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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Season of Creation week 3 & Holy Cross Day

15th September 2024

Notes from Yukiko's Desk

Dear friends of Parish of Albany Greenhithe Anglican Church

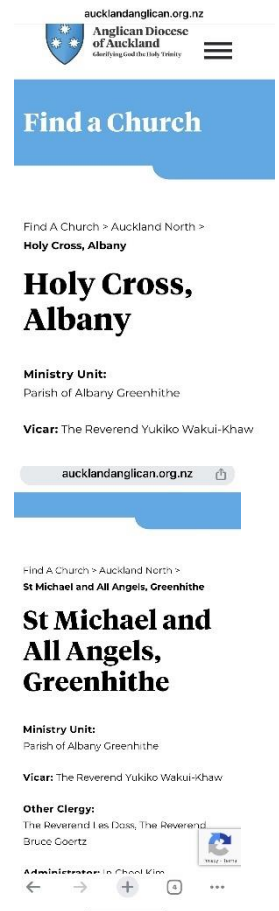
As announced last month, the status of our congregation has been changed from Mission District to "Parish," which has been updated in the diocesan website.

What is difference between the two,? you may wonder. Technically the same. Interestingly, this is one of the main discussions at the Synod last week. And it has been agreed that from January 2025, all ministry units in the diocese will be recognised as "parishes!" Not knowing the upcoming bill, earlier this year, we applied to become a parish as a way forward.

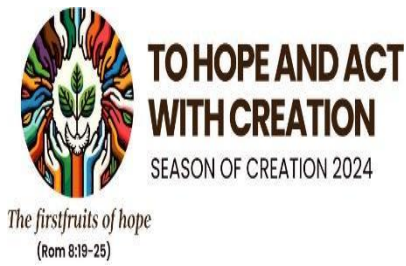
In the 4th century, when Christianity in western Europe spread to the countryside, Christians in an important village were organised into a unit with their own priest under the jurisdiction of the bishop of the nearest city. Parishes are meant to provide pastoral and spiritual needs of the people in the local community. New Anglican congregations often start out as missions and eventually become parishes when they become stable. That is what is happening to our congregation. Thanks to God and those who have faithfully served in the past and now, we have achieved parish status. Therefore, I believe we should celebrate. What fascinates me is that this Sunday happens to be **Holy Cross Day**. We will have a special morning tea after the worship service at Holy Cross around 11:45 this Sunday. If you know anyone who might be interested in joining, please invite them. Let's give thanks to God who has been guiding us in our journey together. We will continue to serve God and our community.

Joyfully in Christ,

Yukiko



News & upcoming events



In our services until 4 October, we are observing, along with churches throughout the world, *the Season of Creation*. We are planning a few special things and a challenge for this season:

Waste Challenge

Our goal is that by the end of the Season of Creation we will have made significant progress with our waste at the church. This includes installing proper recycling bins for paper, plastic, glass bottles, and cans. If you are happy to contribute some money for purchasing the bin, please let In Cheol know.

Sharing Korero

Do you have some **photos, stories, or discoveries on the theme of creation?** Can you please share them with us?

Let me share Yukiko's korero. I have recently got a free **bokashi** bucket from the diocese. **Bokashi** is a method of composting that originated in Japan. **Bokashi** (literally it means "shading off") is an ingenious Japanese system that pickles all our kitchen waste before transforming it into the most wonderful compost. The process involves fermenting and breaking down food scraps, using a mix of beneficial microorganisms. In our home in Te Atatu we had a big compost bin but were unable to transfer it when we moved. This bin is small enough to fit in the corner of the garden and doesn't smell! It is environmentally friendly. I am super excited with this new baby!



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

29th Sep: The feast of St Francis including Blessing of the animals @Holy Cross

Send a **photo** and the **name** of your animal (whether living or dead)- which we will use during the service. The photo in the right is my dear Louis. Your animal is welcome to join if he/she is used to stay inside.



If you are not sure how to send photos in your smartphone, let us know. We are happy to help you!



When we began the programme in May, all babies were in their mums' arms. But now some babies start crawling, rolling, responding to music, smiling to us....

It is amazing to see their growth!

Settler's Morning Tea:

Next meeting: **18 Sep** Wednesday at **10 am** at Settler's Lounge. Looking forward to being there!



A new group?

We are looking for a possibility to begin a new group. Let us know if you are interested in:

- Bible Study (or book club in Christian themes)
- Digital Seniors (This will be a group where you can learn basic skills of smartphone or computer)
- A contemplative prayer group

We pray for:

- Our Earth; help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in God's eyes.
- the new Ariki of the Kiingitanga, Nga Wai Hono i te po Paki

- Parish of Albany Greenhithe; May God grant us a new vision of his glory as we move forward.

This Week's Question

Where was the model of the fiery serpent put on/in?

