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*Feast of  
St. Francis*

*Season of Creation week 5*

*Feast of St. Francis @Holy Cross*

*Feast of St. Michaël the archangel @St. Michael*

**29 September 2024**

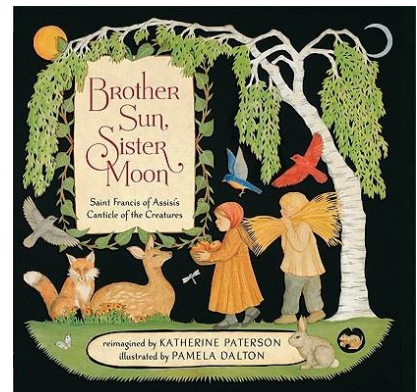
# Notes from Yukiko's Desk

Dear friends of AGAC

This Sunday, at Holy Cross, we are celebrating the feast of St. Francis of Assisi (actual feast day is 4<sup>th</sup> Oct). He was a remarkable figure known for his ministry to the poor and his care for animals and the environment. He was also a lover of peace and worked hard to achieve it. In the light of what is happening in the world, it strikes me that the veneration of this man who lived a very simple life is more relevant today than ever, and his story is worth retelling.

What fascinates me is that while he certainly loved nature, Francis apparently never used the term *natura* but instead chose biblical terms and ideas that he found particularly in the psalms and canticles in the Bible which he prayed daily.

What do you admire most about St. Francis? Do you have any favourite episode from his life? If you haven't read yet, I encourage you to read ***St. Francis of Assisi*** written by G. K. Chesterton, or ***Brother Sun, Sister Moon Saint Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Creatures***. Both books are available in the library. As we learn more about St. Francis, I guarantee, we will find a man who shatters the stereotypes, and who is both surprising and inspiring.



In Greenhithe, we are celebrating the Feast of St. Michael and the Archangels, the special feast for parishioners in Greenhithe.

I look forward to celebrating these feasts with you at each congregation this Sunday.

Joyfully in Christ,

Yukiko

## News & upcoming events



**TO HOPE AND ACT  
WITH CREATION**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

How are you getting on engaging with the Season of Creation? We have been doing a few special things and a challenge for this season.

### Waste Challenge

Our goal is that by the end of the Season of Creation (Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct), we will have made significant progress with our waste at the church. This includes installing proper recycling bins. If you are happy to contribute some money for purchasing the bin, please let In Cheol know.



### Sharing Korero from Patrick and Diana



Beautiful apple blossom, full of bees



Kowhai tree in flower for Tui



their resident pair of ducks  
Mr & Mrs.



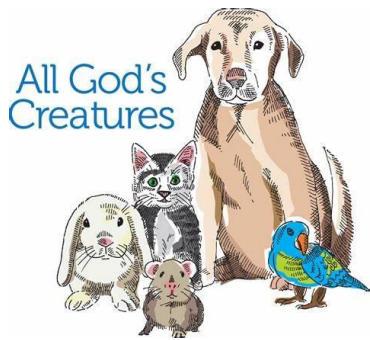
sheep in the paddock



swallows on their balcony



bluebells everywhere



## 29<sup>th</sup> Sep: The feast of St Francis including Blessing of the animals @Holy Cross

If you have not sent, please send a **photo** and the **name** of your animal (whether living or dead)- which we will use during the service. Your animal is welcome to join if he/she is used to staying calm inside at unfamiliar places.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Oct (Wed): A half Day Retreat: Venue: Patrick and Diana's cottage in Riverhead (10 am to 12 pm)

Join us for a quiet half day of retreat on the theme of creation. Thanks to Diana and Patrick, we can meet at their lovely cottage in Riverhead. Morning Tea will be provided. If you need a ride, please let Yukiko know so that we can arrange the transport. We will meet at Holy Cross at 9:40. For a catering purpose, please let us know or sign up in the sheet at Church if you want to attend the retreat. Everyone is welcome.

