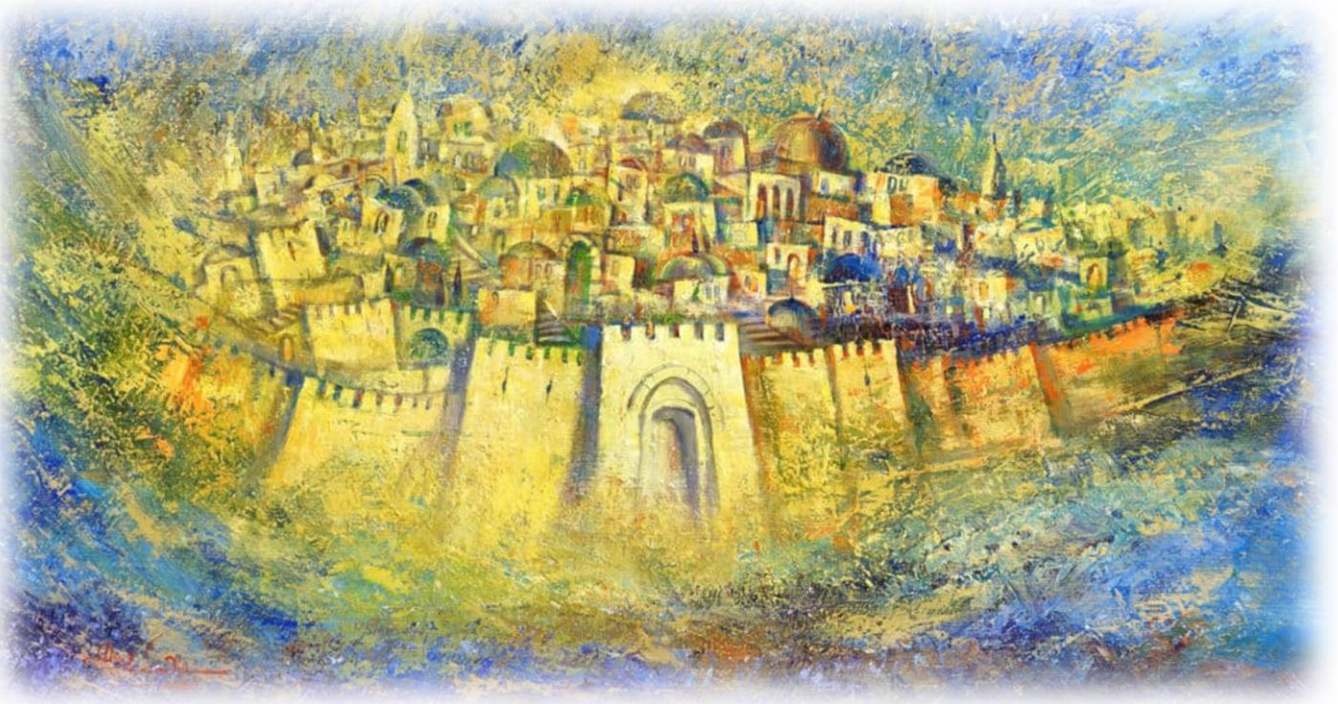


WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

33rd Ordinary Sunday



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16th November 2025

Notes from Yukiiko's Desk



Kia ora e te whānau a te Karaiti

The image in the cover of this newsletter, which is painted by a Jewish artist Alex Levin, vividly unveils the beauty of ancient temple artistry. I can feel the energy from the painting.

In today's gospel passage, we hear about Jesus and the disciples admiring the art and architecture of the temple: '*they were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God*' (Luke 21: 5).

Like some of us (the lover of art) they must have enjoyed admiring the magnificence of the temple and its surrounding architecture, its carvings, its detailing. The temple must have been one of the wonders of the world at the time, to put it in contemporary terms. The temple for them was more than just the building itself. It was about the presence of God within it, and the gathering of people inside. I am inviting you to look at the image slowly and reflect on what it shows you before reading the gospel passage.

From Thursday evening this week, I am going to attend a 3 night-silent retreat at St. Francis Friary in Hillsborough. The theme of the retreat is 'Living as the Beloved' based on the book; ***Life of the Beloved***, written by my favourite author, Henri Nouwen. I am grateful that Rev. Colleen Binns is taking the Sunday service at Holy Cross. I cannot be contacted between late Thursday afternoon to Sunday evening. In case of any emergency, please contact Les during these times.

