Weekly Newsletter

Christ the King Sunday

22 Nov 2026





albany greenhithe anglican church

Notes from Yukiko's Desk 

Kia Ora koutou,

What a fantastic night we had last Saturday at parish dinner! Delicious food and wonderful live music! Most of all, we enjoyed each other's company. Thank you all for making this occasion happen.

This Sunday marks the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical calendar. Known as ***Christ the King Sunday***, it celebrates the all-embracing authority of Christ as Lord of all things. That said, it should be reminded that in one sense, the theme of ***Christs' kingship*** is not unique to the day; we commemorate it throughout the liturgical year.

Advent is a time to prepare to welcome the ***Prince of Peace***.

Christmas presents him as the ***newborn King***. ***Epiphany*** presents him the ***messianic King***. ***Lent*** shows him to be the ***King of Humanity***, resisting temptation where our first king failed. On ***Palm Sunday*** he is the ***Son of David*** returning to Jerusalem. On ***Good Friday***, he is the suffering servant of his people, as Pilate wrote better than he knew, "This is the ***King of the Jews***."" In ***Easter***, Christ is the ***conquering King***. On ***Ascension***, ***Christ the King*** goes up and sits on his throne in heaven. On ***Pentecost*** the ***King sends his Spirit*** to extend his reign through the gospel. And in ***Ordinary time***, this ***King gives grace*** as we grow in the exercise of his will.

This Sunday's feast somehow sums up all that we have been hearing. It is an invitation for each of us to pause to reflect on the meaning of Christ's reign over the Church, the world, and our lives. What kind of king is Jesus? What does his rule look and feel like? What does it mean to live and thrive under his kingship?

Peace in Christ,

Yukiko

News and Upcoming Events

Our little ones enjoyed painting this week! A lot of fun and colours on their bodies!

Annual GeneralMeeting

Our AGM willbeheld straight after the service **this Sunday** at Holy Cross.

Ifyou cannotattend the AGM and would like to submit your apology tothemeeting, please let the office know.

Wedding for Florence and Bill

11 am on 27th November at Holy Cross

Our new Church family, Bill and Florence are tying a knot and Yukiko will officiate the marriage. You are welcome to attend the ceremony.

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. 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

Christmas Carol Service at Fairview Rest home

4th December 11 am

Please join us in singing carols for our friends in Fairview Rest home. If you can join, please let Yukiko know.

Diocesan Confirmation Service

The annual confirmation service for the Auckland Diocese will be held **on 6th December at 5pm at Holy Trinity Cathedral.**

Jonathan, Dorothy S and Rhona are getting confirmed at this service. It would be wonderful if some of us can be there for the celebration and support. If you would like to come, please let Yukiko know. We can arrange the transport to get there.

Morning Tea @ Settler's

Next meeting: **16th December** Wednesday **at 10 am** at Settler's Lounge. This will be our last morning tea for the year.

<u>We pray for:</u>

- unity with one another and with God as we make decisions together at AGM this Sunday.
- Dorothy, Jonathan, and Rhona who are preparing for their confirmation
- the Pacific and other vulnerable nations at the climate talks at COP 31

<u>This Week's Bible Question</u>

According to Matthew, what separates the sheep from the goats?

A. actions B. appearance C. size D. names

Readings

	22 November	29 November
1st Reading:	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm	100	80:1-7, 17-19
2nd Reading:	Ephesians 1:15-23	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel:	Matthew 25:31-46	Mark 13:24-37

Summary of the Scriptures

1st Reading: God is the good shepherd, gathering together the lost sheep in exile in Babylon.

2nd Reading: Paul sees Christ in glory as also the head of the body, the Church.

Gospel: Jesus' parable on the judgement of humanity and the vital importance of active compassion.

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening:	Now Thank We All Our God
Gradual:	Breathe On Me Breath Of God
Offertory:	Lord of the Dance
Closing:	Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

Sentence of the Day

As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.
Ezekiel 34: 12

Collect for the Day

Shepherd King, you gather your scattered flock
and rule with justice and mercy.
Your throne is not far from us;
you make your home among the hungry,
the stranger, and the prisoner.
On this last Sunday of the church year,
open our eyes to see you
wherever you are,
and our hands to serve you there.
Amen.

Rosters

Holy Cross	**22 Nov**	**29 Nov**
Sacristan	Dorothy S	Val D
Welcomer	Trish D	Ria G
1st Reading	Valerie C	Diana H
2nd Reading	John C	Patrick H
Presiding	Yukiko	Yukiko
Prayers	Cheen	Yukiko
TV Setup & Slides	Gary W	Patrick H
Morning Tea	Trish & Karenne	*Shared Morning Tea*
Flowers	Diana H	Diana H
Music	Andrew	Trish G
St Michaels	**22 Nov**	**29 Nov**
Prayers	Bruce	Bruce
Readings	Bruce	Brian
Presiding	Bruce	Yukiko

Liturgical Colour: White

This Week's Bible Question Answer: A

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ASB – 12-3136-0041622-00

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 20
December, 10:30am
Holy Cross
Anglican Church



Joint Christmas Service with Shore Grace Church

Thursday 24
December, 8pm
St Michael and All Angels

Joint Christmas Carol Service with Albany Presbyterian Church

Thursday 24
December, 9:30pm
Albany Presbyterian Church



Christmas Service

Friday 25
December, 9am
St Michael and All Angels

Christmas Service

Friday 25
December, 10:30am
Holy Cross
Anglican Church

Advent & Christmas

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