

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Creation Week 4

Storm Sunday



***“You make the clouds your chariots, you ride
on the wings of the wind and you make the
winds your messengers”***

Psalm 104:3-4

28th September 2025

Notes from Yukiko's Desk



Dear friends of AGAC,

The creative gifts Sunday at Holy Cross was a wonderful celebration! There were a wide range of creative gifts; figures, car models, painting, quilts, woodwork, poems, books, knitting, teddy bears, calligraphy, cross-stitch, a lump, embroidery, cards, etc. And each one of them has a story behind it.



For example, when I visited Betty Campbell, our oldest parishioner, I saw a water colouring painting (see on the left) hung in her room. She told me she painted it in Fiji before she got married in 1940s when she was working there as a nurse. I got to

know her through this beautiful art. I found it quite fascinating.

I really hope to hear your stories through your creative gifts!

This Sunday at Holy Cross, we have **Dr Nicola Hoggard Creegan**, New Zealand Christians in Science Director, as our preacher.

Nicola was my teacher and supervisor when I was studying a Masters in Theology at Laidlaw College. She was also my colleague when I was serving as a Chaplain at the Maclaurin Chapel at the University of Auckland. She specialises in the interface between evolutionary theory and systematic theology, with broad interests also in all issues of public and contextual theology and ecology. I am so excited to welcome her.

Don't miss this great opportunity!

Every blessing,

Yukiko

News and Upcoming Events



Morning Tea @ Settler's

Next meeting: Wednesday **15th October** at **10 am** at Settler's lounge.

Season of Creation 2025



Would you please email some photos to office@agac.org.nz on the theme of creation?

SEASON OF CREATION @AGAC

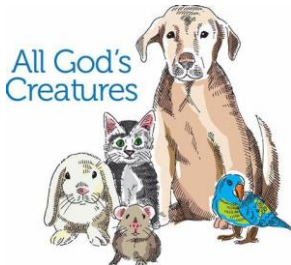


- 7th Sep: Flora & Fauna Sunday**
- 14th Sep: The feast of Holy Cross**
- 21st Sep: Creative Gift Sunday**
- 28 Sep A guest preacher:**
Dr Nicola Hoggard Creegan
- 1st Oct (Wed): A Half Day Retreat**
- 5th Oct: Celebrating Creation and Blessing of Animals**

All welcome

Inquiries: office@agac.org.nz

Next week: The feast of St Francis including Blessing of the animals (A combined service @Holy Cross)



If you have not sent, please send a **photo** and the **name** of your animal (whether living or not) which we will use during the service.

Your animal is welcome to join if he/she is used to staying calm inside at unfamiliar places.

I am hoping to bring my Louis.



**Oct 1 (Wed): A half Day Retreat: Venue:
Patrick and Diana's cottage in Riverhead
(10 am to 12 pm)**

Join us for a quiet half day of retreat on the theme of creation. Thanks to Diana and Patrick, we can meet at their lovely cottage

in Riverhead. Morning Tea will be provided. If you need a ride, please let Yukiko know so that we can arrange the transport. We will meet at Holy Cross at 9:40. For catering purposes, please let us know or sign up in the sheet at Church if you want to attend the retreat. Everyone is welcome.

We pray for:

- Those who have been displaced again by Israel's offensive into Gaza city; and our government as they reflect on our response to the unfolding catastrophe.
- The United Nations and pray that its founding vision of peace and cooperation may be renewed.
- Those who feel anxious and distress; May the arrival of spring renew hearts and minds.

This Week's Bible Questions

Bible Quiz 1

The Greeks regard the message of the crucifixion of Christ as what?

A: Holy

B: Foolishness

C: Stumbling block

D: Abomination

Bible Quiz 2

What animals does Job pick out to say wisdom is concealed from even them?

A: Lions

B: Birds

C: Fish

D: Sheep

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening: All things bright and beautiful
Gospel: Seek ye the first kingdom of God
Offertory: Great is thy faithfulness
Recession: For the beauty of earth
Music: Karin

Sentence for the day (Holy Cross)

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters. (Psalm 29: 3)

Readings (Holy Cross)

	<u>28 September</u>	<u>5 October</u>
1 st Reading:	Job 28:20-27	Genesis 2:18-25
Psalm	Psalm 29	Psalm 148
2 nd Reading:	1 Corinthians 1:21-31	Revelation 5:11-14
Gospel:	Luke 8:22-25	Matthew 6:25-29

Summary of the Scripture

1st Reading: Where can wisdom be found? According to the poet in Job, God discovered wisdom embedded in nature, even in the elements of the weather, when God was creating the cosmos.

2nd Reading: According to Paul, the wise in the world cannot grasp the message of Christ crucified. Ultimately the crucified one is also the source of life and the Wisdom of God.

Gospel: The stilling of the storm not only demonstrates Jesus' capacity to perform miracles; it also demonstrates that he is in tune with nature and knows 'the way' of the storm, its inner nature.

Readings (St Michaels)

	<u>28th September</u>	<u>5th October</u>
1 st Reading:	Daniel 7:9-14	-----
Psalm	Psalm 103:15-22	-----
2 nd Reading:	Revelations 12:7-12a	-----
Gospel:	John 1:45-51	-----

Collect for the Day (Holy Cross)

God, our Creator, as we face the storms of this world, we celebrate the wonders of the wind and the weather. Help us to see your presence, not only in the forces of nature, but also among those who suffer from natural disasters. Teach us to recognise that your Wisdom is imbedded in all natural forces, a Wisdom that guides, controls and limits them. In the name of Christ who is the Wisdom of God renewing all things in creation.

Amen.

Liturgical Colour

(Holy Cross)

GREEN

(St Michaels)

RED



This Week's Bible Question Answer

Quiz 1 - C

Quiz 2 - B

Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>28th September</u>	<u>5th October</u>
Sacristan	Val Deas	Alison Coughlan
Welcomer	Dorothy Schultz	Trish Duncan
1 Readings	Patrick Harris	John Churchill
2 Readings	Diana Harris	Valerie Churchill
Presiding	Yukiko	Yukiko
Prayers	Beatrix Jones	Rhona Stace
TV Setup & Slides	Patrick Harris	Karenne West
Morning Tea	Beatrix & Robert	Dorothy M & Ria
Flowers	Ria Gormley	Ria Gormley
Music	Karin	Andrew

St Michaels

	<u>28th September</u>	<u>5th October</u>
Prayers	Bruce Goertz	-----
Readings	Bruce Goertz	-----
Presiding	Les	-----



Graduate Women International (GWI)

Press Release



Geneva, Switzerland, 21 September 2025 – Ahead of International Day of Peace, Graduate Women International (GWI) underscores the critical and often overlooked truth that peace is directly related to education and is unachievable without the full and equal access of women and girls in today's education systems, including online. The 2025 theme, "Act Now for a Peaceful World" speaks directly to GWI's core mission since 1919 that educating women and girls as a means to build lasting, sustainable peace.

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