



## **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

**13<sup>th</sup> Ordinary time**



**Taken by Alison Thompson  
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# Notes from Yukiiko's Desk



Dear friends of Christ,

This week, Les, Bruce and I attended the diocesan ministry conference for two days. The theme of the conference was “**Faithful and Fruitful- Leading in change.**”

The biblical theme chosen was **Nehemiah**. The story of Nehemiah provides a compelling look at leadership and resilience in the face of adversity. Tasked with rebuilding Jerusalem’s walls after the Babylonian exile, Nehemiah exemplifies how determination and strategic planning can lead to significant societal transformation.



One of the keynote speakers, Rev. Dr. Carolyn Robertson, the Vicar at All Saints, Burwood in Christchurch, shared their story, modern version of Nehemiah’s restoration. I was struck by the story of their extraordinary transformation

journey of renewal, resistance, prayer and hope after the 2011 earthquake. All they had was \$200 in their bank account and broken pieces. But using materials from old Church buildings and the funds from the insurance payout, they transformed the university student bar into a Church which is a vibrant community of young and old. On weekdays, many people meet for various activities. It was also a great opportunity for us to get connected with others at the conference. I felt refreshed and challenged. (The photos of this page are All Saints in 2025).



*Arohanui, Yukiiko*

## News and Upcoming Events



The photo on the right are pompoms, made by Trish Gosper, for treasure basket swapping!



### **Settler's Morning Tea:**

Next meeting: at **10am** Wednesday **15 July** at Settler's Lounge.

**Training sessions for ministry:** Every second Sunday after Sunday service at Holy Cross (11:45-12:15) **12 July: Being a Reader**

It will be a great opportunity for those who are involved in readings (and who desires to exercise the ministry of reading) to get together for the purpose of ongoing formation.

### **Palestinian Christian theologians and speakers - NZ tour**

Called "**Bearing Witness**" provides an opportunity to hear first-hand from Palestinian Christian scholars who have grown up in Israel and occupied Palestine where Christian communities are increasingly suffering violent injustice. The tour is throughout NZ, but the Auckland dates are **Thurs 23 July at Holy Trinity Cathedral** and **Sunday 26 July at Eden Church in Mt Eden**, both at **7pm**. The one at Eden Church includes dinner. Registration is free, but please sign up to attend at [ac4pp.com/tour](http://ac4pp.com/tour) (where you can also see more details about the speakers).

### **We pray for:**

- people in parts of the world where life is precarious, whether through disaster, poverty, disease or wars. Especially, people in Venezuela affected by several earthquakes, the Middle East, Ukraine/Russia, South Sudan, and Haiti where the 1.5 million people displaced across the country.
- are battling sickness, loneliness or anxiety. We pray for those who feel isolated or overwhelmed by life's circumstances.
- for our own communities in Albany and Greenhithe. As schools and colleges reach the end of the term, all the teachers and students may feel refreshed.

### **This Week's Bible Question**

What was the name of the place where God asked Abraham to offer Isaac as a burnt offering?

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| A. Land of Canaan | B. Land of Moriah     |
| C. Land of Egypt  | D. Land of Beer-sheba |

### **This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross**

Opening: Praise my soul the wondrous beauty  
Gradual: Let there be peace  
Offertory: We are many, we are one  
Recessional: Go at the call of God (to the tune  
of *Diademata/Crown him with many crowns*)

### **Sentence for the day**

‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Matthew 10:40

### **Readings**

#### **28 June**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 22:1-14  
Psalm 13  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 6: 12-13  
Gospel: Matthew 10: 30-42

#### **5 June**

Gen 24:34-38,42-49, 58-67  
Song of Solomons 2:8-13  
Rom 7:15-25a  
Matt 11:16-19,25-30

### **Summary of the Scripture**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Abraham's faith is tested by God. He is ordered to sacrifice his son, Isaac.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: In a society where slavery was an accepted part of society, Paul uses this analogy as he addresses the Christian Jews in Rome about sin.  
Gospel: The disciples are taught by Jesus about the depth and sincerity of those who are hospitable to them.

