

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

22nd Ordinary time



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Spring is here!

30 August 2026

Notes from Yukiko's Desk



Dear friends in Christ,

Spring will be officially here in Aotearoa this coming week! As winter fades, spring brings a sense of renewal and fresh energy. The longer days, warmer temperatures, and vibrant landscapes can boost our mood and well-being. Spring is my favourite season. By embracing the joys of spring, we can feel uplifted and more connected to ourselves and the world around us. I was really looking forward to spending more time in my backyard.

Unfortunately, however, last Monday I fell in the carpark when I was trying to catch the shopping trolley and sustained fractures of my left elbow. (And I am a left-hander!) I am going to have surgery next Wednesday in Waitekere Hospital. Regarding my work, I will do only what I can manage. Since I cannot drive, I will not be able to do pastoral care visits as usual. Cheen will be assisting in Sunday worship. I will not be able to attend Synod (3-5 Sep) as the surgeon advised me to take a couple of days off after the surgery. I'm sorry for any inconvenience this may cause to you all. I would appreciate your prayers.

This Sunday at Holy Cross, being the fifth Sunday of the month, we will have John Churchhill sharing what he is on his heart. Then, a shared morning tea will follow. If you have something to share, please bring them.

In God's embrace

Yukiko

News and Upcoming Events



This week, Emilie and Unjala, programme co-ordinators for Space from Parenting Place, visited us.

They were happy to see how we are doing.

As mentioned above, I will not be able to be around next

Wednesday. Trish won't be around either. We really **need one or two persons** who can help setting up and making morning tea. If you are able to help, please let Yukiko know.



Coffee Fellowship

Settler's Morning Tea: Next meeting: at **10am**

Wednesday **16 September** at Settler's Lounge.



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER
Ezekiel 47:9, 12

Season of Creation begins next Sunday and runs through September up to the feast of St Francis (4 October). More on

that in the next newsletter.

We pray for:

- the discussions and decisions at the Anglican Diocese of Auckland Annual Synod this coming week (3–5 September).
- Humanitarian workers around the world — especially the local staff who serve their own communities — that they would be protected as they bring help to others
- protection over every flood victim facing danger, fear, and uncertainty in Nepal.
- Those affected by sickness and suffering in body in our parishioners and their family members.

This Week's Bible Question

What does Paul instruct to do regarding those who persecute you?

A) Judge them B) Bless them C) Pray for them D) Forgive them

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening: Come as you are

Gradual: Seek ye first

Offertory: He came singing love

Recession: This little light of mine

Sentence for the day

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him. Matthew 16:24–25

Readings

	<u>This week</u>	<u>Next week</u>
1 st Reading:	Isaiah 24	Gen. 1:1-2:3
Psalm	26	148: 1-14
2 nd Reading:	Romans 12:9-21	Acts: 17: 22, 24-28
Gospel:	Matt 16: 21-28	John 1:1-5

Summary of the Scriptures

1 st Reading:	God's universal judgment, showing both devastation and the hope of His ultimate reign.
2 nd Reading:	Paul expands on how love or agape should be exhibited in the lives of the Christians in Rome.
Gospel:	Jesus' prediction of his own death astounds the disbelieving disciples.

Collect for the Day

God of unchangeable power,
our strength at all times; guard us from all
dangers and support us in all difficulties
that we may live victoriously now and forever;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Liturgical Colour: Green

This Week's Bible Question Answer: B



Rosters

Holy Cross

Sacristan

Welcomer

1 Readings

2 Readings

Reflection

Liturgist

Presiding

Prayers

TV Setup & Slides

Morning Tea

Flowers

Music

30 Aug

Alison C

Trish D

Patrick

Diana

John C

Yukiko

Cheen

Beatrix

Christian

Shared morning tea

Diana

Andrew

6 Sep

Val D

Alison T

Bernadette

Trish

Yukiko

Yukiko

Cheen

Robert

Patrick

Robert & Beatrix

Diana

Andrew

St Michaels

Prayers

Readings

Reflection & Liturgist

Presiding

30 Aug

Bruce

Bruce

6 Sep

Bruce

Brian

Yukiko

Cheen

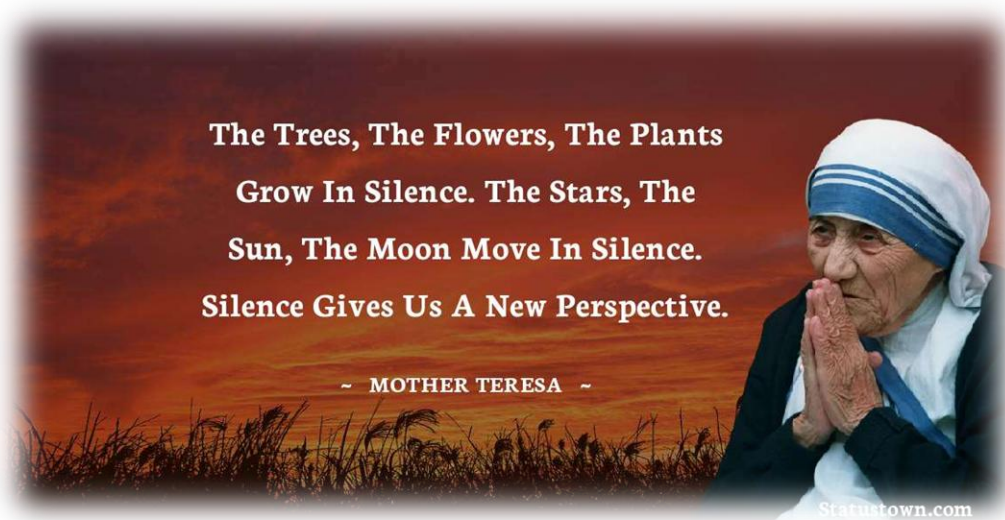
From the Lectionary- Daily Readings for the week ahead

Monday	Psalm 126	2 Sam 18:1-18	Acts: 10:34-end
Tuesday	Psalm 92	2 Sam 7:1-17	Acts 7:44-53
Wednesday	Psalm 119:153-end	2 Sam 19: 8-23	Acts 11:19-end
Thursday	Psalm 115	2 Sam 19:24-end	Acts 12:1-17
Friday	Psalm 144	2 Sam 23:1-7	Acts 12:18-end
Saturday	Psalm 147	2 Sam 24	Acts 13: 1-12

1 Sep: the Builders of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

While the Calendar commemorates by name the most important and well-known figures of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, there are many others who have contributed to the building up of the church. Their efforts in their day, from the beginning of the 19th century till today are remembered with gratitude and heartfelt thanksgiving.

5 Sep: The feast of Mother Teresa of Calcutta



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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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Biblical text for this year is drawn from ***Ezekiel 47: 1- 12***, which portrays God’s life-giving water flowing from the temple of God. The river grows deeper and deeper restoring barren land, reviving waters, and sustaining flourishing ecosystems. The vision invites human responsibility: recognising ecological damage, embracing interconnectedness, we are called to immerse ourselves in the water, and actively safeguarding and working for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human well-being may flourish together.