



Season of Creation week 6

Notes from Yukiko's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

On Wednesday, a group of us went to Patrick and Diana's place in Riverhead for a half-day retreat. (The photos in the coversheet of this newsletter were taken on that day.)

In the retreat, each one of us had a little walk in their lovely garden, took time to see/smell/hear/touch God's creation. It was fascinating to discover all kinds of creation around us by being mindful of God's creation using our senses. You can try to do this exercise wherever you are. Let God's creation "speak" to you about hope, newness of life. God may have a special message for you!

As we finish our Season of Creation, I encourage you to spend some time reflecting on what to give thanks for what you have discovered and learned about yourself and God in the process. Let's ask ourselves; *"what changes will we make to our lives as we consider the impact of human activity on creation?"* Even though the Season of creation in 2024 ends, we should continue to be mindful of God's creation all the time.

This weekend, I am going to attend a 3 day-retreat at St. Mary Mackillop (Catholic) retreat Centre in Mission Bay. The theme of the retreat is "reconciliation and homecoming" based on the book; ***The Return of the Prodigal Son***, written by my favourite author, Henri Nouwen. I look forward to the retreat will share my reflection with you next week. I am grateful that Les is taking the Sunday service at Holy Cross.

Nga mihi

Yukiko

News & upcoming events

Sharing Korero:



Fantail in Patrick'



Visiting bird at In Cheol's



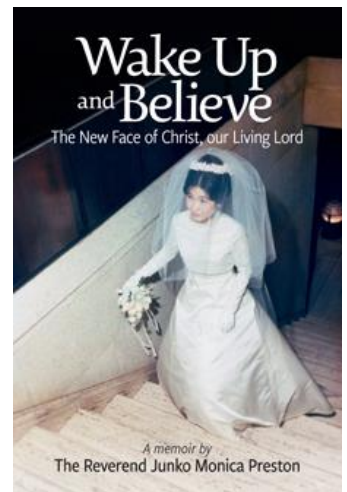
Val's Hamilton Garden trip



15th 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!



Coffee Fellowship

Settler's Morning Tea:

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

We pray for:

- the restoration of peace in Lebanon
- 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.
- for creatures on the verge of extinction, specifically that those responsible for poaching and polluting will be held responsible.

(Photo) The Okapi is a unique mammal that is found only in DR Congo, currently a risk due to hunting and habitat loss.



This Week's Question

Though John was inspired by the Holy Spirit to write, the content of 1 John chapter 1 consists of what?

A: his experience B: his history C: his visions D: his philosophies

Readings

	<u>6 October</u>	<u>13 October</u>
1 st Reading:	Genesis 2:4-7, 15-24	Job 23: 1-9, 16-17
Psalm	Ps 126	Ps 22:1-15
2 nd Reading:	1 John 1:1-4	Heb 4:12-16
Gospel:	John 2:1-11	Mark 10:17-31

This week's summary:

- 1st Reading: After being crafted out of the substance of earth, man is placed in a garden by God. He is then given responsibility to care for the plants and trees there.
- 2nd Reading: John references Jesus' eternal existence, and his identical nature to God the Father.
- Gospel: John describes Jesus' first miracle, which is turning water into wine at a wedding.

Sentence

So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. (Genesis 2:19)

Collect of the Day

**Lord God, your eternal power is seen
in the whole web of life Your voice is heard
in the beauty of creation.
Rooted in your love may we worship you
with all your creatures
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

This Week's Service Songs

- Opening: Let it Be
- Gospel: I have called you by your name
- Offertory: On the turning away
- Recession: I am the light of the world

Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>6th October</u>	<u>13th October</u>
Sacristan	Alison Coughlan	Val Deas
Welcomer	Trish Duncan	Ria Gormley
1 Readings	John Churchill	Alison Thompson
2 Readings	Valerie Churchill	Linda Wells
Presiding	Les	Yukiko
Prayers	Beatrix Jones	Rhona Stace
TV Setup & Slides	InCheol Kim	Gary Wells
Morning Tea	Karenne West	Gary & Linda
Flowers	Ria Gormley	Diana Harris

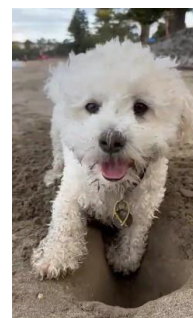
St Michaels

	<u>6th October</u>	<u>13th October</u>
Welcome & Prayers	Bruce Goertz	Bruce Goertz
Readings	Brian Simpson	Bruce Goertz
Presiding	Bruce Goertz	Yukiko

This Week's Answer: A

Liturgical Colour: **Green**

Some photos from last week's Animal Blessing service at Holy Cross



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