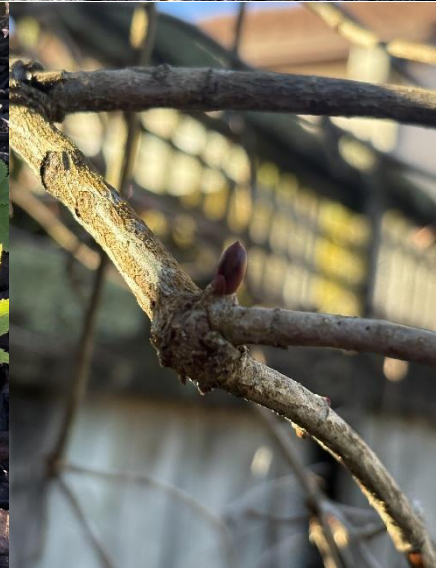


WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

16th Ordinary time



19th July 2026

Notes from Yukiko's Desk



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It's been quite an erratic winter, and although we still have several more weeks of this cold season, the first blooms of spring are starting to emerge in our garden. I believe yours too. Some of the trees are still bare. Yet, over the last few weeks, we've seen daffodils, crocuses, hellebores, and winter aconite pushing their way through the soil.

As you know, we moved into this house at the end of summer when many flowers begin to finish their blooming season. Being in the garden, we knew that the previous owners loved gardening, but had little idea what they planted. When I see new shoots coming up, I thank God for bringing me great joy!

The photos of the cover of this newsletter were taken in our garden. A hellebore flower is just beginning to open. Snowdrops are another sure sign of spring. They produce one very small, pendulous bell-shaped white flower which hangs off its stalk like a "drop" before opening. Looking closely, some of the trees are showing off their buds. I will miss that while I am away.

Hopefully, Cheen is taking care of our yard, and when I come back, I will find more joy there!

On this coming Monday 20th, I am leaving for Japan. If I need to be contacted, please email me. Otherwise, please contact Les, Bruce or Cheen (0211334426). While I am away, Les is taking a service on 26th, and Colleen on 2nd of August.

Hope you will find joy in the little moments this season. I will try that in hot Japan! *Yukiko*

News and Upcoming Events



We will begin our new term on **22 July**.



Settler's Morning Tea:

Next meeting: at **10am** Wednesday **19 Aug** at Settler's Lounge.

Training sessions Part 2: Intercessory Prayer

Will be happening on **9th August** after the service (**11:45-12:15**) at Holy Cross. It was wonderful to have a group of readers to meet last Sunday. **A Big Thank You** to **Alison Thompson** who shared her gifts, knowledge and experience as a reader.

Barry Gosper's Brass band concert will be happening at the **Bruce Mason Centre in Takapuna at 11.00am on Monday 20th**.

I am so disappointed that I cannot make it as I will be in the airplane!

We pray for:

- Students and families as they lean into the new school term.
- Our Space programme- pray for each family, our facilitator and volunteers.
- Kaikoura and other Communities which are rebuilding from disasters, that they may receive the support needed to recover and prepare for what's ahead.
- the millions displaced across Myanmar — for families who have fled again and again, sheltering with little food, water or safety — that they would be protected and find somewhere to rest.

This Week's Bible Question

What did Jacob use as a pillow while he slept and dreamt?

- A. A heap of sand B. One of the stones of the place
C. His traveling bag D. His cloak

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Gradual: He is Lord
Offertory: Blessed assurance
Recession: Abide with me

Sentence for the day

Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you. Genesis 28: 15

Readings

	<u>19th July</u>	<u>26 July</u>
1 st Reading:	Genesis 28:10-19a	Genesis 29: 15-28
Psalm	139: 1-11, 23-24	105: 1-11;44b
2 nd Reading:	Rom 8: 12-25	Rom 8: 26-39
Gospel:	Matt 13:24-30, 36-43	Matt 13:31-33, 44-52

Summary of the Scriptures

- 1st Reading: Jacob has a vivid dream, a revelation of God's promise to him and his descendants. The place, Bethel, means 'house of God.
- 2nd Reading: Paul urges the Romans to redefine their social obligations.

Gospel: offers Jesus' parable of the wheat and the weeds, challenging our instinct to tidy up the field before the harvest.

Collect for the Day

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Liturgical Colour: **Green**

This Week's Bible Question Answer: B

From the Lectionary- Daily Readings for the week ahead(NEW!)

