

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

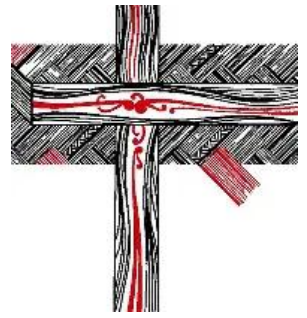
Te Pouhere Rātapu



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Notes from Yukiko's Desk



Nāku noa, nā

This Sunday we are celebrating ***Te Pouhere Sunday***.

The image of '***Te Pouhere***' is three waka all bound to a central ***pou***, or post. In te reo Māori, ***here*** is to tie, fasten, bind. Christ is the Pou that the three waka of the Anglican Church in this place are bound to. ***Te Pouhere*** is the framework that guides how the church lives, prays, meets together; and how we give freedom to each partner to join in Christ's mission in their own cultural context. We're invited to consider different aspects of what ***Te Pouhere*** means for how we are church in this province of Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia.

At AGAC, we are blessed to have people from many different races (Nigerians, Koreans, Chinese, Fijians, Australians, Welsh, South Africans, British, Canadians, Malaysians, Maori, Sri Lankans, Japanese...) with differing cultures and languages who happily worship together, focussing on the culture of the Kingdom of God, their common bond. This gives us a richness as a church.

To celebrate this special occasion, this Sunday we will try to say some sentences in Te Reo and Tongan. We will also try to pray the Lord Prayer and say some words of affirmation of faith in Te Reo. Here are some Maori words which you may want to know the meanings.

Wehi: awesome ***Ora***: healthy, well ***pōuri***: disheartened

Ao: Earth ***whakapono***: hope ***Rangimarie***: peace

Wairua Tapu: Holy Spirit ***Ihu Karaiti***: Jesus Christ

Tokotoko: walking stick or staff, symbolizing authority, guidance.

Nga mihi nui *Yukiko*

News and Upcoming Events



It is lovely to have other family members from time to time. This week, we had a grandmother from Scotland who is visiting her 3-month-old grandson for the first time.



Settler's Morning Tea:

Next meeting: at **10am** Wednesday **17 June** at Settler's Lounge.

Fairview Retirement Village Service: 12 June at 11 am.

Other News in the Diocese

RECOGNITION OF RAINBOW NETWORK

The Anglican Church of Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia's General Synod Standing Committee has officially recognised the new Christian community Te Ara Aroha Takatāpui Rainbow Allies Network (TAARTAN).

[**READ THE FULL STORY**](#)

OPEN LETTER CRITICISING BILL

The government's bill to move on rough sleepers passed its first reading on Thursday. More than 30 faith leaders and clergy have signed an open letter criticising the bill.

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WARM A HOME THIS WINTER

As the colder months set in, even a small act of kindness can warm a home. By supporting ATWC this winter, you can help bring comfort to whānau who are doing it tough.

GIVE WARMTH THIS WINTER

We pray for:

- Those who were affected from the recent flooding and heavy rains in the South Island.
- The unity of three tikanga in Aotearoa
- The persecution of the Palestinian Christians in the Occupied Palestinian Territories by the State of Israel continues
- peace amid the war engulfing the Middle East, involving the United States, Iran, and Israel, as well as the many other wars and conflicts affecting nations around the world.
- our homes, our schools, our streets, our workplaces, our local community of Albany/Greenhithe - May God's love enable us to love those who are easy to love, and those who are hard to love.

This Week's Bible Question

if anyone is in Christ, he is a new _____, the old has gone, the new has come!

A. Person B. Creation C. Life D. Servant

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening: As the deer
Gospel: Te Aroha
Offertory: Bind us together
Recession: E te atua (Amazing Grace)

Sentence for the day

There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28)

Readings

	<u>7th June</u>	<u>14th June</u>
1 st Reading:	Isaiah 42:10-20	Gen. 18:1-15, (21:1-7)
Psalm	-----	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
2 nd Reading:	2 Corinthians 5:14-19	Romans 5: 1-8
Gospel:	John 20: 6-20	Matt. 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

Summary of the Scripture

1st Reading: The second author of Isaiah, writing in the time of the Jewish exile in the 6th century BC, bursts into a song of hope for a people whose outlook looks bleak.

2nd Reading: Emphasizes the transformative power of Christ's love and the believers' role in God's reconciliation plan.

Gospel: Records Jesus' prayer for the unity, love, and shared glory of all believers, extending beyond His immediate disciples to all who will come to faith.

Collect for the Day

Creator God,
you make the sun to give light in the day,
the moon and the stars for guidance at night,
you divided the seas making a path through the waters.
Grant that, sailing out in our canoes of Tikanga Pākehā, Tikanga Māori, and Tikanga Polynesia, we may follow the way you have charted for us and from our separate home ports find our common destination in you.
We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Liturgical Colour: White

This Week's Bible Question Answer B (2 Cor. 5:17)



Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>This week</u>	<u>Next week</u>
Sacristan	Alison C	Val D
Welcomer	Ria	Alison T
1 Readings	Patrick	John C
2 Readings	Diana	Valerie C
Presiding	Yukiko	Les
Prayers	Rhona	Robert
TV Setup & Slides	Christian	Gary
Morning Tea	Karene & Trish	Gary & Linda
Flowers	Diana	Diana
Music	Trish	Andrew

St Michaels

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



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