

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

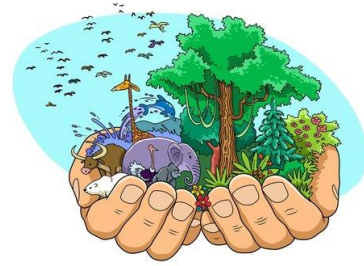
25th Ordinary time



Season of Creation week 3
Contemplation of Creation:

20 Sep 2026

Notes from Yukiiko's Desk



Dear brothers and sisters of God's beloved creation,

As reported in the media, in recent months, the world has experienced a series of natural disasters. The year has seen record-breaking heatwaves, destructive floods, wildfires, and droughts. The toll of these disasters has been severe, with thousands of people affected and millions displaced. Speaking of Europe's heatwave, for instance, according to studies, event would have been "virtually impossible" just 50 years ago without human-caused climate change. New Zealand, with its mild, maritime climate, might seem insulated from such extremes. But apparently it, too, is expected to experience significantly warmer temperatures in the future. So, what can be done?

In this crisis moment in the life of our planet, both we, humans, and the rest of creation need this season of creation more than ever, I believe. We need time and space to notice and listen to all of creation, to wonder at and delight in all that God has made, to mourn and protest the destruction and suffering that creation has endured, and to draw strength and hope from God, the giver of life, to address the ecological harms and challenges before us. To contemplate (in the ordinary sense of the word) during a crisis might increase the possibility that we miss or misread signs of danger in our immediate environment. In light of this, I'd like to do "**Contemplation of Creation**" service at Holy Cross this Sunday. With photos which some of our whanau generously shared and quotes and reflection questions, we will have time to pause reflect with gratitude on the gift of creation. In doing so, we will consider the plight of the earth and of those most impacted by environmental problems, and discern how we are

called to respond. I will make some copies of the photos for those who wish to take home. Let's appreciate & be grateful.

Yukiko

News and Upcoming Events



This week, we did an evacuation drill during the session. It was for little ones' first-time drill. I am sure they will experience many more drills!



Settler's Morning Tea: Next meeting: at **10am**
Wednesday **14 October** at Settler's Lounge.



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

27nd Sep: A guest preacher:

Dr Nicola Hoggard Creegan, the Director of New Zealand Christians in Science. Nicola will share her reflection on the theme of "Living Water", the theme for the season of creation this year. (at St. Michael's, we will be celebrating the feast of St. Michael's)

4th of Oct: Blessing of the animals @Holy Cross

Please send a photo and the name of your animal (whether living or dead)- which we will use during the service.

Oct 7 (Wed): A half Day Retreat:)10 am -12pm at Yukiko and Cheen's Place in Albany.

Join us for a quiet half day of retreat on the theme of creation. Morning Tea will be provided. If you need a ride, please let Yukiko know so that we can arrange the transport. For catering purposes, please let us know or sign up in the sheet at Church if you want to attend the retreat. Everyone is welcome.

From Synod:

Bishop Ross Bay – The Bishop's Charge:

<https://aucklandanglican.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/2026-Bishops-Charge.pdf>

Archdeacon Ven. Peter Jenkins' Eucharist Sermon:

<https://aucklandanglican.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Synod-2026-Sermon Luke-5 The-Ven-Peter-Jenkins final.pdf>

Diocesan Consolidated Financial Report

2025: <https://aucklandanglican.org.nz/annual-reports/>

We pray for:

- All in the congregation and wider parish, sick and afflicted with seasonal, accidental or long-term debilities
- Politicians and corporate CEOs throughout the world to experience renewed conscience toward the well-being of our earth home and the plight of its poorest citizens, and implement strong, sacrificial measures to limit the overshoot of climate warming and mitigate its worst effects.
- The hungry- ten countries – Afghanistan, Bangladesh, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria and Yemen – accounted for two-thirds of all people facing high levels of acute hunger.

This Week's Bible Question

According to Job, what tests words as the tongue tastes food?

A. The heart B. The lips C. The ear D. The mind

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening: As the deer pants

Gradual: For the beauty of earth

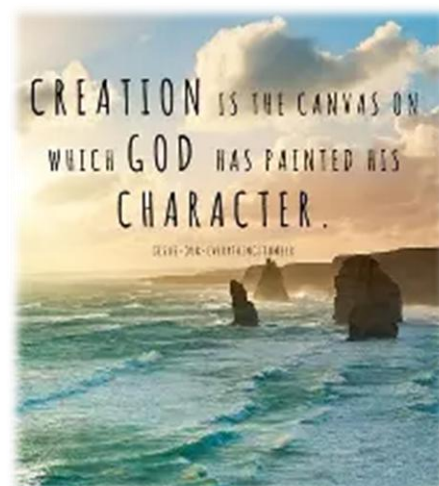
Offertory: joyful joyful we adore you

Recession: Great is thy faithfulness

Sentence for the day

Ask the animals, and they will teach you, the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you, and the fish of the sea will declare to you.

Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? – Job 12:7-9



Readings

	<u>This week</u>	<u>Next week</u>
1 st Reading:	Job 12:7-12	TBA
Psalms	8	TBA
2 nd Reading:	Colossians 1:15-20	TBA
Gospel:	Matthew 6: 25-34	TBA

Summary of the Scriptures

- 1st Reading: teaches that God's wisdom is evident in all creation, and humans can learn from nature while recognizing the limits of their own understanding.
- 2nd Reading: emphasizes the supremacy of Christ as the image of the invisible God, the Creator of all things, and the reconciler of all creation.
- Gospel: reminds us of the importance of trusting in God's provision and not letting worry consume our thoughts.

Collect for the Day

Heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Liturgical Colour: Green

This Week's Bible Question Answer: C

Rosters

St Michaels

Prayers

Readings

Presiding

20 Sep

Bruce

Bruce

Bruce

27 Sep

Bruce

Brian

Yukiko

Holy Cross

Sacristan

Welcomer

1 Readings

2 Readings

Presiding

Reflection

Prayers

TV Setup & Slides

Morning Tea

Flowers

Music

20 Sep

Alison T

Barry G

John C

Valerie C

Yukiko

Yukiko

Robert

Graham

Gary & Linda

Ria

Karin

27 Sep

Dorothy S

Alison T

Linda

Romela

Yukiko

Nicola

Yukiko

Gary

Gary & Linda

Diana

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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.

Albany Greenhithe Anglican Parish Bank details: ASB – 12-3136-0041622-00

Echoes Through Time

Join us on a musical journey, from Bach's Baroque masterpieces, through Bolling's fusion of classical and jazz, to the rhythm of Piazzolla's tango.

Saturday 10 October 6:30pm

Holy Cross Anglican Church
222 Dairy Flat Highway, Albany, Auckland, 0632

Music By

Tuakau Trio

Twila Reid - Cello
Gyuri Mun - Flute
Karin Kikuno - Organ/Piano



**Look deep
into nature,**
and then you will
understand everything
better.

Albert Einstein