Monday	Psalm 1	1 Sam 10: 1-16	Luke 22: 24-30
Tuesday	Psalm 5	1 Sam 10:17-end	Luke 22:31-38
Wednesday	Psalm 30,32,150	1 Sam 16:14-23	Luke 8: 1-3
Thursday	Psalm 15	1 Sam 12	Luke 22: 47-62
Friday	Psalm 19	1 Sam 13:5-18	Luke 22:63-end
Saturday	Psalm	1 Sam 22:63-end	Luke 9:46-56

22(Wed) July: the feast of St. Mary Magdelene

25(Sat) July: the feast of St. James and St. John

Rosters

Holy Cross

Sacristan

Welcomer

1 Readings

2 Readings

Presiding

Prayers

TV Setup & Slides

Morning Tea

Flowers

Music

This week

Karenne

Ria

Linda

Alison T

Yukiko

Beatrix

Graham

Gary & Linda

Ria

Anne

Next week

Dorothy S

Trish D

John C

Valarie C

Les

Robert

Christian

Trish & Karenne

Ria

Karin

St Michaels

Prayers

Readings

Presiding

This week

Bruce

Brian

Les

Next week

Bruce

Bruce

Bruce



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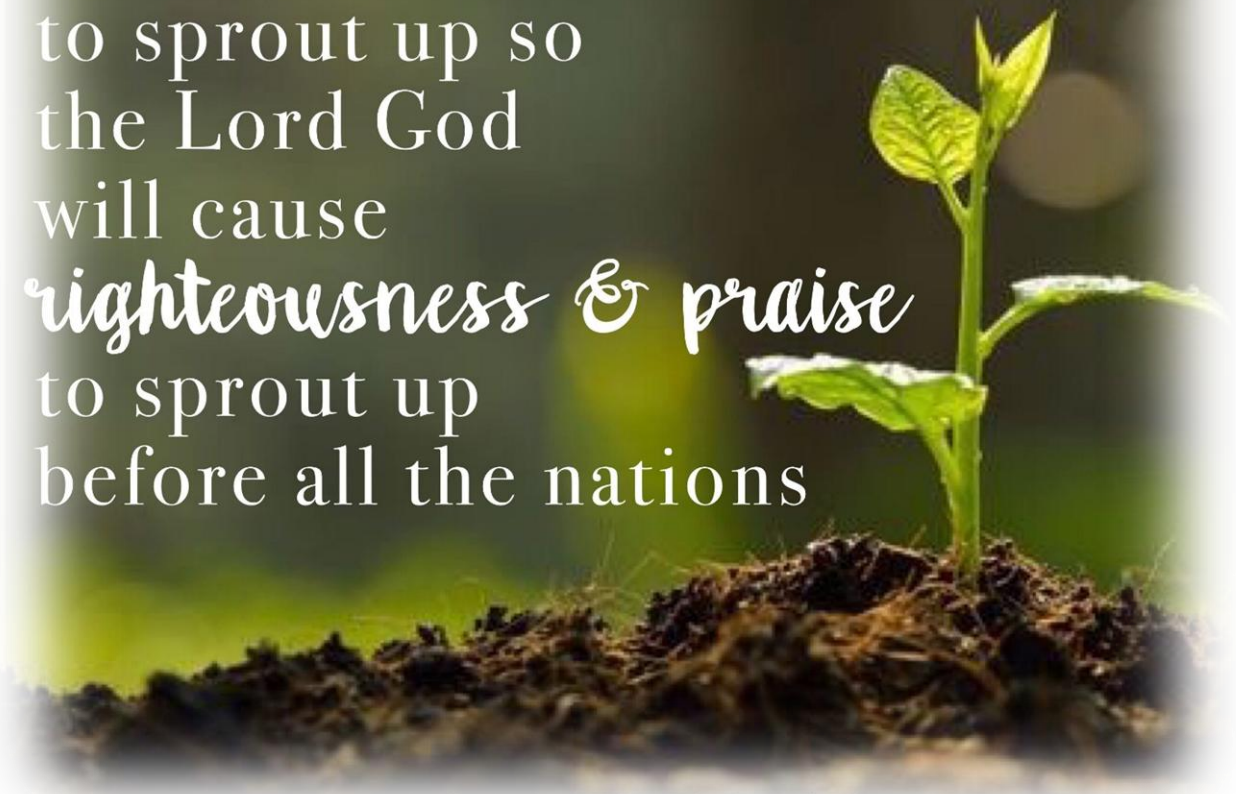
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Feedback welcome:

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for as the earth brings
forth its sprouts and
as a garden causes
what is sown in it
to sprout up so
the Lord God
will cause
righteousness & praise
to sprout up
before all the nations



Isaiah

ISAIAH 61:11