



17 Nov 2024

Notes from Yukiko's Desk

On Tuesday, I attended **Albany Youth Project Hui** which was held at Albany community Hub. There were around 25 people from various organisations in our local community; student leaders from Albany Senior Highschool, Church youth leaders, counsellors, representatives from *I.Lead* (a disabled youth movement group), sports facilitators, Pacifika and Asian youth groups, youth advisory panels, sustainability youth representatives etc. They are all doing wonderful things among young people and are seriously wanting to make positive change in the local community and give the youth in our community a voice.

One of the youth representatives shared their survey in Albany area. I was struck by the result; many of them don't feel safe, are struggling to find a place to belong, don't know their neighbours, some minority groups don't feel they are welcome.

How do we respond to their voices? We may not have many young people attending our Church regularly, but I believe that it is God's vision for us to support them in our local community. I am sure you know some young people in your family or neighbourhood.

Every journey begins with ***listening to*** each other. ***Listen with curiosity. Speak with honesty. Act with integrity*** (an inspirational quote from Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*). Having a young person at home, this becomes one of the most important mottos for me in recent years (though I am still struggling with this!). The greatest problem with communication is we don't listen to understand. As I am writing this, I am speaking to myself. And I am inviting you to join my challenge.

Prayerfully,
Yukiko

News & upcoming events

Annual General Meeting will be held *right after* (around 11:15) the worship service (before having morning tea) **this Sunday** at Holy Cross.

It would be great if you can be there. It will be an opportunity for us to come together, remind ourselves of our church's vision and values, as welcome the coming year.

If you cannot attend the AGM and would like to submit your apology to the meeting, please let us know.

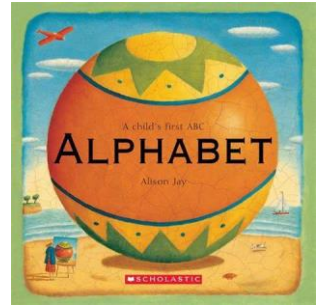
THANK YOU!

What a wonderful night we had last Saturday! Lovely food, beautiful flowers on the tables, nice wine, and an awesome music! Most of all, we enjoyed each other's company. Thank you all once again for making this occasion happen. Here are some photos of the evening.





This week, everyone brought their favourite children's book to show others. It was wonderful to see many choices. My pick was **Alison Jay's book**.



Settler's Morning Tea:

Next meeting: **20 November** Wednesday at **10 am** at Settler's Lounge.

Advent Study Group@ Holy Cross

Tuesday Mornings 3, 10, 17 December at 10: 30 am.

As we look ahead to Advent, I draw your attention to the **Advent Study** materials kindly shared by The Rev'd Dr. Deborah Broome from the Diocese of Waiapu (we used her Lenten study materials for the Lenten study this year). You can download from below. Alternatively, I am happy to print them out by request.

[DOWNLOAD IT](#)

For those who are interested, we will have three weekly study sessions based on the above materials during the Advent. We can have a sharing time with refreshment afterwards. Please let me know if you would like to attend it.



Christmas gifts for children and mothers at ATWC

We are again collecting new inexpensive Christmas gifts (**brand-new toys**) for children at ATWC. A collection basket will be in church on Sunday **until 26th November**. Gifts are to be left unwrapped.

We pray for

- unity with one another and with God as we make decisions together at AGM this Sunday.
- the survivors of abuse or affected by its impact.
- Archbishop Justin Welby (who has just resigned his post) and his family.
- Young people in our local community.

This Week's Question

When did God's judgment upon the city of Jerusalem and the Temple occur?

Readings

	<u>17th November</u>	<u>24th November</u>
1 st Reading:	Dan 12:1-3	Dan 7:9-10,13-14
Psalm	PS 16	PS 93
2 nd Reading:	Heb 10:11-14	Rev 1:4b-8
Gospel:	Mark 13:1-8	John 18:33-37

This week's summary:

1 st Reading:	This book was written during the Maccabean revolt against the Greek general, Antiochus Epiphanes about 175 BC. Written in coded language it tells of God's steadfastness and affirms the resurrection hope.
2 nd Reading:	The writer urges Christians to persevere in hope because of Christ's sacrifice.
Gospel:	Jesus predicts the destruction of the temple, something which happened in 70 AD.

Sentence

I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. (Psalm 16:8)

Collect of the Day

God, our ruler and guide, when we come to the place where the road divides, keep us true to the way of Christ, alive to the present opportunities, and confident of eternal life. through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Week's Service Songs (Andrew)

Opening: Hallelujah
Gospel: Christ be our light
Offertory: Brother sister let me serve you
Recession: Down to the river to pray

Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>17th November</u>	<u>24th November</u>
Sacristan	Karenne West	Val Deas
Welcomer	Trish Duncan	Dorothy Shultz
1 Readings	Alison Thompson	John Churchill
2 Readings	Trish Duncan	Valerie Churchill
Presiding	Yukiko	Yukiko
Prayers	Dorothy Meyer	Beatrix Jones
TV Setup & Slides	InCheol Kim	Gary Wells
Morning Tea	Dorothy M & Ria	Gary & Linda
Flowers	Diana Harris	Ria Gormley

St Michaels

	<u>17th November</u>	<u>24th November</u>
Welcome & Prayers	Bruce Goertz	Bruce Goertz
Readings	Brian Simpson	Bruce Goertz
Presiding	Les	Bruce Goertz

This Week's Answer:

It took place 40 years later in 70 A.D.

Liturgical Colour: Green

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