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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Artist: David aka Naked Pastor

7th July 2024

14th Sunday Ordinary time

Notes from Yukiko's Desk

Dear AGAC friends,

World Refugee Day is held globally on 20 June. In the Anglican calendar, we set aside July 7 (the first Sunday of July) for Refugee Sunday.

On Refugee Sunday, we are encouraged to reflect on how our faith calls us to respond to the needs of refugees, both around the world and living in our communities. The Bible is full of stories of people on the move. Joseph offered his father and brothers sanctuary in Egypt when their homeland was ravaged by famine, then 400 years later Moses lead that same people out of Egypt to freedom and a new land. Ruth left her home as a widow and worked as a migrant labourer in Bethlehem. Mary and Joseph fled the violent persecution of Herod, seeking asylum once more in Egypt. Throughout all these stories we see a God who cares for the exile and the stranger.

The cover of this newsletter might have caught your eyes. It did mine powerfully! The title of the art is “**RefuJesus**.” The artist, David aka Naked Pastor, wrote of it:

“This image represents refugees. If you believe in Jesus, you should be able to see Jesus in the rejected, marginalised, persecuted, fleeing for life, for a better life. People ask me what's in his burlap, I leave it to them to tell me. His halo is a barbed wire.”

I am inviting you to look at “**RefuJesus**” prayerfully and reflect on what Jesus might say to you.

In God's grace,

Yukiko

What's on

Commissioning In Cheol for his new role

I am delighted to announce that the vestry decided to ask In Cheol to increase his working hours (from 10 hours to 20 hours) from July. On the top of his current role as an administrator, a book keeper, his new role includes; **assisting John for property management, Sustainability Champion** (coordinating the projects to be Eco Church), **developing our website, networking** with other parishes, assisting me with **pastoral care and outreach for immigrants and students**. In Cheol will be in the **office weekdays (Monday to Friday) in the morning**. This Sunday, we will commission him for his new role at Holy Cross. Please pray for In Cheol for his new role in our community.

Settler's Morning Tea:

Next meeting: Wednesday **10 July at 10 am** at Settler's. We normally meet at the 3rd Wednesday of each month, but due to non-availability at Settler's lounge on that day, we are meeting on the second Wednesday, 10th July. Yukiko will be there too and looks forward to joining the group!



We pray for:

- the millions of refugees around the world, waiting for justice and a new home.
- All the countries facing increasing political polarisation and vision.
- those who are struggling to meet day to day costs in NZ and worldwide.

This Week's Question

Which Apostle took the Gospel to the city of Samaria?

Readings

	<u>07th July</u>	<u>14th July</u>
1 st Reading:	Ezek 2:1-5	Amos 7:7-15
Psalm	Ps 123	Ps 85:8-13
2 nd Reading:	2 Cor 12:2-10	Eph 1:3-14
Gospel:	Mark 6:1-13	Mark 6:14-29

This week's summary:

1 st Reading:	Ezekiel receives the instructions from God (Yahweh) to prophesy to his fellow Jews in Exile.
2 nd Reading:	This reading is part of Paul's 'Severe' letter to the Corinthians who challenge his credentials. He gives a passionate account of his own conversion.
Gospel:	Jesus finds local resistance to his ministry and sends out the Twelve on a regional mission.

Sentence

He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics

Mark 6: 8-9

Collect of the Day

**Almighty and merciful God,
whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his
own;**

**look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from
danger, homeless and hungry.**

**Bless those who work to bring them relief;
inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts;
and guide the nations of the world towards that day when
all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

This Week's Service Songs

Opening:	Amazing grace
Gospel:	Brother Sister Let me serve you
Offertory:	Be still, my soul
Recession:	I, the Lord of sea and sky

Whakataukī

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi



**With your food basket and my food basket the people will
thrive.**

**(Everybody has something to offer, a piece of the puzzle, and
by working together we can all flourish.)**

Rosters

Holy Cross

Sacristan
Welcomer
1 Readings
2 Readings
Presiding
Prayers
TV Setup & Slides
Morning Tea
Flowers

07th June

Alison Coughlan
Trish Duncan
John Churchill
Valerie Churchill
Yukiko
Yukiko
InCheol Kim
Karenne West
Ria Gormley

14th July

Val Deas
Dorothy Shultz
Alison Thompson
Linda Wells
Les
Ronah Stace
Gary Wells
Gary & Linda
Ria Gormley

St Michaels

Welcomer & Prayers
Readings
Presiding

07th June

Bruce Goertz
Brian Simpson
Les

14th July

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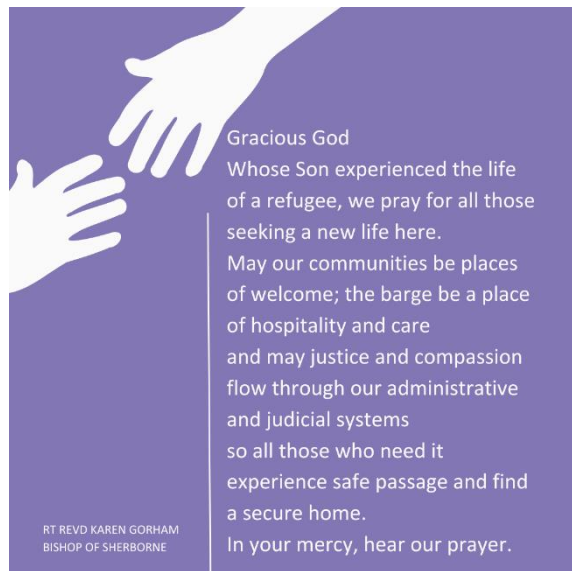
This Week's Answer:

Philip.

Liturgical Colour:

Liturgical Colour for this week is;

Green



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Feedback welcome: If you have feedback on any aspect of our church activities, please do contact the wardens, Beatrix & Trish – contacts as above – or via the office at the email above.



**ALBANY SINGERS
PRESENT
ARE YOU READY TO SWING?**

**SATURDAY
13 JULY 2024**

**2PM
HOLY CROSS CHURCH ALBANY
OTEHA VALLEY ROAD EXTN**

ADULTS \$20 CASH AT DOOR