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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Season of Creation week 2 & Holy Cross Day

14 September 2025

Notes from Yukiiko's Desk



Dear friends of Parish of Albany Greenhithe,

Last week, Christian, Robert and I attended the 58th Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Auckland held at Holy Trinity in Parnell. The meeting included interesting topics such as ministry resources for the last stage of life, Inclusive Bible, the first third generation.

At the closing, Bishop Ross reminded us that 14th September marks 200 years since the baptism of Christian Rangi, the first Māori baptised by Rev. Henry Williams. As many of you know, our parishioner, Diana Harris wrote a story about Henry William in a novel form, which I did enjoy so much. If you have not read it, it is highly recommended!

For many Māori at that time, the idea that a Māori could be converted from the traditions of his ancestors was considered an impossibility: Māori had their own atua and had no need for “the white man’s God”. But Rangi persisted in seeking the God of whom the missionaries spoke and with their encouragement, he began to pray for a new heart within. Rangi told missionaries that “his heart was very full of love to Jesus Christ, that he was very ill in his body but that he hoped to be soon in the good place.”

14th September 1825, just one day before his death, he was baptised. Since then, many people have been baptised in Aotearoa. I am one of them.

What fascinates me is that this special 200th anniversary happens to be **Holy Cross Day**! This Sunday at Holy Cross, Les will preside and share our journey at Holy Cross. Let’s give thanks to God who has been guiding us in our journey together.

Joyfully in Christ,

Yukiiko

News and Upcoming Events



This week, we discussed parenting styles. One of the discussion questions was “Is there anything you feel your parents did well in their parenting and what would you like to make part of your parenting?” I am sure you have some good stories to reflect through own parenting experience.



Coffee Fellowship

Morning Tea @ Settler's

Next meeting: Wednesday **17th September** at **10 am** at Settler's lounge. **For those who attend it, Yukiko would like to pick up some of your artworks on that day.** Let her know if you have any.

Te Paipera Tapu – The Bible in Te Reo

The Bible Society, in partnership Te Wānanga Ihorangi, have been gifted studio time and resources by CBA (Christian Broadcasting Association) to record the Bible in Te Reo. The four gospels have been uploaded to YouTube.

Matthew: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gy4jD51LK8M>

Mark: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q-mzwaNNTdg>

Luke: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MmUUNQVowpU>

John: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7KXMtVxbClc>

Season of Creation 2025

Photos



**PEACE
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

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...

Sharing Korero

Do you have some photos, stories, or discoveries on the theme of creation? Can you please share them with us?

For Creative gifts Sunday

We will celebrate our creative gifts (poetry, recipe book, photographs, knitting, 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.



Photo by Sally Simpson at St. Michael's

Photo of your animals

Send a **photo** and the **name** of your animal (whether living or dead)- which we will use during the service. The photo on the right is my dear Louis.

Your animal is welcome to join if he/she is used to staying inside.



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

Bishop Jim White Lecture: The Challenges of AI

Thursday 25th September at 7.30pm

St Andrew's Epsom, 100 St Andrews Road, Epsom.

Guest Speakers Professor Neil Dodgson, Reverend Hilary Willett and Kit Willett

Followed by refreshments

AI has captured global attention in recent years, but its roots stretch back over seventy years. What triggered its rise – and where is it leading us? Professor Neil will trace AI's history, explain the latest generative AI developments, and explore its potential risks and benefits. Reverend Hilary and Kit will then offer a theological reflection on his talk, considering how the church might thoughtfully engage with the ethical and societal questions AI presents.

We pray for:

- Our Earth; help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in God's eyes.
- survivors of the earthquake in Afghanistan; the first responders; the grieving; and those still waiting to be rescued.
- The parish and neighbourhood of Albany Greenhithe Parish
- Tom Phillip's three children; for their safe recovery



This Week's Bible Question

According to Philippians, in what forms did Jesus exist?

- A: In the form of God
- B: In the form of men
- C: In the form of God and in the form of men
- D: None of the above

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Gospel: He is Lord
Offertory: All Hail the Power of Jesus Name
Recession: Lift high the cross
Music: Trish Gosper

Sentence for the day

He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:8)

Readings

	<u>14th September</u>	<u>21st September</u>
1 st Reading:	Numbers 21:4b-9	Exodus 31:1-6
Psalm	Psalm 98:1-5	Psalm 139:13-18
2 nd Reading:	1 Corinthians 1:18-24	1 Peter 4:10-11
Gospel:	John 3:13-17	Matthew 5:14-16

Summary of the Scripture

- 1st Reading: people complain against God and Moses. In response, God allows venomous serpents. After repenting, the people are told by God through Moses to look at a bronze serpent for healing.
- 2nd Reading: Though in the form of God, Jesus humbled himself, obeying even unto death on a cross. For this, God exalted him above all names.
- Gospel: Jesus tells Nicodemus that only he descended from and will ascend to heaven. Like Moses' serpent, he must be lifted up for people to gain eternal life.

Liturgical Colour

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Collect for the Day

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

This Week's Bible Question Answer

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Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>14th September</u>	<u>21st September</u>
Sacristan	Dorothy Schultz	Alison Coughlan
Welcomer	Ria Gormley	Trish Duncan
1 Readings	Alison Thompson	Trish Duncan
2 Readings	Linda Wells	Bernadette
Presiding	Les	Yukiko
Prayers	Yukiko	Robert
TV Setup & Slides	Gary Wells	Graham Wood
Morning Tea	Gary & Linda	Valerie & June
Flowers	Diana Harris	Ria Gormley
Music	Trish Gosper	TBA

St Michaels

	<u>14th September</u>	<u>21st September</u>
Prayers	Bruce Goertz	Bruce Goertz
Readings	Bruce Goertz	Brian Simpson
Presiding	Bruce Goertz	Bruce Goertz