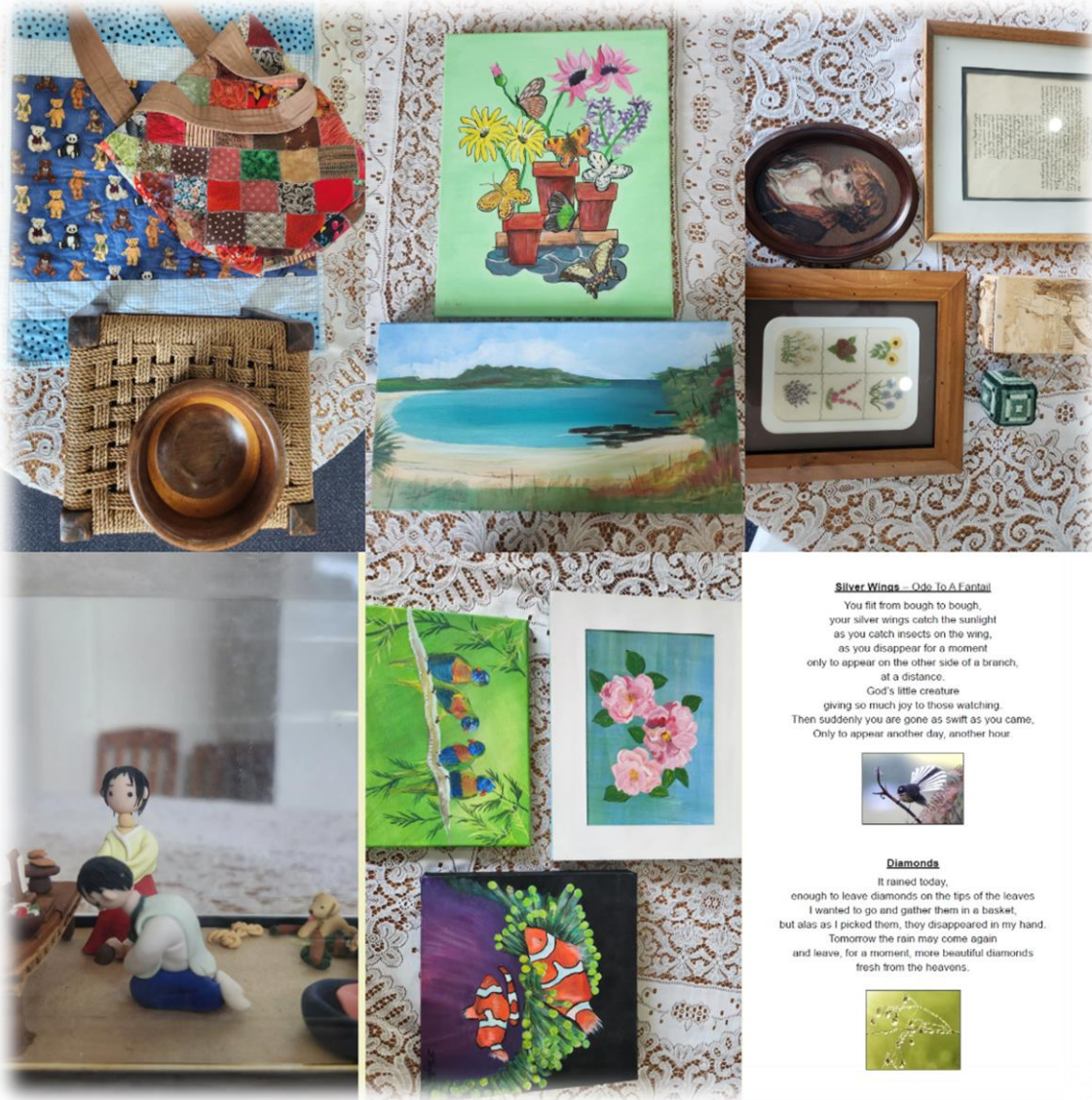




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Celebrating Creative Gifts Sunday

1st September 2024

Notes from Yukiko's Desk

Dear friends in Christ

I cannot believe it's already been one year since I began my journey as a priest- in-charge of AGAC on 30th August last year when Bishop Ross led the induction service at Holy Cross. Since then, we moved into Albany, and have been really enjoying being part of the local community. We are deeply grateful for the support, love, and prayers we have received from you all.

In our website, under the section of "our vision" it is stated;

"....it is our sincere hope and prayer that this church would be like an oasis for people in our community."

I hope and trust this is the vision God has given all of us and continues to be. I thank God for my calling at this place. As celebrating my first anniversary here, I renew my commitment to this vision. I pray that I may serve Christ and the Church with my whole heart and be an instrument of God's love and hope in the world.

Also, Happy Father's Day, everyone!

