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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Christ the King Sunday

24 Nov 2024

Notes from Yukiko's Desk

Dear friends of Albany Greenhithe Parish

This Sunday we are celebrating the festival of the Reign of Christ, his dominion over all aspects of our lives. It marks the end of the Liturgical Year with the tone not of fear or despair, but one of hope.

For Christ, his understanding of '**Kingdom**' was illustrated through a sense of *gentleness, celebration and welcome. Healing and forgiveness, service and sharing* were the insignias by which his 'army' would be identified.

*"I was born for this, I came into the world for this,
to bear witness to the truth; and everyone
who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."*

John 18:37

Is Christ your King in the way He describes it? Take time to reflect on what is claimed. As we ponder, we can also ask ourselves if we have placed Christ and our relationship to him at the centre of our lives from which we define ourselves and guide our thoughts and actions.

The question of Christ as King coming right before Advent is incredibly relevant. In four short weeks, we will be singing, "Hark! the herald angels sing! Glory to the newborn king!"

Rejoicing in Christ,

Yukiko

News & upcoming events

AGM and new vestry members

Thank you to those who were there last Sunday. For those who were not able to attend the AGM, hard copies of the reports are available from the Church office. Please ask In Cheol if you want us to send them electronically.

At the AGM we said thank you to Nicky & Andrew Island and Beatrix Jones who are standing down as Vestry members. Again, deep thanks and gratitude to them. We will miss their input into our meetings, but continue to value all the other ways Nicky, Andrew and Beatrix contribute to the life of the Church.

We welcomed returning and new officers, as follows:

Patricia Duncan- appointed as Vicar's Warden

Dorothy Shulz- elected as People's Warden

And the elected Vestry members

Valerie Churchill, John Churchill, Dorothy Shultz, Gary Wells, Patrick Harris, Bruce Goertz, In Cheol Kim, Robert Heeps, Karenne West

Please pray for our new vestry members!



This week, we got messy with painting! It was fun. On Tuesday at Holy Cross, we had a meeting with other Church leaders in Albany regarding working together for small children in our community. We decided to have combined events for little ones in our area in early February and during the Easter.



Settler's Morning Tea:

Next meeting: **18 December** 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

- New Zealand as it works through the crisis points with the Treaty Principles bill.
- NZ Post and its planning of further cuts to services, outlets, and deliveries.
- The nearly 8,000 people in the public sector whose jobs have been cut; and those remaining with significantly increased workloads, exhaustion, and stress.

This Week's Question

What did Pontius Pilates ask Jesus?

Readings

	<u>24th November</u>	<u>1st December</u>
1 st Reading:	Dan 7:9-10,13-14	Jer 33:14-16
Psalm	PS 93	PS 25:1-9
2 nd Reading:	Rev 1:4b-8	1 Thess 3:9-13
Gospel:	John 18:33-37	Luke 21:25-36

This week's summary:

- 1st Reading: Confronted with the Greek desecration of the temple in 175 BC and the rebellion that followed, the writer declares that ultimate power and judgement belong to God, the Ancient One.
- 2nd Reading: The Book of Revelation is also a book of hope written in code for Christians in Asia Minor (today's Turkey) facing persecution by Roman authorities.
- Gospel: The trial of Jesus before Pontius Pilate explores the difference between earthly and spiritual kingship.

Sentence

The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved (Psalm 93:1).

Collect of the Day

**Sovereign God, it is your will to gather up all things
in your beloved one, reigning in the universe
in the power that is love, mercifully grant
that the whole of creation, freed from slavery, may serve and
praise you through Jesus Christ who is alive with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

This Week's Service Songs (Andrew)

Opening: We are many we are one
Gospel: Shout to the Lord
Offertory: May our lives and prayers be one
Recession: O God our help

Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>24th November</u>	<u>1st December</u>
Sacristan	Val Deas	Alison Coughlan
Welcomer	Dorothy Shultz	Ria Gormley
1 Readings	John Churchill	Christian
2 Readings	Valerie Churchill	Dorothy Meyer
Presiding	Yukiko	Yukiko
Prayers	Beatrix Jones	Yukiko
TV Setup & Slides	Gary Wells	Graham Wood
Morning Tea	Gary & Linda	Karenne West
Flowers	Ria Gormley	Ria Gormley

St Michaels

	<u>24th November</u>	<u>1st December</u>
Welcome & Prayers	Bruce Goertz	Bruce Goertz
Readings	Bruce Goertz	Bruce Goertz
Presiding	Bruce Goertz	Yukiko

This Week's Answer:

Are you the King of the Jews?

Liturgical Colour: White

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