



The Mustard Seed Tree, painting by James Paterson in 1957.

26th July 2026

Notes from Yukiko's Desk



Dear AGAC family,

I wonder how often you pause in the midst of a busy day to simply give thanks. It seems so simple, yet in our hectic lives, gratitude often takes a backseat. This week's Psalm, Psalm 105: 1 encourages us to do that.

*Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.*

This Psalm addresses a forgetful community, which has lost touch with the God of exodus. Israel is invited to seek its God by remembering the wonderful works God has done. The remembering, however, is not an act of nostalgia, but a way of defining to a future that is given only by remembering God.

We too are invited to celebrate all our God has done for the Hebrews and for us. One of the blessings of getting older is having so much more life to reflect back on, just as the Hebrew nation has a long history to remember!

As you look back on your life, where do you see the hand of God at work? What has God done in your life recently that you're thankful for? It is a good time to pause and give thanks to God!

I am currently on leave. If I need to be contacted, please email me. Otherwise, please contact Les, Bruce or Cheen (0211334426). Les is taking a service on 26th, and Colleen on 2nd of August.

I will be thinking of you and praying for you from a hot Japan. Please stay warm, I will try to stay cool if I can!

Yukiko

News and Upcoming Events



The first week topic was “let’s eat.”

One of the discussion points; “Babies can self-regulate their milk intake, and yet many adults feel unable to trust their own signals of hunger and fullness. Why/how does this change? Any thoughts?”

Settler’s Morning Tea:



Coffee Fellowship

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.

Diocesan Training Hub

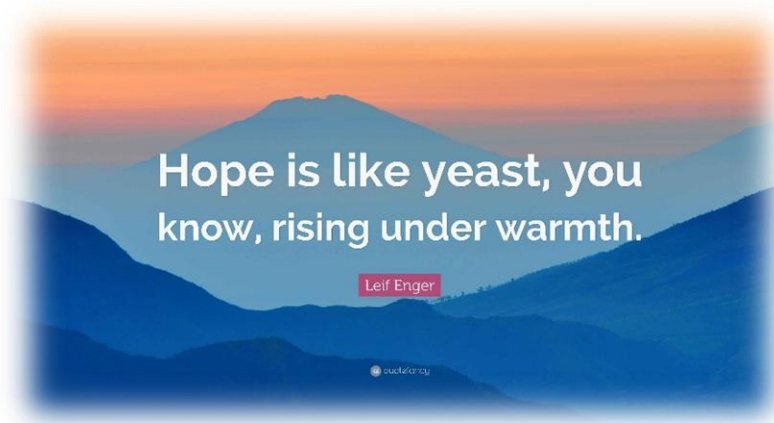
Sunday 9 August 1-4 pm, St. Aiden Anglican Church in Remuera

Training hubs are open to all ministry leaders in our diocese.

Lunch and a short time of worship is provided before participants break into our workshop streams.

- **Managing our discomfort in pastoral care, with Sarah Park**
- **Parenting, family and faith, with Charlotte Peiris**
- **Online wisdom, with Callum Hussey & Daniel MacDonald**
- **Te Reo in worship, speaker tbc**

[More info/register here](#)



We pray for:

- Those struggling to pay for food or heat their homes, for families in overcrowded or unhealthy living situations
- All places of war and conflict in our world – the Middle East, Ukraine/Russia, South Sudan, and those areas of strife that go unremarked and unreported.
- Fair trial and legal protection for Ethiopian migrants, many of them Christian, detained in Saudi Arabia on false drug charges

This Week's Bible Question

Who was the first cousin Jacob actually married?

- A. Rachel B. Leah
C. Rebekah D. Milcah

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening: Be thou my vision
Gradual: Be still and know that I am
God
Offertory: How great thou art
Recessional: To God be the glory



Sentence for the day

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8:38–39*

Readings

	<u>26 July</u>	<u>2 Aug</u>
1 st Reading:	Genesis 29: 15-28	Genesis 32: 22-31
Psalm	105: 1-11;44b	17: 1-7, 16
2 nd Reading:	Rom 8: 26-39	Rom 9: 1-5
Gospel:	Matt 13:31-33, 44-52	Matt 14:13-21

Summary of the Scriptures

- 1st Reading: The marriage of Jacob to both Leah and Rachel is vividly told by the story-teller.
- 2nd Reading: This passage reveals Paul's unshakeable faith in the salvation and glory of God in Christ.
- Gospel: These passages contain parables illustrating the growth, value, and judgment associated with the kingdom of heaven.

Collect for the Day

God of mercy,
you have blessed us beyond our dreams;
you have set before us promises and perils
beyond our understanding;
help us to struggle and pray
that the perils may be averted
and your promises fulfilled.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Liturgical Colour: Green

This Week's Bible Question Answer: B

Rosters

Holy Cross

Sacristan

Welcomer

1 Readings

2 Readings

Presiding

Reflection

Prayers

TV Setup & Slides

Morning Tea

Flowers

Music

This week

Dorothy S

Trish D

John C

Valarie C

Les

Les

Robert

Christian

Trish & Karenne

Ria

Karin

Next week

Alison C

Barry G

Diana H

Bernadette

Colleen Binns

Ricki Binns

Rhona

Patrick H

Beatrix & Robert

Diana H

Andrew

St Michaels

This week

Prayers

Bruce

Readings

Bruce

Presiding

Bruce

Next week

Bruce

Brian

Les

From the Lectionary- Daily Readings for the week ahead

Monday	Psalm 30	1 Sam 14:24-46	Luke 23:13-25
Tuesday	Psalm 36	1 Sam 15: 1-23	Luke 23:26-43
Wednesday	Psalm 34	1 Sam 16	Luke 23:44-56a
Thursday	Psalm 37	1 Sam 17:1-30	Luke 23:56-24:12
Friday	Psalm 31	1 Sam 17:55-18:16	Luke 24: 13-35
Saturday	Psalm	1 Sam 42	Luke 24: 36-end

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Feedback welcome:

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"We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty."

— Maya Angelou



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