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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



20th Ordinary time

18th Aug 2024

Notes from Yukiko's Desk

Dear AGAC whanau

There is a focus on “wisdom” throughout today's passages. In Proverb 9, the first reading which begins;

*1. **Wisdom** has built **her** house; **she** has hewn **her** seven pillars.*

*² **She** has slaughtered her animals; **she** has mixed **her** wine;
she has also set **her** table.*

As you would have noticed, that “wisdom” is personified as a woman. This is perhaps in part because, in Hebrew, “wisdom” is a grammatically feminine noun. However, I believe the association of divine “wisdom” with the feminine is not accidental.

Here is “wisdom,” depicted as a woman, in powerful contrast to the many male characters that we have met so far in the Old Testament readings. This woman is no frail creature, but strong, down-to-earth, and able to turn her hand to all the tasks of running and governing a household. “Wisdom” is actively seeking people – particularly the “simple” and “those without sense” into her household to dine and become part of her community. What a great news! Here are some questions for us to ponder.

Could we think of any experiences of wise behaviour or living? What other characteristics or values do we associate with wisdom? How do we get it? Is it purely a gift from God or can we become wise through practice and effort?

Finally, I am inviting you to explore what Paul challenges us in today's reading; How might this influence the ways we seek to live as “wise people”? (Ephesians 5:15)

Joyfully in Christ

Yukiko

News & upcoming events



Thanks to the donated bean bag cushions, we all sit on them comfortably and enjoy the group. Currently we have 13 people attending (including a facilitator and two volunteers), and we are short of cushions. If you have a spare bean bag cushion or a big comfortable cushion, and can donate them or lend to us, let Yukiko know.

Settler's Morning Tea:

Next meeting: **21st Aug Wednesday at 10 am** at Settler's Lounge.



Creative gifts Sunday-1st September

On the 1st September, we will celebrate our creative gifts (poetry, painting, embroidery or whatever). It does not have to be yours; it could be something your family member has done. If it is difficult for you to bring the art work, you could bring a photo of the work. The picture above is the work my mother made using her mother's kimono, acorn shells and seeds. On that Sunday, we are going to have a sharing time with these gifts or photos. If you have something to present, please fill in the form and pass it to In Cheol (or email to him) so that we can arrange the exhibits. If you are not sure, please feel free to talk to Yukiko or In Cheol.



A chance to take climate action

Right NOW the government is consulting on the Emission Reduction Plan 2026-2030.

Our diocese is working with Common Grace Aotearoa to encourage as many people as we can to make individual submissions to the Emission Reduction Plan consultation supporting the Don't Subsidise Pollution Campaign.

Take 10 minutes to find out more and write an individual submission using this submission guide and template: <https://bit.ly/submit2endfreecredits>

- Call for an end to free carbon credits for big industrial polluters.
- Call for alternative support for industries to transition to low carbon technology.
- Call for support to shift workers into green jobs.

For more information, read an explainer here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yNmp3SUzzu5zoOkLInggi4adXDd-EGq/edit> visit www.endfreecredits.nz

We pray for :

- those who are caught up in job uncertainty, cuts, and restructurings in New Zealand
- the world: over 50 people killed following Israeli airstrikes in Gaza; over the weekend million people displaced from their homes and in need of food, shelter, and healthcare as civil war rages in Sudan; or the many griefs around the world which do not make the world news

This Week's Question

Who besides the simple is invited to eat her bread and drink her wine?

A: him who lacks understanding B: downtrodden ones

C: honourable others D: everyone

Readings

18th August

1st Reading: Prov 9:1-6

Psalm Ps 34:9-14

2nd Reading: Eph 5:15-20

Gospel: John 6:51-58

25th August

Josh 24:1-2a,14-18

Ps 34:15-22

Eph 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

This week's summary:

1st Reading: 'Wisdom' in the Old Testament comes from a faith tradition of humanity living a worthy and moral life inspired by the precepts of God, who is the ultimate source of wisdom.

2nd Reading: Living the Christian way, says Paul, means a change of life-style and social morality.

Gospel: The debate between the Jews and Jesus leads John to explore further the meaning of the Eucharist.

Sentence

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' (John 6:51)

Collect of the Day

Living host, call us together,
call us to eat and drink with you.

Grant that by your body and your blood
we may be drawn to each other and to you.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Week's Service Songs

Opening: Guide me O Thou Great Redeemer
Gospel: Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me
Offertory: The Lord is my shepherd
Recession: How Great Thou Art

Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>18th August</u>	<u>25th August</u>
Sacristan	Karenne West	Val Deas
Welcomer	Dorothy Shultz	Diana Harris
1 Readings	Trish Duncan	John Churchill
2 Readings	Trish Duncan	Valerie Churchill
Presiding	Yukiko	Yukiko
Prayers	Dorothy Meyer	Beatrix Jones
TV Setup & Slides	InCheol Kim	Patrick & John
Morning Tea	Alison T & Trish	Valerie & June
Flowers	Diana Harris	Diana Harris

St Michaels

	<u>18th August</u>	<u>25th August</u>
Welcomer& Prayers	Bruce Goertz	Bruce Goertz
Readings	Brian Simpson	Bruce Goertz
Presiding	Bruce Goertz	Bruce Goertz

This Week's Answer:

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Liturgical Colour: Green

Liturgical Colour for this week is; Green

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