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9th February 2025

5th Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C

Notes from Yukiko's Desk



Dear AGAC whanau,

Thanks to your prayers, we came back to NZ safely on Monday. Just 20 hours before our flight, we received a notification from Air NZ that our flight was cancelled! At that time, we were in the middle of Tokyo and were a bit lost. We managed to call Air NZ after many troubles. My son, Yohane, tried to negotiate with them, but they told us we cannot return until Thursday. He did an incredible job, and finally they told us we could return early in the morning via HK. But when we arrived in the airport next morning, they told us there were no seats available for 2 people. All we could do was standby and pray. Just 20 minutes before the flight, two seats became available. We were upgraded to Business class to HK! We were so relieved. We thank God for making it possible for us to come home.

While we were in Nagano, we enjoyed skiing. It was beautiful and snow was very powdery. But after that, we caught a bad cold, and I was not feeling well. But my brother who lives in Tokyo also joined for 2 nights and we managed to spend some time with our family. My son enjoyed cycling around Hiroshima.



Thanks once again and I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday.
Nga mihi

Yukiko

News & upcoming events



Coffee Fellowship

Settler's Morning Tea:

Our first meeting in 2025 will be held **19th Feb** Wednesday **at 10 am** at Settler's Lounge. All are welcome!



The journey of Eco- Friendly Church -Recycling Bins

One of our goals as a faith organization this year is to get started on the journey of making us more **eco-friendly** and to celebrate God's creation. To achieve this goal, I would like to suggest some tips each week. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please let me know. We will begin this journey by thinking of our recycling bins.

As you might be aware that our recycling is probably all ending up in landfill, as the bin is regularly getting stuff put in it that's not allowed. Some of this is beyond our control (i.e. courtesy of other church users or passers-by) but we should do the best we can at the point where we empty the church recycling bin into the other bin.

- The only things you can put in the recycle bin are plastics with the numbers 1, 2, or 5, glass bottles and jars, tin and aluminium cans, paper and card (including pizza boxes and egg cartons).
- Not allowed: bottle lids or caps, milk or juice cartons that look cardboardy, soft plastics including rubbish bin bags, foil wrappers or containers, paper napkins (as they often have food or grease on them), the flat lids of takeaway or margarine containers. We would like to put another bin for soft plastics sometime soon. Thank you for your cooperation.

Office:

As informed two weeks ago, In Cheol resigned his role as an administrator at the end of January. Some of us are currently working on a job description for a new person (10 hours work in office, 3 days a week). The good news is that Roger Sharp is happy to take some of the jobs until we find a new person. Roger will be working from home except Friday mornings. If you need to contact regarding any office matters, please send an email to accounts@agac.org.nz.

We pray for

- The New Zealand Health System, with challenges of staffing and funding.
- For our Waitangi Day celebration, and as the Treaty Principles process continues that new grounds for trust and reconciliation can emerge.
- The Church of England in the search for a new Archbishop of Canterbury.

This Week's Question

What was the house filled with in Isaiah Ch 6?

A: light B: glory C: smoke D: all of them

This Week's Service Songs (Stephanie and Yukiko)

Opening:	As the Dear pants for the Water
Gospel:	It is Well with my Soul
Offertory:	Blessed Assurance
Recession:	How Great Thou Art

Readings

	<u>9th February</u>	<u>16th February</u>
1 st Reading:	Isaiah 6:1-13	Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm	Psalm 138	Psalm 1
2 nd Reading:	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Gospel:	Luke 5:1-11	Luke 6:17-26

Summary of the Scripture

- 1st Reading: The First Isaiah has a vision of God and is called to the prophetic role in 742 BC. (The content of his message, however, will witness to a coming national catastrophe.)
- 2nd Reading: Paul hears reports that some in Corinth deny the resurrection. He lists the resurrection appearances which he says he has already told them about.
- Gospel: Jesus preaches from a boat belonging to Simon Peter. Afterwards, the fishermen make a huge catch.

Sentence for the day

Through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you —unless you have come to believe in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:2

Collect for the Day

**Almighty and eternal God,
it is your will to bring the whole creation into unity in Christ;
grant that your Church may faithfully proclaim
the Good News until all people are saved
and the earth is full of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>9th February</u>	<u>16th February</u>
Sacristan	Val Deas	Karenne West
Welcomer	Ria Gormley	Trish Duncan
1 Readings	Bernadette	Alison Thompson
2 Readings	Christian	Trish Duncan
Presiding	Les	Yukiko
Prayers	Rhona Stace	Yukiko
TV Setup & Slides	In Cheol Kim	Christian
Morning Tea	Karenne West	Alison T & Trish
Flowers	Ria Gormley	Ria Gormley

St Michaels

	<u>9th February</u>	<u>16th February</u>
Welcome & Prayers	Bruce Goertz	Bruce Goetz
Readings	Bruce Goertz	Brian Simpson
Presiding	Bruce Goertz	Yukiko

This Week's Answer:

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Liturgical Colour: **Green**



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It's been a difficult week!

