

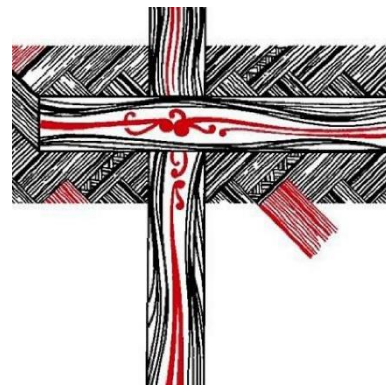


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Te Pouhere Sunday

2nd June 2024

Notes from Yukiiko's Desk



Dear AGAC whanau,

This Sunday is **Te Pouhere** Sunday. It is a day when we celebrate the diversity of our Church and recommit ourselves to reconciliation and peace both of our history and in our contemporary Church and society.

Our Anglican church is symbolized by the Woven Flax Cross. It is the artwork at the beginning of Our New Zealand Prayer Book. The colours of the logo are black and red on a white background. The Maori Koru design is at the centre - the koru a symbol of life, ever expanding, and lines flowing, in red, the life-blood – the life-giving love of God in Christ which flows through the heart of the Christian message and mission. The design also presents the woven mat (weaving common to all cultures) with the flax strands -harakeke - moving outwards (lower righthand side) symbolising the life patterns of the gospel to form a new creation. A gospel which is for all people. Being a minority in Aotearoa, celebrating the diversity is something I am very passionate about. I presented my paper in the conference held at St. John's Theological College last year. I will share part of it during the reflection, but if you want to read the full article, you can read from the attached document. (I have also a couple of hard copies of my article, so please ask me if you want to read it).

This Sunday, we will try to say some sentences in Maori. We will also try to sing the Lord Prayer in Te Reo. If you want to practice, you can watch the attached video.

Nga mihi nui

Yukiiko

What is on:



We welcome two more mums and their loved ones. This week, we talked about sleep and did baby massage. We have had so many positive responses from mums about the programme and know there are lovely friendships that have been formed and will continue. How blessed are we to have this happening in our place! Next week, we are making a lid chain using **milk bottle lids, ribbon, laces, strings** etc. If you have these items, please bring them to Holy Cross.

Your views on Synod

Our Diocesan Synod is the annual gathering where the Auckland Anglican Church makes decisions about our shared life. In recent years, there's been a call for a review of how Synod functions - its timing, the kinds of conversations we have, the structure and process of our decision making etc.

There is Synod arrangements review group that has been doing good work nutting out the purpose of Synod and the best ways of achieving that purpose. This group would now like to hear from a diversity of people in the diocese about your views on the purpose and future structure of Synod. You do not need to be a current or past member – all are welcome to contribute their views.

The survey will address topics including the purpose of Synod, barriers to involvement, timing and membership, and structures and processes. The survey closes on Monday 10 June.

The survey link

is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HQJL5W9>

Bishop Ross's Video News

Bishop Ross publishes a regular video news update sharing some of the things he's been doing or interesting happenings in the Diocese. You can view the latest one, plus the whole back catalogue, on the Anglican Diocese of Auckland Youtube page, which is here:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=anglican+diocese+of+auckland

We pray for:

- Justin Duckworth in his new role as Senior Bishop of Tikanga Pakeha and one of the three Archbishops of the Anglican Province of Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia.
- Peace and unity in New Caledonia amidst recent unrest
- Recent outbreaks of Covid in our neighbouring rest homes in our local community

This Week's Question

What happened when he was on the road to Damascus?

Readings

	<u>02nd June</u>	<u>09th June</u>
1 st Reading:	Isa 42:10-20	1 Sam 8:4-11
Psalm	-	Ps 138
2 nd Reading:	2 Cor 5:14-19	2 Cor 4:13-5:1
Gospel:	John 15:9-17	Mark 3:20-35

This week's summary:

- 1st
Reading: Have courage to sing a new song in the midst of exile when we do not know where we are going. Trust God to lead us.
- 2nd
Reading: Seeing people in a different way, being a new creation in Christ. We are entrusted with reconciliation.
- Gospel: Jesus speaks about no greater love than laying down one's life for one's friends. We are to love each other by loving each other in a way that goes beyond our own interests and seek to put ourselves in another's shoes.

Sentence

I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. (John 15:17)

Collect of the Day

**Creator God,
you make the sun to give light in the day,
the moon and the stars for guidance at night,
you divided the seas making a path through the waters.
Grant that, sailing out in our canoes of Tikanga Pākehā,
Tikanga Māori, and Tikanga Polynesia,
we may follow the way you have charted for us and from
our separate home ports find our common destination in
you. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus
Christ.
Amen**

This Week's Service Songs

Opening:	We are Many we are one
Gospel:	Te Aroha
Offertory:	Give thanks with a grateful heart
Recession:	E te atua (Amazing grace)

Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>02nd June</u>	<u>09th June</u>
Sacristan	Val Deas	Karenne West
Welcomer	Ria Gormley	Trish Duncan
1 Readings	Christian	Dorothy M
2 Readings	Trish Duncan	Bernadette
Presiding	Yukiko	Les
Prayers	Yukiko	Beatrix Jones
TV Setup & Slides	Graham Wood	InCheol Kim
Morning Tea	Karenne West	Valerie & June
Flowers	Ria	Ria

St Michaels

	<u>02nd June</u>	<u>09th June</u>
Welcomer& Prayers	Bruce Goertz	Bruce Goertz
Readings	Brian Simpson	Bruce Goertz
Presiding	Yukiko	Bruce Goertz

This Week's Answer:

He had a changing experience with Jesus.

Liturgical Colour:

Liturgical Colour for this week is;

White

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Life isn't about
finding yourself.

Life is about
creating yourself.



GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

