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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

2nd Sunday In Lent



16 March 2025

Notes from Yukiiko's Desk



Dear AGAC whanau,

Last week when I was walking my dog, Louis, in Kelly Park near Holy Cross, I happened to see Mother hen walking with baby chicks in the bush. I have seen Mother duck and ducklings many times, but it was for the first time to see the hen family, so I was super excited!

"Follow me, stay close!" It was clear to me that Mother hen ensured her chicks following her. They responded with a chorus of little peeps as they scurry along, keeping up. The scene made me smile. (Louis wanted to chase and scared them though!)

The primary roles of the mother hen are to care for and protect her chicks. She provides warmth, shelter, and security. She also trains and guides and makes her chicks capable enough to survive and fend for themselves in the world. Yet, just like humans, not all chicks are apparently sensitive and obedient to their mothers' voice and behaviour. There are those who prefer to go their own way. They are the ones who learn their life lessons the hard way. Watching the hen family on that day, I was reminded of God's ways of training and nurturing us. I imagined as if I were one of the chicks.



When I began to read the gospel passage to prepare for reflection soon after that, I was struck by the gospel passage which portrays the image of Mother hen who would shelter her chicks under her wings. What a coincidence? Or maybe not. I believe God was speaking to me through the image again. Indeed, God is gracious and merciful in God's ways – teaching us amidst myriad life events, the ways to live and emerge victorious. Are we willing to learn under God's loving care? Lent is a good time to think about these questions. I am inviting you to ponder together.

Resting in Mother hen's wings.

Yukiiko



News and Upcoming Events



Settler's Morning Tea:

We will meet on **19th March** Wednesday at **10 am** at Settler's Lounge.



The journey of Eco- Friendly Church – implement the 5 R's of Waste Management

The last best step for materials- **Recycling**. Once you've gone through all of the other R's, recycling is the most environmentally friendly waste disposal method. It's our responsibility to make sure what can be recycled is recycled properly. Recycling systems can only process recyclables that are **clean** – unwashed items can contaminate the recycling process. So take a moment to rinse food cans and glass jars before you pop them in the recycling bin.

Did you know...

- Turning tins and aluminium cans back into metal uses LESS energy than making new tins.
- We have not recycled 90% of all the plastic made in the world since mass production began 60 years ago.
- Biodegradable or compostable cups, straws and bags require a commercial composting facility to break down and they can't be recycled.

Lenten Study

We meet at **10: am** on **Wednesday mornings** at **Holy Cross**. Even if you cannot make some of the sessions, you are most welcome to any of the sessions. Just let Yukiko know. We can have a sharing time with refreshment afterwards.

Anglican Missions – Lenten Appeal

Our Lenten Appeal calls the church to give sacrificially both financially and through prayer. Each year, we partner with you to raise funds for projects that directly contribute to the health, wellbeing and development of the communities and people involved.

This Lent, we're supporting projects in **The Solomon Islands and The Middle East.**" Click <https://anglicanmissions.org.nz/lent/>

Video News from the Diocese

[click here now](#) to go to the YouTube page where the video will play.

Easter Services AGAC

13 April 10:30 am Palm Sunday Service

(9 am at St. Michael, 10:30 at Holy Cross)

17 April Maundy Thursday (at Holy Cross)

6:30 pm Soup and Bread meal, 7.30pm Maundy Thursday service

18 April 9:30am

Combined denominational (Anglican, Baptist, Presbyterian) Easter Walk, begins from Albany Presbyterian Church and finishes at Holy Cross.

20 April

Easter Celebration with Holy Communion (9 am at St. Michael, 10:30 at Holy Cross)

Special General Meeting

will be held on Sunday 23 March straight after our morning service at Holy Cross. We will present our 2024 financial accounts, and we will confirm the budget for 2025. This is a short but important meeting so please try to attend. See back cover also.

This Week's Question

What did Paul consider himself to the Philippians?

A: Apostle B: Father C: Example D: Founder E: Enemy

Lent Quiz 2

Lent is known to be 40 days long even though from Ash Wednesday to the last Saturday of the season it is 46 days. Why?

A: Sundays are not included

B: Mondays are not included

C: Saturdays are not included

D: The week of Ash Wednesday is not included

We pray for:

- All those people who live in places troubled by disaster, natural or man-made, especially Ukraine, Sudan, the Middle East
- Lasting ceasefire in the Sudan
- Our parishioners who are not able to attend Sunday services due to their physical vulnerability.

Readings

	<u>16th March</u>	<u>23rd March</u>
1 st Reading:	Genesis 15:1-12,17-18	Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm	Psalm 27	Psalm 63:1-8
2 nd Reading:	Philippians 3:17-4:1	1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Gospel:	Luke 13:31-35	Luke 13:1-9

Summary of the Scripture

- 1st Reading: In a society where tribal primogeniture was a key local custom to family inheritance for Abraham, a covenant is made between him and God.
- 2nd Reading: Paul encourages the Philippian Christians despite some who might distort the essence of the gospel.
- Gospel: Jesus is warned about Herod Antipas who wishes to kill him. He replies by stating that Jerusalem will be the climax of his ministry.

Sentence for the day

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. Psalm 27: 4

Collect for the Day

Loving God,
You save all who seek refuge in you,
Grant that we who know your salvation
May we walk always in your light,
Take courage in your faithfulness,
and rejoice in your astounding goodness to us.
Through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we pray. Amen

Liturgical Colour

Violet

Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>16th March</u>	<u>23rd March</u>
Sacristan	Karenne West	Alison Coughlan
Welcomer	Dorothy Schultz	Ria Gormley
1 Readings	Alison Thompson	Patrick Harris
2 Readings	Trish Duncan	Diana Harris
Presiding	Yukiko	Yukiko
Prayers	Dorothy Meyer	Rhona Stace
TV Setup & Slides	Gary Wells	Christian
Morning Tea	Gary & Linda	Ria Gormley
Flowers	No Flowers for Lent	No Flowers for Lent

St Michaels

	<u>16th March</u>	<u>23rd March</u>
Prayers	Bruce Goertz	Bruce Goertz
Readings	Brian Simpson	Bruce Goertz
Presiding	Les	Bruce Goertz

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening: Be thou my vision
Gospel: He is Lord
Offertory: Christ be our light
Recession: Great is thy faithfulness

This Week's Answer:

C: Example

Lent Quiz 2's Answer

A: Sundays are not included



"O Lord, make this Lenten season
different from the other ones.
Let me find you again. Amen."

– HENRI NOUWEN

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

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Year End Accounts

A copy of the December 2024, Year End Church Accounts,
is available to view for the next 2 weeks