

Weekly Newsletter

30th Ordinary Time

25 Oct 2026



Notes from Yukiko's Desk



Kia ora e te whānau a te Karaiti

This coming Monday we will celebrate Labour Day in Aotearoa. Say "labour" especially in recent weeks, many people may picture a political party. Either that or childbirth! For some, Labour Day is another long weekend, for others, it is a good time for finding a sale. We often forget that it isn't just a day off but a day to honour, thank, and celebrate the contributions of workers. It is a day to reflect on the struggles and victories of workers' rights, to recognize the efforts of trade unions, and to reaffirm the importance of labour in society.

With that in mind, I was reflecting on the passages assigned for this Sunday. What particularly caught my attention was the prayer towards the end of the psalm 90: "May the favour of the Lord our God rest upon us; **establish the work of our hands for us**" (NIV). I was struck by the fact that the Psalmist doesn't ask for fame or recognition. Instead, it presents a simple prayer that the ordinary work of life might have lasting value. When I think about it, much of ministry is made up of ordinary conversations, quiet acts of care and faithful presence. Those things may never make headlines, yet they matter deeply in God's kingdom. I found it extremely encouraging!

Labor Day also gives us an opportunity to think about something Scripture addresses from beginning to end including this Psalm: **the importance of both work and rest.**

From Friday evening this week, I am going to attend a 2 night-Reflect & Renew weekend retreat at St. Francis Friary in Hillsborough. When I booked the retreat, I didn't realise it would be the Labour weekend! God may be telling me to have a rest; no email, no texting, no phones... That will be my Labour weekend.

May yours be a time of rest and rejuvenation!

Yukiko

News and Upcoming Events

Betty Campbell

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Betty Campbell (aged 103) who left us on the 21st October. The details of her memorial service will be confirmed.

We pray for comfort, strength, and healing for the family during this time of grief.



This week's sharing moment question was "Do you have a nickname for your baby? Does your whānau have a nickname for you? I am curious to know yours..."

Morning Tea @ Settler's

Next meeting: Wednesday **18th Nov** at **10 am** at Settler's lounge.



We're Auckland Angels this Christmas!

This year in the lead up to Christmas, we will be collecting gifts and food for the Auckland City Mission as part of their Auckland Angels fundraiser. From now until mid-December, please bring along



donations of new, unwrapped and non-battery operated gifts, or non-perishable, alcohol free food items. There will be a place to leave donations outside the office on Sundays. You can also donate online on our Auckland Angels webpage.

[Donate Online Here](#)

Community Sunflower Meadow

As we approach summer, an empty section in Milford is being turned into a community sunflower meadow. Over the next couple of weeks, the community garden will be collecting **cardboard tubes** (such as those inside paper towels) to distribute to local schools so that they can grow sunflower seedlings that will be transplanted into the meadow.

If you have any spare paper towel cardboard tubes at home, **please bring them along** this Sunday or the next for Jessica to collect.

Dates for Your Diary

Feast of All Saints: Sunday 1 November for both parishes.

Parish Dinner (pencil it in your diary!)

14th Nov (Saturday) at Holy Cross. Starting at 6:30

If you can, bring a plate to share... bearing in mind the only things you have to bring are yourself, a good appetite, and a sense of fun! We will provide drinks and some food. There are some nice live music performances during the night.

Please feel free to invite your family, friends, and those who have come to our parishes!

There is a sign-up sheet at both churches this Sunday. Please write your name, the number of people who will be attending, any diet requirements, and the dish you could bring. There is also a flyer you can request from the Office if you would like to share information about the dinner.

AGM: Sunday 22 November after the Eucharist at Holy Cross.

Elsewhere

Confirmation Service

Bishop Ross is able to offer a confirmation service at **St Mary's in Holy Trinity Cathedral in Parnell on Sunday 6th December at 5pm.** If you are interested in taking this opportunity, please let Yukiko

know by the end of October. (Several people from our parishes have already shown their interest!)

'It's Still Good To Be Anglican'

John Bluck, retired bishop of Waiapu, and former dean of Christchurch Cathedral has written a reflection about how "It's still good to be Anglican".

[Read the Reflection](#)

Benedictine Spirituality

Thursday 12 November, 7.30pm

Bishop Selwyn Chapel, Holy Trinity Cathedral

Brother Bernard OHC, a Benedictine monk of the Anglican Communion and Director of Associates at the Order of the Holy Cross monastery in New York, will lead an evening exploring the richness of Benedictine spirituality. Brother Bernard will speak about the Benedictine way of life and the ways in which this spirituality can enrich and deepen our Christian journey. He will also introduce the Order of the Holy Cross and the opportunities and benefits of becoming an Associate. Yukiko and Cheen have already registered!

[Find Out More](#) | [Register Here](#)

NZ Political Parties, Their Policies and How They Rate (according to Anglicans)

Anglican Taonga links to score cards on current policies ahead of the election:

[Read Here](#)

This Week's Bible Question

How did Paul describe his manner among the Thessalonians?

A. Authoritative B. Indifferent C. Harsh D. Gentle

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening: Praise my soul the wondrous beauty

Gradual: In the singing

Offertory: Come and find the quiet centre

Closing: Many we are one

We pray for:

- those people who have committed themselves in service to Aotearoa by seeking political office, and all the voters especially those standing for election for the first time, and pray that God will grant them wisdom and discernment, courage.
- People in France, Albania, Italy, Portugal and Belgium as Riots and violent clashes spread across these countries
- Our parishioners who are facing injury, illness, or grief

Sentence for the day

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

Readings

	25 October	1 November
1 st Reading:	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Revelation 7:9-17
Psalms	90:1-6,13-17	34:1-10,22
2 nd Reading:	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	1 John 3:1-3
Gospel:	Matthew 22:34-46	Matthew 5:1-12

Summary of the Scriptures

1 st Reading:	Describes the death of Moses, his view of the Promised Land and succession by Joshua.
2 nd Reading:	Paul reminds the Thessalonians of his bold yet tender approach, despite opposition.
Gospel:	Jesus summarises for the Pharisees the essence of the commandments. He continues by addressing the subject of 'Messiah.'

Collect for the Day

Almighty God,
you teach us in your word
that love is the fulfilment of the law:
grant that we may love you with all our heart
and our neighbour as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Rosters

Holy Cross

Sacristan
Welcomer
1 Readings
2 Readings
Presiding
Prayers
TV Setup & Slides
Morning Tea
Flowers
Music

25 Oct

Dorothy
Alison
John
Valerie
Les
Cheen
Patrick
Trish D & June
Diana
Trish

1 Nov

Val
Trish
Linda
Rhomela
Yukiko
Yukiko
Karenne
Karenne & Ria
Diana
Andrew

St Michaels

Prayers
Readings
Presiding

25 Oct

Bruce
Brian
Les

1 Nov

Bruce
Brian
Yukiko

Liturgical Colour: Green

This Week's Bible Question Answer: A

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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