Arohanui
Yukiko



News & upcoming events



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

Welcome to **Spring and to the Season of Creation!**

The theme for the Season of Creation 2024 across the globe is ***to hope and act with creation.***

The freesias and daffodils are blooming, and there's a bit more daylight at each end of the day... **Would you please email some photos to In Cheol on the theme of creation?** Perhaps, from your garden, or nearby park or beach...

In our Sunday services at Holy Cross during this season (1st Sep to 4th Oct), we are planning to have a few special things to give thanks for God's gift of creation. Here is our plan.

1st Sep: Creative Gift Sunday

We will celebrate different creative gifts that God has given us, If you have something to present, please bring them this Sunday.

8th Sep: renew our commitment to caring for our one planet home

15th Sep: The feast of Holy Cross

22nd Sep: A guest preacher: Dr Nicola Hoggard Creegan,
New Zealand Christians in Science Director.

29th Sep: Blessing of the animals

4th Oct: St Francis on this day

Settler's Morning Tea:

Next meeting: **18 Sep** Wednesday at **10 am** at Settler's Lounge.



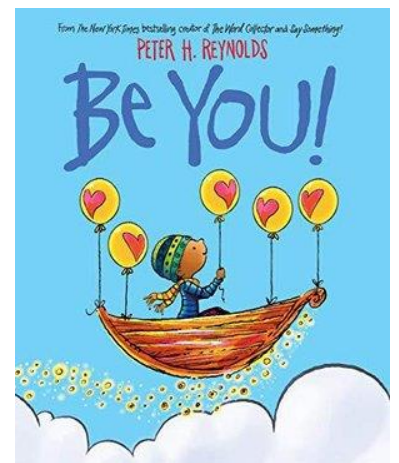
A new group?

We are looking for a possibility to begin a new group either Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday mornings (fortnightly or monthly), if we have enough interests. Let us know if you are interested in

- Bible Study (or book club in Christian themes) at Settler's
- Digital Seniors (This will be a group which you can learn basic skills of smartphone or computer) at Holy Cross.
- A contemplative prayer group at Holy Cross



Every week, someone brings a picture book to share. Today, one of the moms brought a book titled, "Be you," written by Peter Reynolds. It is a great guidebook for those seeking encouragement while encountering life's challenges. The children featured—a racially diverse group ranging from infants to preschoolers—cheerfully navigate the various injunctions that flow through the text: *"Be curious....Be adventurous....Be persistent....Be kind."* I personally found it myself endearing and uplifting. Not only baby, any adults will be inspired.



We pray for:

- Auckland City Mission, Home Ground and the Anglican Trust for Women and Children, especially with the uncertainty around funding for the Family Start program.
- all Fathers as Father's Day approaches, may we give thanks to them for their presence in our lives and for those we have lost may we remember them in our prayers
- continuing prayers of peace across a divided world.

This Week's Question

According to Matthew 5, what did Jesus say cannot be hidden?

Readings

	<u>1st September</u>	<u>8th September</u>
1 st Reading:	Exod 31:1-6	TBA
Psalm	-----	
2 nd Reading:	1 Pet 4:10-11	
Gospel:	Mat 5:14-16	

This week's summary:

- 1st Reading: God give people the ability, knowledge, and craftsmanship to devise artistic designs.
- 2nd Reading: As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.
- Gospel: Our good works are to be the shining of the light to the world so that they see the way to God.

Sentence

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.(1 Pet: 4:10)

Collect of the Day

Creator God, as we are made in Your image, we give You thanks for the seed of creativity You planted within each person. Help us truly to live in appreciative awe of the creativity that you have planted within. Give us the patience and courage to nourish that creativity, and the strength and persistence to express it. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

This Week's Service Songs

Opening:	All Things Bright and Beautiful
Gospel:	God who sets us on a journey
Offertory:	Breathe on me breath of God
Recession:	Give thanks with grateful heart

Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>1st September</u>	<u>8th September</u>
Sacristan	Alison Coughlan	Karenne West
Welcomer	Ria Gormley	Dorothy Shultz
1 Readings	Bernadette	John Churchill
2 Readings	Dorothy Meyer	Valerie Churchill
Presiding	Yukiko	Yukiko
Prayers	Rhona Stace	Dorothy Meyer
TV Setup & Slides	Graham Wood	Gary Wells
Morning Tea	Dorothy M & Ria	Gary & Linda
Flowers	Ria Gormley	Ria Gormley

St Michaels

	<u>1st September</u>	<u>8th September</u>
Welcomer & Prayers	Bruce Goertz	Bruce Goertz
Readings	Brian Simpson	Bruce Goertz
Presiding	Yukiko	Bruce Goertz

This Week's Answer:

Light

Liturgical Colour: Green

Liturgical Colour for this week is; 

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