### **Collect for the Day**

God who provides, you met Abraham on the mountain, you heard the psalmist's long cry, and you have welcomed us through Christ. As we gather, teach us to trust you in the hard places, to welcome those you send, and to find you in the smallest acts of faithfulness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

### **Liturgical Colour: Green**

## **This Week's Bible Question Answer: B**

### **Rosters**

|                   | <u><b>This week</b></u> | <u><b>Next week</b></u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sacristan         | Dorothy S               | Alison C                |
| Welcomer          | Trish D                 | Barry                   |
| 1 Readings        | Linda                   | Patrick                 |
| 2 Readings        | Rhomela                 | Diana                   |
| Presiding         | Yukiko                  | Yukiko                  |
| Prayers           | Yukiko                  | Rhona                   |
| TV Setup & Slides | Patrick                 | Karenne                 |
| Morning Tea       | Dorothy M & Ria         | Beatrix & Robert        |
| Flowers           | Ria                     | Diana                   |
| Music             | Trish G                 | Trish G                 |

### **St Michaels**

|           | <u><b>This week</b></u> | <u><b>Next week</b></u> |
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| Prayers   | Bruce                   | Bruce                   |
| Readings  | Bruce                   | Brian                   |
| Presiding | Bruce                   | Yukiko                  |



**"A smile is  
the universal  
welcome."**

-Max Eastman

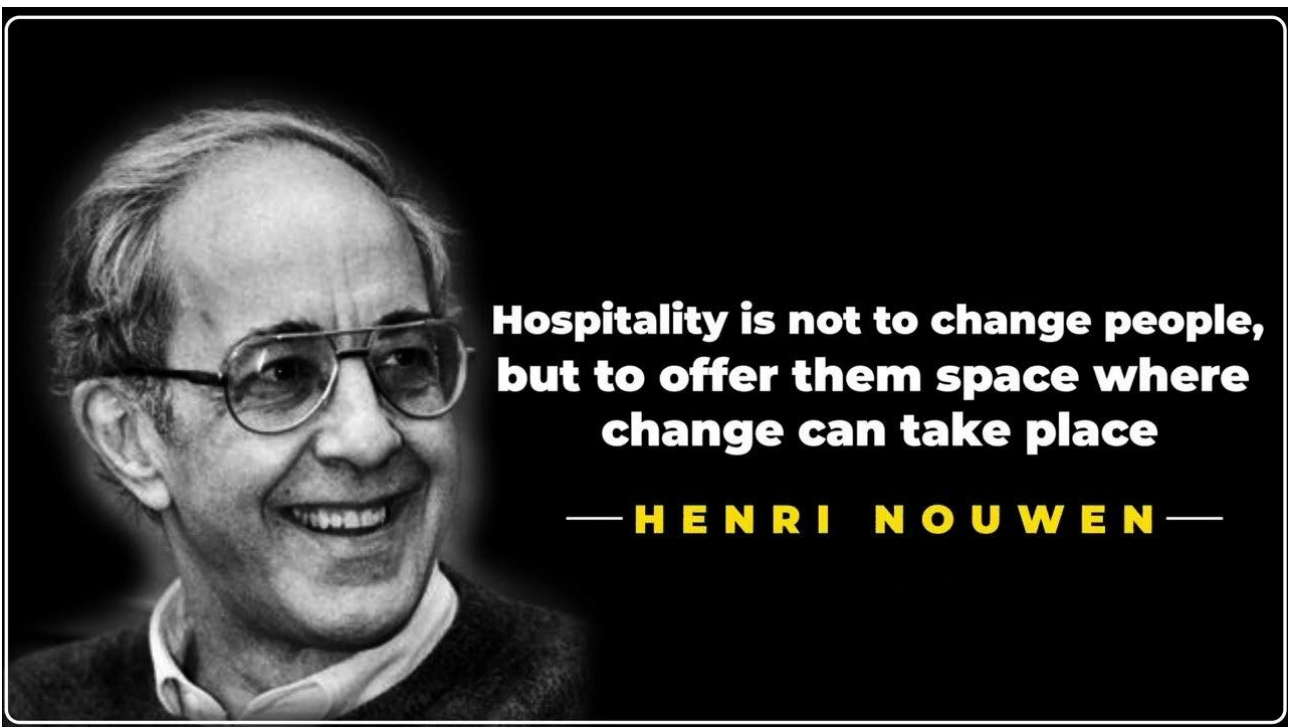
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### **Feedback welcome:**

If you have feedback on any aspect of our church activities, please contact the wardens, Dorothy & Trish – contacts as above – or via the office at the email above.

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**Hospitality is not to change people,  
but to offer them space where  
change can take place**

— **HENRI NOUWEN** —



One kind word can  
warm three winter  
months.

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