

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

6th Sunday of Easter



10 May 2026

Notes from Yukiko's Desk



Dear AGAC whanau,

What a great joy it was to celebrate St. Michael's special birthday, surrounded by familiar faces, new friends, and the unshakable presence of God!

On Palm Sunday 1956, St. Michael's was born at the heart of Greenhithe. The little church has stood at the same spot for 70 years; its bell towers a sentinel over generations. On the morning of last Sunday, sunlight spilled through stained glass, scattering colours across the pews like blessings. It was such a lovely moment. What fascinated me most, however, was the stories that people shared with me. Someone said she had married at St. Michael's and all of her children and grandchildren were baptised there. Another lady said she was involved in children's ministry for many years. The guy standing beside me with a rope of the bell in the photo (see the cover of this newsletter) said he was the first bell boy at St. Michael's!

As I listened to these stories, I came to a profound realisation that the church's history wasn't just in the bricks or the records—it was in these moments, small and luminous, that had shaped the people as much as the people had shaped the church. It was also wonderful to see some Holy Cross people joining the celebration.

As we continue our spiritual journey together, let us carry forward the same spirit that has brought us this far. Let us keep telling the stories of God's goodness, keep welcoming the stranger, keep lifting each other up in prayer.

May our little church continue to be a place where hearts are healed, faith is strengthened, and God's love is made visible every single day. Happy anniversary, church family — here's to many more years of walking together in Christ.

Yukiko

News and Upcoming Events

Our next **Settler's Morning Tea** will be happening Wednesday, **20th May at 10 am** at Settler's Lounge.

Space Programme

We took a photo of mums and their babies and laminate it for their 1st Mother's Day gift from AGAC. All beautiful mums and their loved ones bring such blessings to us too!



Holy Cross Kids

It is very exciting to let you know that (though a small number) the group called Holy Cross kids began recently. The following information goes to our website.

At AGAC we enjoy a community that includes people of all ages. Children are very welcome at both Churches. At the 10:30 service at Holy Cross, usually two or three of us are rostered on each Sunday. Our role is to welcome children and their families and help them feel at home at Holy Cross. It's a lot of fun, and also a wonderful way to support the faith formation of our children. Please contact Yukiko if you are interested in being involved.

We pray for:

- The conflict between Israel, America and Iran and all the other countries now embroiled: for honesty and restraint in the negotiations; for protection for civilians across the region, for a settlement that reduces harm, restores stability, and creates space for a more durable peace.
- Gaza and the West Bank and Southern Lebanon.
- those who are wandering especially in the bitter winter weather. We pray for solutions to homelessness and anti-social behaviour that heal rather than harm.
- all mothers and also those who are mothers to us and for all that they do for us.

This Week's Bible Question

Who said to Jesus, 'Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?'

A) Judas, not Iscariot B) Thomas C) Philip D) Peter

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening: Love all divine all love excelling
Gospel: Tama ngakau marie
Offertory: Easter people see the light
Recession: Great is thy faithfulness

Sentence for the day

Those who love me will keep my word,' Jesus promises, 'and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.'

John 14:23

Readings

	<u>This week</u>	<u>Next week</u>
1 st Reading:	Acts 17: 22-31	Acts 1:6-14
Psalm	66:8-20	68:1-10,32-35
2 nd Reading:	1 Peter 3: 13-22	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
Gospel:	John 14: 15-21	John 17:1-11

Summary of the Scriptures

- 1st Reading: Paul addresses to the Athenians, proclaiming the one true God, calling for repentance, and affirming the resurrection of Jesus.
- 2nd Reading: It encourages the persecuted Christians in Rome to live Christ-like lives.
- Gospel: John reflects upon the meaning of the gifting of the Holy Spirit on the disciples.

Collect for the Day

**Eternal God,
light of the minds that know you,
joy of the hearts that love you,
strength of the wills that serve you;
grant us so to know you that we may truly love you,
and so to love you that we may gladly serve you,
now and always. Amen**

Liturgical Colour: White

This Week's Bible Question Answer: A

Rosters

Holy Cross

	This week	Next week
Sacristan	Alison C	Dorothy S
Welcomer	Barry	Alison T
1 Readings	Bernadette	Valarie
2 Readings	Trish D	John
Presiding	Les	Yukiko
Prayers	Rhona	Robert
TV Setup & Slides	Karenne	Christian
Morning Tea	Beatrix & Robert	Karenne & Trish D
Flowers	Diana	Diana
Music	Trish	Andrew

St Michaels

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Next week</u>
Prayers	Bruce	Bruce
Readings	Bruce	Brian
Presiding	Bruce	Les



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Blessed Mother's Day

I praise you because I am fearfully
and wonderfully made;

- Psalm 139:14



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