A. a pole B. Aaron's staff C. A house D. The Ark of God

Readings

	<u>15th September</u>	<u>22nd September</u>
1 st Reading:	Num 21:4b-9	Isaiah 40: 21-31
Psalm	Psalm 65	Psalm 24
2 nd Reading:	Phil 2:6-11	Rev 21:1-7
Gospel:	John 3:13-17	Luke 7:1-10

This week's summary:

- 1st Reading: people complain against God and Moses. In response, God allows venomous serpents. After repenting, the people are told by God through Moses to look at a bronze serpent for healing.
- 2nd Reading: Though in the form of God, Jesus humbled himself, obeying even unto death on a cross. For this, God exalted him above all names.
- Gospel: Jesus tells Nicodemus that only he descended from and will ascend to heaven. Like Moses' serpent, he must be lifted up for people to gain eternal life.

Sentence

He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:8)

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

This Week's Service Songs

Opening:	Praise my Soul the King of Heaven
Gospel:	Lord of the dance
Offertory:	Great is thy faithfulness
Recession:	Lift high the cross

Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>15th September</u>	<u>22nd September</u>
Sacristan	Dorothy Shultz	Alison Coughlan
Welcomer	Trish Duncan	Ria Gormley
1 Readings	Alison Thompson	Patrick Harris
2 Readings	Trish Duncan	Diana Harris
Presiding	Yukiko	Yukiko
Prayers	Beatrix Jones	Dorothy Meyer
TV Setup & Slides	InCheol Kim	Graham Wood
Morning Tea	Dorothy M & Ria	Valerie & June
Flowers	Ria Gormley	Diana Harris

St Michaels

	<u>15th September</u>	<u>22nd September</u>
Welcome & Prayers	Bruce Goertz	Bruce Goertz
Readings	Brian Simpson	Brian Simpson
Presiding	Bruce	Les

This Week's Answer: A

Liturgical Colour: Red

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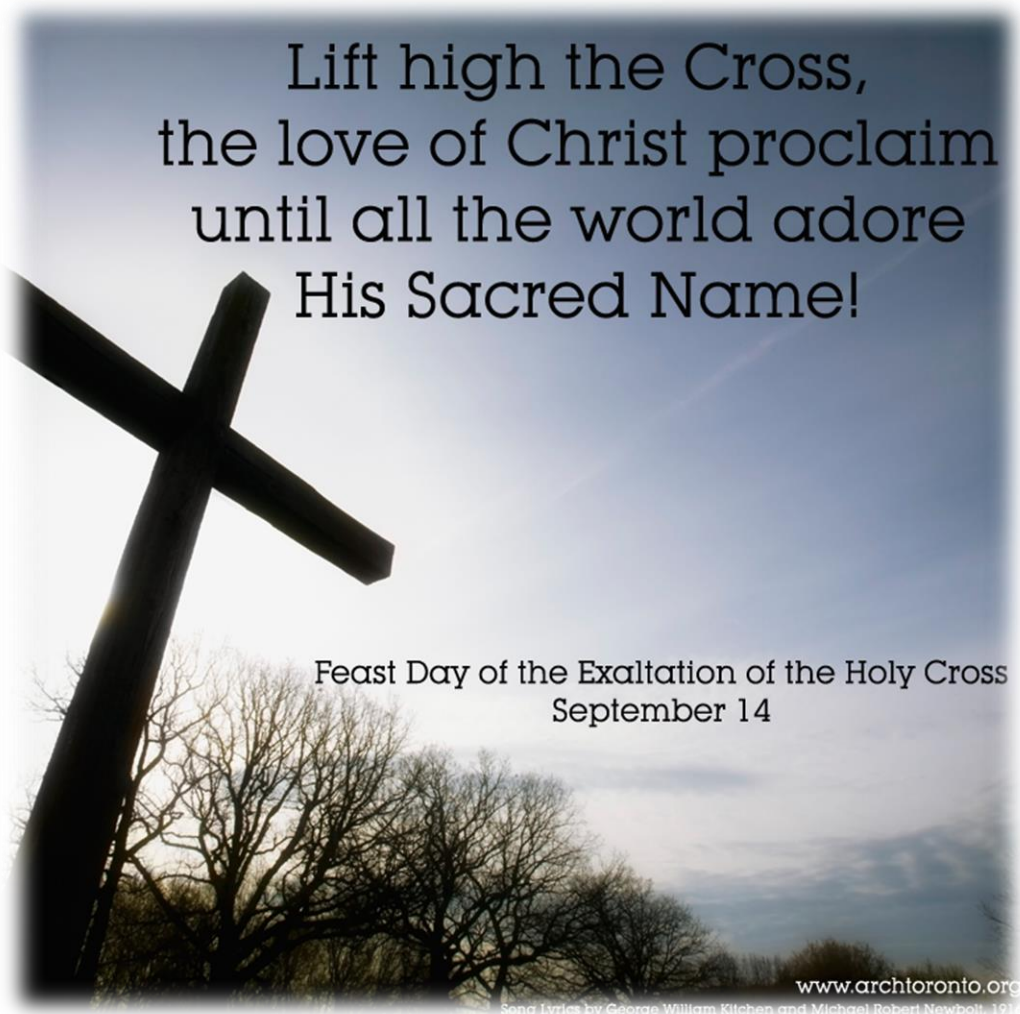
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Lift high the Cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
until all the world adore
His Sacred Name!

Feast Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 14

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Song lyrics by George William Kitchen and Michael Robert Newbolt, 1914