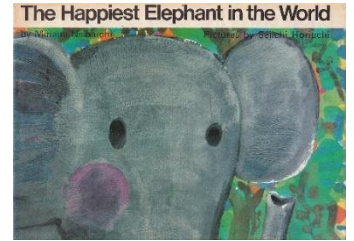
Nga mihi nui

Yukiiko

News and Upcoming Events



This week, everyone brought their favourite children's book to show others. It was wonderful to see many choices. My pick was a Japanese picture book, ***The Happiest Elephant in the world***. A young elephant tries at a variety of jobs without success until he finds the job perfect for him, making the best children's playground.



Morning Tea @ Settler's

Next meeting: Wednesday **19th Nov** at **10 am** at Settler's lounge.

Christmas gifts for ATWC

This year ATWC are doing family care packages. So have suggested for our giving, boardgames for kiddies 5-10yrs plus bags of sweet 'treats' e.g. chocs, jellybeans marshmallows etc. Collection days at Holy Cross will be Sunday 23rd & 30th November and 7th December.

Annual General Meeting will be held after the service on **Sunday 30th November** at Holy Cross. For the next two Sundays (16th and 23rd) there will be a copy of the 2026 Church Budget available for parishioners to read in advance of the AGM.

If you cannot attend the AGM and would like to submit your apology to the meeting, please let Roger know.

Nominations

At the AGM we will receive our annual report and elect officers for the coming year.

If you are interested in being on our vestry, or nominate someone for a people's warden, please fill in a nomination form - which will be available next two Sundays before the AGM.

Roll/Contact Update form

If you have been worshipping with us for 6 months, and are baptised, you are eligible to be on the role of those who have speaking and decision-making rights in the meeting. For those who are relatively new at our community, please fill in the contact update form.

THANK YOU!

What a wonderful night we had last Saturday! Lovely food, beautiful flowers on the tables, and an awesome music! Most of all, we enjoyed each other's company. Thank you all once again for making this occasion happen. Here are some photos of the evening.



Liturgical Colour

GREEN

We pray for:

- Amanda, Jonathan, Dorothy Schultz, Angela and Bob who are preparing for their confirmation
- Lebanon under airstrikes from Israel.
- Tanzania in the widespread unrest after the general election.
- The 800+ people on the margins ahead of the proposed ban on homelessness in the CBD, and St Matthew in the City, dealing with the stresses of their immediate environment.

This Week's Bible Question

Isaiah's chapter 65 unveiled a vision of a new heavens and a new earth. Which of the following was not used in the description of this new creation?

- A: The wolf and the lamb will feed together
- B: The great evil will be expelled into the darkness
- C: Crying will be heard in it no more
- D: They will not toil in vain

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening: At the name of Jesus
Gospel: Te Aroha
Offertory: Give thanks with grateful heart
Recession: I the Lord of Sea and Sky
Music: Trish

Sentence for the day

May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. (*2 Thessalonians 3:16*)

Readings

	<u>16th November</u>	<u>23rd November</u>
1 st Reading:	Isaiah 65:17-25	Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm	Isaiah 12	Psalm 46
2 nd Reading:	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Colossians 1:11-20
Gospel:	Luke 21:5-19	Luke 23:33-43

Summary of the Scripture

1 st Reading:	This unveiled a vision of a new heavens and earth.
2 nd Reading:	This teaches that believers should not be idle or disruptive but should work quietly and earn their own living
Gospel:	This is a passage about signs of the end times, warning believers not to be deceived by false teachers and to remain steady during times of war, famine, and persecution

Collect for the Day

Almighty God, you alone can bring order
to our unruly wills and affections;
give us grace to love what you command
and desire what you promise,
that in all the changes and chances
of this uncertain world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

This Week's Bible Question Answer

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Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>16th November</u>	<u>23rd November</u>
Sacristan	Karenne	Les
Welcomer	Ria Gormley	Barry Gosper
1 Readings	Christian	Bernadette
2 Readings	Bernadette	Trish Duncan
Presiding	Colleen	Yukiko
Prayers	Robert	Rhona Stace
TV Setup & Slides	Gary Wells	Karenne
Morning Tea	Gary & Linda	Beatrix & Robert
Flowers	Diana Harris	Ria Gormley
Music	Trish Gosper	Anne

St Michaels

	<u>16th November</u>	<u>23rd November</u>
Prayers	Bruce Goertz	Bruce Goertz
Readings	Brian Simpson	Bruce Goertz
Presiding	Les	Bruce Goertz



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