



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Sea Sunday



13th July 2025

Notes from Yukiko's Desk

Dear AGAC whanau,

The second Sunday in July is set aside for **Sea Sunday** according to Anglican Church calendar.

Sea Sunday is a special opportunity for us to remember the world's 1.9 million seafarers in prayer, to give thanks for crucial work of the *Mission to Seafarers* and other seafarers' organisations who provide practical, emotional and spiritual welfare support to crew and their families.

The Mission to Seafarers, with its well-known flag and the flying angel was founded 170 years ago by, among others, the Rev'd John Ashley. He worked in the port of Bristol and, so it is said, personally visited over 14,000 ships in his long ministry. He got to know firsthand the difficult, dangerous, and lonely lives of seafarers. Since those early days the Mission to Seafarers, originally called the Mission to Seamen, has grown to be a world-wide organisation active in 50 countries and in more than 500 ports, including Wellington, Auckland, and Nelson.

My husband, Cheen, had served as a port chaplain with the *Mission to Seafarers* for seven years. I learned that seafaring is considered one of the most challenging professions due to the harsh and unpredictable conditions at sea. Until I heard their story, I didn't realise that we depend upon seafarers to ship over 90% of the world's commodities that we could live without – including food, fuel, medicines, raw materials, clothes and household goods to market so that we can continue to live our lifestyle. As we celebrate Sea Sunday, let's pray that God may be with Seafarers on all their voyages, to cheer them and keep them safe in all dangers.

Anchored in Christ

Yukiko



News and Upcoming Events



Coffee Fellowship

Settler's Morning Tea:

Next meeting: Wednesday **23 July at 10 am** at Settler's.

We pray for:

- An end to violence, hunger and limitations on access to aid in the Sahel.

Read more here:

<https://news.anglicanmissions.org.nz/pray/030725>

- The families of all the Texas flood victims who lost their lives, many of whom lost their lives trying to save others
- Seafarers and their family
- Home ground, in the CBD.

Prayer for Seafarers

Eternal Lord God, ruler of earth and sky, be pleased to receive into your protection all who go down to the sea in ships and work upon the waters. Preserve them in body and soul; prosper their labours with good success; in times of danger be their help and defence and bring them safely into port, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



This Week's Bible Question

From whom did the Colossians learn the gospel

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| A. Barnabas | B. Epaphras |
| C. Tertius | D. Timothy |

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening: Be thou my vision
Gospel: Be Still for the presence of the Lord
Offertory: Joyful, Joyful we Adore Thee
Recession: Abide with me

Music: Yukiko and Stephanie

Sentence for the day

So that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God
(Colossians 1:10)

Readings

	<u>13th July</u>	<u>20th July</u>
1 st Reading:	Amos 7:7-17	TBC
Psalm	Ps 82	TBC
2 nd Reading:	Colossians 1:1-14	TBC
Gospel:	Luke 10:25-37	TBC

Summary of the Scripture

- 1st Reading: Amos was a shepherd, turned prophet. He saw the prosperous reign of Jeroboam II (786-746BC) as having led the northern kingdom of Israel into a false sense of peace.
- 2nd Reading: Epaphras, Paul's companion, established the Colossian church. This letter by the imprisoned Paul brings warm greetings to the new Christians there.
- Gospel: The parable of the good Samaritan.

Collect for the Day

**Almighty God,
you teach us in your word that love is the fulfilling of the law;
grant that we may love you with all our heart and our
neighbour as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.**

Liturgical Colour

GREEN

This Week's Bible Question Answer

B (see Colossians 1: 7)

Rosters

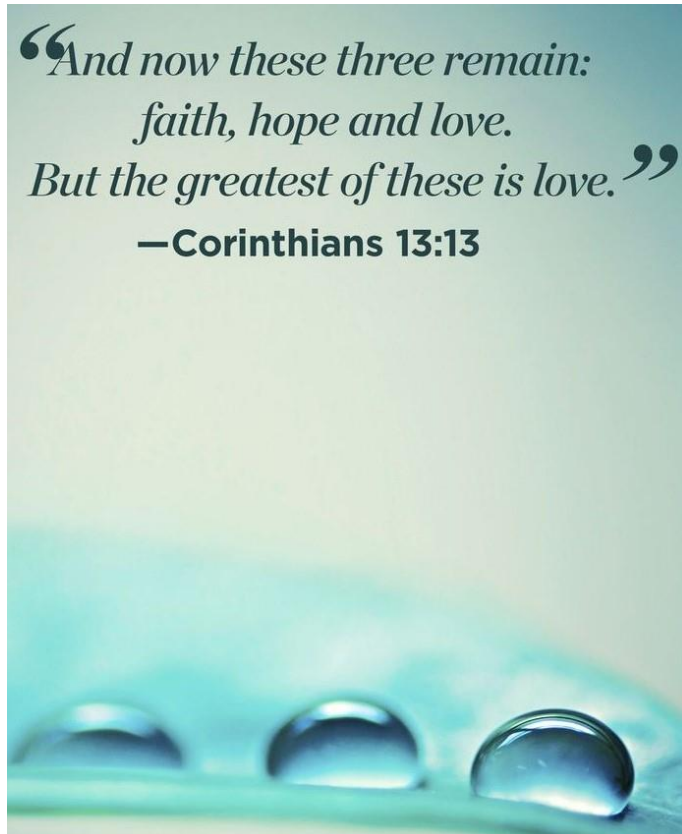
Holy Cross

	<u>13th July</u>	<u>20th July</u>
Sacristan	Karenne West	Dorothy Schultz
Welcomer	Ria Gormley	Trish Duncan
1 Readings	Diana Harris	Alison Thompson
2 Readings	Patrick Harris	Linda Wells
Presiding	Les	Yukiko
Prayers	Yukiko	Robert
TV Setup & Slides	Karenne West	Gary Wells
Morning Tea	Beatrix & Robert	Gary & Linda
Flowers	Diana Harris	Diana Harris

St Michaels

	<u>13th July</u>	<u>20th July</u>
Prayers	Bruce Goertz	Bruce Goertz
Readings	Brian Simpson	Bruce Goertz
Presiding	Bruce Goertz	Les

*“And now these three remain:
faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.”*
—Corinthians 13:13



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Some days,
we just have to push ourselves through-
pulling strength from wherever we can
and being brave enough to do it.

Find *Strength* when you are weak..
Find *Courage* when you are scared..
Have Hope when it seems like
there's none.

~Necole

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