



The Rich Fool and the Watchful Servant"

by Kazakhstan Artist Nelly Bube.

3rd August 2025

Notes from Yukiko's Desk



Dear AGAC friends,

This month marks the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, the most devastating global conflict in history.

The world has changed dramatically over the last eight decades. And yet, wars are still happening around the world.

As I watch the daily news on TV, I am feeling so distressed by the situation in Gaza. I feel completely helpless to do anything. I'd imagine I am not alone. The words "despair" and "frustration" cannot adequately express the depth of our feelings. It is easy to let our powerlessness numb us in situations like these. Given that there is so little we can do, it is reasonable to close ourselves off to the horror of it all so that we can continue to function in our lives.

However, as Christians, there is something very concrete that we can offer into the suffering of Gaza's traumatized people, and that is our prayer.

I would like to commit personally to regular prayer for the situation in Gaza that takes seriously the spiritual aspect of the conflict as well as the visible suffering, and I invite you to join me. and to donate to [Anglican Missions' work in the Holy Land](#).

Resting in Jesus' promises,

Yukiko

News and Upcoming Events



As I am going to Ministry Conference on **6th Aug**, I wonder if anyone can come to help between **11:30-12:30** for morning tea on that day.

Please let Yukiko know if you are available.



Settler's Morning Tea:

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

AN INTERFAITH SERVICE TO MARK WORLD PEACE DAY

**5pm Sunday 3 August
Holy Trinity Cathedral**

Join us for a special World Peace Day Service as we come together in interfaith prayers for peace and mutual understanding across the world. This reflective service will

mark the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II in the Asia-Pacific region and commemorate Hiroshima Day.



Let us unite in remembrance, hope, and a shared commitment to peace.

Yukiko will be involved in the service. It would be great if some of you can join the service.

Diocesan Consolidated Financial Report 2024

The Diocesan financial accounts have been filed and are available to view if people want to know what the Diocese as a whole is spending money on and what our financial position is:

<https://aucklandanglican.org.nz/annual-reports/>

We pray for:

- Gaza: that access to food, water, and medical care to be restored urgently, safely, impartially, and at scale.
- As we will mark the 80th anniversary of the end of war, pray for peace in our communities and in the world.
- ATWC, having to work out how to scale back their operations due to government funding cuts.

This Week's Bible Question

In the opening lines of Ecclesiastes, the narrator laments that all of life is ____

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| A. Death | B. Vanity |
| C. Lies | D. Beauty |

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening: Open the eyes of my heart
Gospel: Love is your way
Offertory: Take our bread
Recession: O God our help

Liturgical Colour

GREEN

Readings

	<u>3rd August</u>	<u>10th August</u>
1 st Reading:	Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14; 2:18-23	TBC
Psalms	Psalms 49:1-12	TBC
2 nd Reading:	Colossians 3:1-11	TBC
Gospel:	Luke 12:13-21	TBC

Summary of the Scripture

1 st Reading:	This book was written in the 3 rd century BC by a philosopher disenchanted with much of religion and life. It is an extended comment on human behaviour.
2 nd Reading:	In a society where morality had few boundaries Paul urges the Colossians to live according to Christ's ethical standards.
Gospel:	The parable of the farmer who accrued wealth for the sake of himself.

This Week's Bible Question Answer

B - Vanity

Sentence for the day

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
(*Colossians 3: 1*)

Collect for the Day

God of all the earth,
you have given us the heritage
of this good and fertile land;
grant that we may so respect and use it
that others may thank us
for what we leave to them;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>3rd August</u>	<u>10th August</u>
Sacristan	Val Deas	Karenne West
Welcomer	Ria Gormley	Trish Duncan
1 Readings	Trish Duncan	Patrick Harris
2 Readings	Bernadette	Diana Harris
Presiding	Yukiko	Les
Prayers	Robert	Yukiko
TV Setup & Slides	Graham Wood	Karenne West
Music	Andrew	Karin
Morning Tea	Dorothy M & Ria	Valerie & June
Flowers	Ria Gormley	Diana Harris

St Michaels

	<u>3rd August</u>	<u>10th August</u>
Prayers	Bruce Goertz	Bruce Goertz
Readings	Bruce Goertz	Brian Simpson
Presiding	Yukiko	Bruce Goertz

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The Pessimist complains
about the wind.

The Optimist expects
it to change.

And the REALIST
adjusts his sails.