



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

22nd Ordinary Sunday



Spring is nearly here!

31 August 2025

Notes from Yukiko's Desk



Welcome to **Spring and to the Season of Creation!**
The freesias and daffodils are blooming, and there's a bit more daylight at each end of the day...

The theme for the Season of Creation 2025 across the globe is ***peace with creation***, based on Isaiah 32:14-18. In this powerful passage, prophet Isaiah offers a vision of deep restoration — not only between people, but also between humanity and the rest of creation.

Across Aotearoa and around the world, ecosystems are groaning under pressure. Many of us may feel ecological grief. Yet, Isaiah extends a hopeful invitation: to become active participants in God's healing work through justice, humility, and faithful action.

That said, I want to stress that seeking "peace with creation" is not achieved by standing still and quiet. We must actively pursue peace.

As you may be aware, from lush rainforests to rugged coastlines, New Zealand's landscapes are home to an array of endemic species found nowhere else on Earth, but some of them are endangered.

How are we responding to this reality? We are invited to act, pray, change, and reconcile with Creation and the Creator in unity, metanoia (repentance), and solidarity. Let's begin the journey together!

P.S. This Sunday will be a testimony Sunday as it is the fifth Sunday of the month.

Joyfully His, *Yukiko*

News and Upcoming Events



This week, we had a visit from Carolyn Welms, the diocesan co-ordinator for the Space programme. She was so happy to see the programme going well. Also, I am pleased to let you know that our new member, Trish Gosper, joined our team as a volunteer. It is wonderful to have extra support from our own whanau.



Coffee Fellowship

Morning Tea @ Settler's

Next meeting: Wednesday **17th September** at **10 am** at Settler's lounge.

Concert at Holy Cross

Don't miss the concert this Saturday!

**BAROQUE
INSPIRATIONS:
THEN AND NOW**

WILHELM POPP | JOSEF GABRIEL RHEINBERGER |
CLAUDE BOLLING | AND MORE...

SAT AUGUST 30TH | AT 07:30 PM
HOLY CROSS ANGLICAN CHURCH
222 DAIRY FLAT HIGHWAY, ALBANY, AUCKLAND

MUSIC BY: TUAKAU TRIO
TWILA REID - CELLO
GYURI MUN - FLUTE
KARIN KIKUNO - ORGAN/PIANO

ENTRY BY KOHA DONATION

The poster is for a concert titled 'Baroque Inspirations: Then and Now'. It features a light beige background with decorative corner ornaments. The title is in large, bold, black serif font. Below it, the composers are listed in a smaller black font. The date and time are 'SAT AUGUST 30TH | AT 07:30 PM', and the venue is 'HOLY CROSS ANGLICAN CHURCH, 222 DAIRY FLAT HIGHWAY, ALBANY, AUCKLAND'. The performing group is 'MUSIC BY: TUAKAU TRIO', with members Twila Reid (Cello), Gyuri Mun (Flute), and Karin Kikuno (Organ/Piano). A photograph of the three musicians in red dresses is framed in an ornate gold frame. At the bottom, it says 'ENTRY BY KOHA DONATION'. There is a treble clef and musical notes in the top right corner.

Would you please email some photos to office@agac.org.nz on the theme of creation? Perhaps, from your garden, or nearby park or beach...

During this season (1st Sep to 4th Oct), we are planning to have a few special things to give thanks for God's gift of creation.

Here is our plan.

SEASON OF CREATION @AGAC

7th Sep: Flora & Fauna Sunday

14th Sep: The feast of Holy Cross

21st Sep: Creative Gift Sunday

28 Sep A guest preacher:

Dr Nicola Hoggard Creegan

1st Oct (Wed): A Half Day Retreat

**5th Oct: Celebrating Creation and
Blessing of Animals**

All welcome

Inquiries: office@agac.org.nz



As we did last year, we will celebrate our creative gifts (poetry, painting, embroidery or whatever). It does not have to be yours; it could be something your family member has done.

If it is difficult for you to bring the artwork, you could bring a photo of the work. Or you could email the office (If you are not sure how, we can help you). If you are not sure, please feel free to talk to Yukiko.

We pray for:

- Healing and reconciliation between communities in New Caledonia, especially between Kanak and non-Kanak populations.
- A halt to the incipient invasion of Venezuela.
- Home ground, its staff and the people they serve, in the CBD.
- Some family members of our parishioners who are facing critical illness.
- upcoming Synods (4-7 Sep); in seeking to be in God will, able to overcome prejudices, examining issues with care, and that the decisions of General Synod may be to the building up of God's church and to his glory.

Bishop's Video News

[Click here now](#) to watch.

This Week's Bible Question

According to Jesus, where must you **not** sit when one invites you to a wedding feast?

A: The front row

B: The place of honour

C: The reserved table

D: The head table

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening: All creatures of our God and King

Gospel: Psalm 23

Offertory: It is well with my soul

Recession: Lift high the cross

Music: Anne

Sentence for the day

It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice. (Psalm 112: 5)

Readings

	<u>31st August</u>	<u>7th September</u>
1 st Reading:	Proverbs 25:6-7	Job 39:1-8, 26-30
Psalm	Psalm 112	Psalm 104:14-23
2 nd Reading:	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	1 Corinthians 1:10-23
Gospel:	Luke 14:1, 7-14	Luke 12:22-31

Summary of the Scripture

1 st Reading:	A reading about humility and etiquette.
2 nd Reading:	The writer encourages hospitality and living according to the highest moral standards.
Gospel:	Jesus teaches about the true nature of hospitality.

Collect for the Day

Lord of all service and inclusion,
the author and giver of all good things:
Graft in our hearts the love of the lowly and lost in Creation;
increase in us true service;
nourish us with all humility;
and bring forth in us the fruit of good giving;
through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

Amen.

Liturgical Colour

GREEN

This Week's Bible Question Answer

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Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>31st August</u>	<u>7th September</u>
Sacristan	Val Deas	Karenne West
Welcomer	Trish Duncan	Dorothy Schultz
1 Readings	Diana Harris	John Churchill
2 Readings	Patrick Harris	Valerie Churchill
Presiding	Yukiko	Yukiko
Prayers	Rhona Stace	Yukiko
TV Setup & Slides	Graham Wood	Karenne West
Morning Tea	Karenne & Trish	Dorothy M & Ria
Flowers	Ria Gormley	Diana Harris
Music	Anne	Andrew

St Michaels

	<u>31st August</u>	<u>7th September</u>
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Readings	Bruce Goertz	Brian Simpson
Presiding	Yukiko	Yukiko

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