also strengthened her Mihinare kaupapa, improved her confidence as a performer, and gave her a sense of how her music can impact on those around her. Waihue is an exciting new leader for Te Pihopatanga o Te Tai Tokerau.

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Moving & Retreating



From the 9th-11th of October the Stipendiary Clergy retreat was held at Vaughan Park. Hirini and I went over on Monday morning to be with those who were in retreat with Bishop Kito. Also attending the

retreat was the Bishop elect of Te Manawa o Te Wheke, Archdeacon Ngarahu Katene and his wife Kamana. They were present for their retreat with Bishop Ben Te Haara in preparation for Archdeacon Ngarahu's ordination on the 14th of October.

After spending some downtime with clergy on Monday night Hirini and I cruised on up to Whangarei to spend some good quality time reflecting on some of our achievements over the last couple of months in our work throughout Te Tai Tokerau as a team and planning for the upcoming Manu Karakia commissionings.

On Wednesday we did a presentation about the Manu Karakia programme, sitting amongst a group of stipendiary clergy was quite the challenge seeing that they all were so diverse in their own way and some of them with different styles or models of ministry. For me it was an opportunity to share with them and the same time challenge them by questioning their commitments to youth ministry through out Te Pihopatanga o Te Tai Tokerau in general, which they responded to very well.

We will now be working with those we have identified for commissioning as Manu Karakia for the rest of the year, preparing them for their ministry in the new year.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TTYC Hui

Date: 11 November
Venue: Whangarei Parish hall
Come and share your vision for Youth ministry in Tai Tokerau
Contact: Ngira Simmonds
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Komiti Tumuaki

Date: 18 November
Venue: Whangarei Parish hall
The quarterly meeting of the TPOTT executive
Contact:
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TTYC Camp

Date: 17-21 January
Venue: Hokianga
An awesome gathering of rangatahi aged 11+ from across Te Tai Tokerau.
Contact: Tapu

RESOURCES

Radio Ruia

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