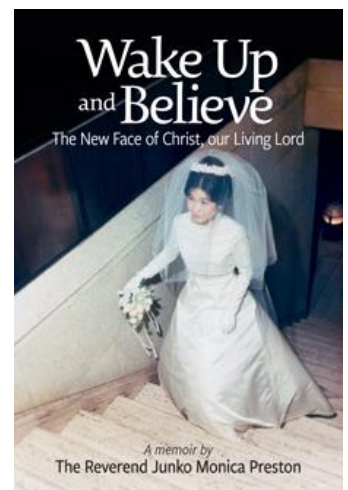
## 6<sup>th</sup> Oct: the final Sunday of Season of Creation 2024

Les will take a service while Yukiko is away for retreat from in the 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> October at Mary Mackillop Centre in Mission Bay.

## 15<sup>th</sup> Oct at Holy Cross (10:30-12:30)

### A devotion with Rev. Junko Monica Preston

I am delighted to announce that the Rev. Junko, who became the first Japanese woman priested in the Anglican Church, is coming to share her story with us. Her life story was published several years ago, and it has inspired many people. If you know anyone who might be interested, please invite them. This will be a great opportunity!





In the Space, we encourage babies' parents to ***Pause, Reflect, Engage***. It is a simple phrase we can use to bring the brain's threat level down, help our prefrontal cortex to do the work it was designed to do and, in the process, make sure we practise some empathy and self-compassion. We can use it to calm our brain when we feel overwhelmed and it is also useful during quiet times to simply check-in with ourselves. They find it very helpful. Not only new mums, but also anyone can get a benefit by doing it. We will have a two- week break during school holiday.

### Settler's Morning Tea:

Next meeting: **16 October** Wednesday at **10 am** at Settler's Lounge.



### We pray for:

- All creatures on the verge of extinction, specifically that those responsible for poaching and polluting will be held responsible.
- The Auckland City Mission and other providers of emergency food as they face massive funding shortfalls in trying to meet the needs of Aucklanders who rely on their food parcels.
- Especially the people of Lebanon, we ask you to bring peace, justice, accountability, and reconciliation to the world.

### This Week's Question

Which of God's creations did ***NOT*** eat plants after He created them?  
A. humans B. None (all animals ate) C. cattle D. birds

## Readings

|                          | <u>29 September</u> | <u>St. Michael</u> | <u>6 October</u>     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: | Genesis 1:24-31     | Daniel 7:9-14      | Genesis 2:4-7, 15-24 |
| Psalm                    | Psalm 104:10-18     | Psalm 103:15-22    | Psalm 126            |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: | Gal 6:14-18         | Rev 12:7-12a       | 1 John 1:1-4         |
| Gospel:                  | Matthew 6: 25-33    | John 1:45-51       | John 2:1-11          |

## This week's summary:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: The sixth day witnesses the creation of livestock, land crawlers, and beasts, followed by the creation of humans in God's image.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: In this final counsel to Galatians, Paul argues peace to those who will follow God's rule, uttering a prayer of confidence in the final triumph of his labours, and wishing the Galatians an affectionate farewell.
- Gospel: Jesus sees that people easily become insecure, doubtful and disappointed and invites us to consider what is of real and lasting importance.

## Sentence

But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ...and the fish of the sea will declare to you. In his hand is the life of very living thing...' (Job 12: 7, 8b, 10a)

## Collect of the Day

**God, our Creator,  
help us to love all creatures as kin,  
all animals as partners on Earth,  
all birds as messengers of praise,**

**all tiny beings as expressions of your mysterious design and  
protect all creatures as voices of hope.**

**Amen**

**This Week's Service Songs**

Opening: As The deer Pants for the Water  
Gospel: For The Beauty Of The Earth  
Offertory: Make me a Channel of Your Peace  
Recession: Blessed Assurance

**Rosters**

**Holy Cross**

|                   | <u>29<sup>th</sup> September</u> | <u>6<sup>th</sup> October</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Sacristan         | Val Deas                         | Alison Coughlan               |
| Welcomer          | Trish Duncan                     | Trish Duncan                  |
| 1 Readings        | Alison Thompson                  | John Churchill                |
| 2 Readings        | Linda Wells                      | Valerie Churchill             |
| Presiding         | Yukiko                           | Les                           |
| Prayers           | Yukiko                           | Beatrix Jones                 |
| TV Setup & Slides | Gary Wells                       | InCheol Kim                   |
| Morning Tea       | Gary & Linda                     | Karenne West                  |
| Flowers           | Ria Gormley                      | Ria Gormley                   |

