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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



15th Sunday Ordinary time

Notes from Yukiko's Desk

Dear AGAC friends,

The second Sunday in July is set aside for **Sea Sunday** according to Anglican Church calendar. Sea Sunday is an opportunity for us to remember the world's 1.9 million seafarers in prayer, to give thanks for crucial work of the *Mission to Seafarers* and other seafarers' organisations who provide practical, emotional and spiritual welfare support to crew and their families..

My husband, Cheen, had served as a port chaplain with the *Mission to Seafarers* for seven years. Until he told me their stories, I hadn't thought too much how all goods made it to the shelves in the supermarket. We just take it for granted that they would be there. What we don't realise is that we depend upon seafarers to ship over 90% of the world's commodities that we could live without – including food, fuel, medicines, raw materials, clothes and household goods to market so that we can continue to live our lifestyle.

Many of them rarely celebrate their children's birthday party. Let's remember them on this Sunday as we unite together globally to pray and celebrate the role that seafarers play in our daily lives.

*Anchored in Christ,
Yukiko*



What's on

Space:

Next session will begin when Term 3 begins on 24th July.

Diocesan Video News:

Bishop Ross talks about the recent Ministry Conference and some of the issues arising and addressed.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JVyIILNBkmY>

Settler's Morning Tea:

Next meeting: **21st Aug Wednesday at 10 am** at Settler's. It was wonderful to see many people(16!) there on Wednesday.



WINTER TRAINING HUB - LIVING BEYOND OURSELVES

Sunday 4 August, 1-4pm

St Chad's Church, 38 St Johns Road, Meadowbank

Guest speaker The Rev'd Mark Barnard will speak on *Connecting to People and Place: Why 'where we are and who we are with' really matters*. The talk will be followed by the opportunity to check out a range of parish outreach initiatives such as 'Art for Kids' and 'Men's Groups'. Several people from our Church are going. If you are interested, please let In Cheol know.

We pray for:

- All those who have been involved in the work of the Royal Commission on Abuse in Care, who have now completed their report. We pray for survivors who shared their stories, and ask for the process of implementing recommendations and redress to be compassionate and just in responding to their needs. We pray for deep and lasting change in the institutions that have failed in their duty of protection and care, including our own Church, so that new generations of vulnerable young people can be cared for with love and in safety.
- As the cold weather bites, for the Auckland City Mission and ATWC and the communities they serve. We especially pray for the Mission and all food bank services that have had their funding cut, and will have to turn people away without food they need. We ask for miracles of provision to make up the shortfall and for God's mercy to be with those who are cold and hungry this winter.
- All the children, teachers, and parents during school holidays.

This Week's Question

Which Apostle shared the Gospel with an Ethiopian official on the road to Gaza?

Readings

	<u>14th July</u>	<u>21st July</u>
1 st Reading:	Amos 7:7-15	Jer 23:1-6
Psalms	Ps 85:8-13	Ps 23
2 nd Reading:	Eph 1:3-14	Eph 2:11-22
Gospel:	Mark 6:14-29	Mark 6:30-34,53-56

This week's summary:

- 1st Reading: Amos, a herdsman and orchardist of the mid-8th century BC, is called to prophesy during Jeroboams reign, a time of luxury and economic excess. He runs into conflict with Amaziah, the royal courts official priest.
- 2nd Reading: This letter, inspired by Paul's theology, begins with affirming the great blessings given to the church by Christ.
- Gospel: This gospel reading tells of the arrest and death of John the Baptist.

Sentence

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will (Eph: 1:11)

Collect of the Day

**God our strength and our hope,
grant us the courage of John the Baptist,
constantly to speak the truth,
boldly to rebuke vice
and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

This Week's Service Songs

- Opening: We Sing a Love
Gospel: Seek Ye first
Offertory: When I needed a neighbour
Recession: Guide me o Thou Great Jehovah



Whakatauki

He rau ringa e oti ai

Many hands make light work

Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>14th June</u>	<u>21st July</u>
Sacristan	Val Deas	Karenne West
Welcomer	Dorothy Shultz	Diana Harris
1 Readings	Alison Thompson	Patrick Harris
2 Readings	Linda Wells	Diana Harris
Presiding	Les	Yukiko
Prayers	Ronah Stace	Beatrix Jones
TV Setup & Slides	Gary Wells	Patrick & John
Morning Tea	Gary & Linda	Karenne West
Flowers	Ria Gormley	Diana Harris

St Michaels

	<u>14th June</u>	<u>21st July</u>
Welcomer & Prayers	Bruce Goertz	Bruce Goertz
Readings	Bruce Goertz	Brian Simpson
Presiding	Bruce Goertz	Yukiko

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.

Prayer for Seafarers

Eternal Lord God, ruler of earth and sky, be pleased to receive into your protection all who go down to the sea in ships and work upon the waters. Preserve them in body and soul; prosper their labours with good success; in times of danger be their help and defence and bring them safely into port, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