**St Michaels**

|                   | <u>29<sup>th</sup> September</u> | <u>6<sup>th</sup> October</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Welcome & Prayers | Bruce Goertz                     | Bruce Goertz                  |
| Readings          | Bruce Goertz                     | Brian Simpson                 |
| Presiding         | Yukiko                           | Bruce Goertz                  |

**This Week's Answer: B**

**Liturgical Colour: Green**

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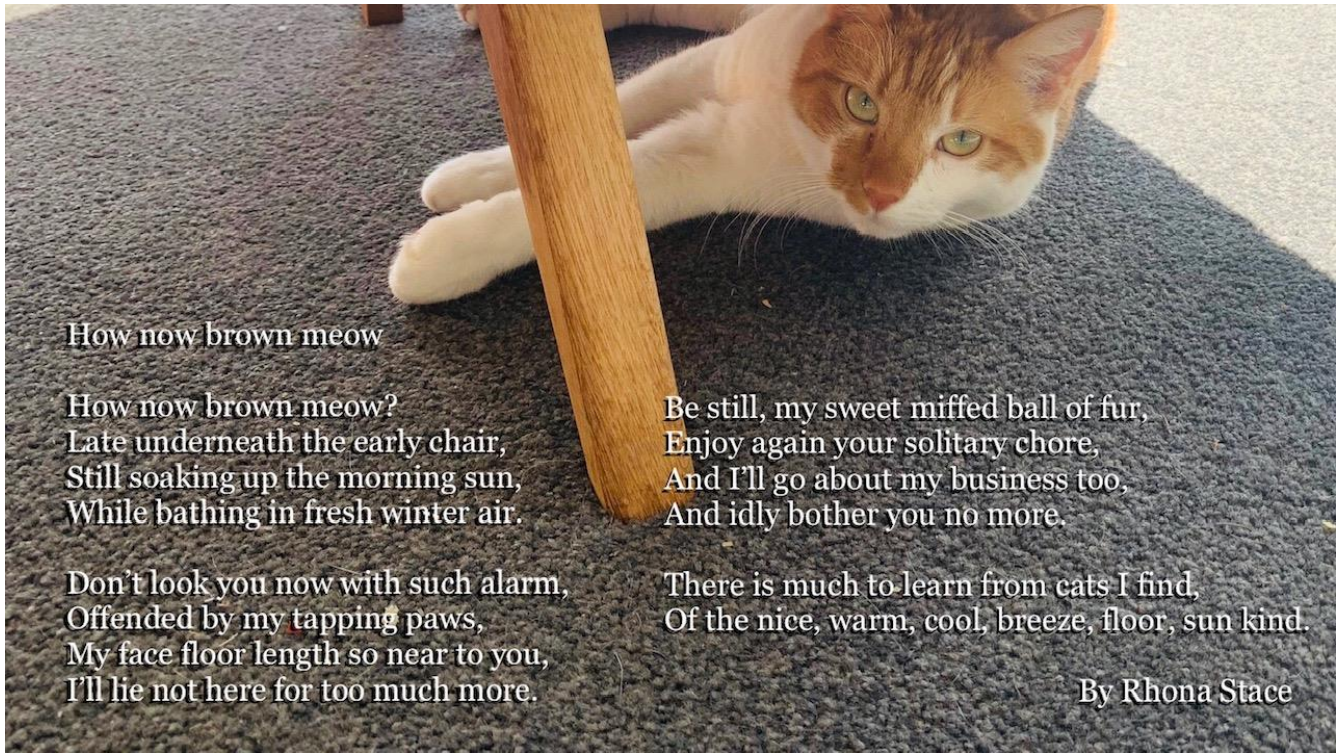
**Feedback welcome:** If you have feedback on any aspect of our church activities, please do contact the wardens, Beatrix & Trish – contacts as above – or via the office at the email above.

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29<sup>th</sup> September – 26<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday Year B



How now brown meow

How now brown meow?  
Late underneath the early chair,  
Still soaking up the morning sun,  
While bathing in fresh winter air.

Don't look you now with such alarm,  
Offended by my tapping paws,  
My face floor length so near to you,  
I'll lie not here for too much more.

Be still, my sweet miffed ball of fur,  
Enjoy again your solitary chore,  
And I'll go about my business too,  
And idly bother you no more.

There is much to learn from cats I find,  
Of the nice, warm, cool, breeze, floor, sun kind.

By Rhona Stace