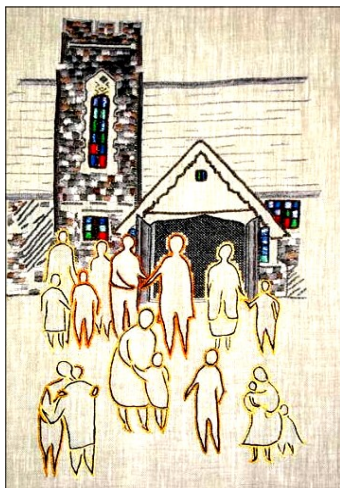


Cashmere Connection

Cashmere Presbyterian Church— The Stone Church on the Hill
Linking with its community since 1928

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Moderators Visit to Niue

Hamish has been busy with his Moderator's duties over the last few months, both here in New Zealand and overseas.

In April he visited Niue to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ekalesia Niue, the Congregational Church of NZ and the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. Niue's own news site—BCN News—reported on the occasion:

The agreement recognizes the commitment of each of the partners to work in partnership with the mission of Jesus Christ and acknowledge their respective commitment to work with the Niuean people and the communities they serve.

President of the Ekalesia Kerisiano Niue Rev Navy Salatielu signed on behalf of the Niue Ekalesia alongside the Rev Moega Lasei, the Chairman of the Congregation Union of NZ, and the Rt Rev Hamish Galloway, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand.

The delegation from New Zealand arrived on Monday, including Niuean minister from Wellington, Rev Tale Hakeagaiki of the Congregational Union of New Zealand.

BCN News spoke with Reverend Tale Hakeagaiki today and said that the purpose of the MOU is for the three parties to work together in cooperation for the extensive work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reverend Hakeagaiki told BCN News that one of the main benefits of this agreement is for the training of the ministry students from Niue, that the New Zealand based partners will be able to facilitate and ensure the Niue students meet the requirements to study in New Zealand.

As well as the work they will undertake to help the Ekalesia Kerisiano Niue's accreditation to international organizations that will derive support and funding for the work of the church in Niue.

The MOU contains several key objectives with respect to Ministry Training, Recognition of

Ordination, Exchange of information, sharing of resources and future consultations.

The agreement is to be reviewed every three years after consultations and the three parties rotate the role of hosting or leading the three year review of the MOU.

After the official ceremony at the Millennium Hall today, the guests and the church leaders celebrated the significant event with a luncheon and entertainment provided by the Niue High School Lagakali team.



(L-R) Rev Navy Salatielu (EKN), Rt Rev Hamish Galloway (PCANZ) and Rev Moega Lasei (CUNZ) sign the MOU

An on-going connection

Onesua Presbyterian College, Vanuatu

It had been planned for Hamish, in his role as Moderator of PCANZ, to travel to Vanuatu in June to celebrate with the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu, the 70th anniversary of Onesua Presbyterian College. It was intended to send a gift for rebuilding the college chapel, but two severe tropical cyclones coming close together in March has resulted in a lot of damage and so the celebration has been postponed and an appeal for cyclone repairs has been added to the need.

As well as the National Church connection, Cashmere Presbyterian also has strong links to Vanuatu. Here, Helen Wells and Lynley Fraer-Wright tell us about some of those links.

Lynley has a strong connection with Efate Island. In 1956, her first husband, Ian Clarke, was sent by PCNZ to run a small sawmill in the Island of Efate to provide building materials for the construction of Onesua School. He worked there for 2 years, but the mill was not successful so he became part of a group of young NZ men building Onesua, teachers and nurses houses. Lynley later joined Ian in setting up Navota Farm to help finance Tangoa Training Institute on the island of Santo.

In June, Lynley is taking her Clarke family to

Communion Service



We extend to all an invitation to our quarterly **Communion Service** which will be held Sunday 4th June, at 10am.

visit the places where she and Ian worked and so we intend to send the gift for Onesua College with them.

On Sunday 11th June, following the Morning Worship service, we will be having a Soup luncheon, and taking a collection for this gift. You are warmly invited to join us for this time of fellowship, and to support this very worthy cause.

The Presbyterian Connection goes back a long way.

As early as 1879, amazingly, the Presbyterian churches in NZ decided that they should be supporting overseas missions and chose to start with the Pacific and the New Hebrides (which was the name of the islands under the Condominium Government of Britain and France). Scottish churches already had missionaries there so this was a good connection to build on, and in fact the two groupings (North and South) of the then Presbyterian Church of New Zealand each took on the support of candidates from the UK (Revs Watt and Milne).

An agreement was made to divide the various islands/language groups between denominations and supporting countries, and NZPC took on the southern islands. In those days of violence and disease the work was personally very costly, and the expectation was of a lifetime of service - however long or short that might be! Imagine the loneliness and grief when spouse or children were taken by illness, challenges of rough seas and coral reefs, and even the active volcanoes. The inhumanity of some of the traders towards the islanders was another kind of challenge. Rev Mr Watt served for 41 years and died aged 83, and Rev Mr Milne at the age of 90 after serving for 55 years.

By 1901 all but one of the PCNZ's eleven missionaries were serving in the New Hebrides. The duties of these pioneer missionaries included translation of the various languages, using them in writing, preaching/evangelism and the village schools, and also the making of arrowroot as a source of cash for the people. Gradually they were able to train up helpers from among the people and by the end of the first 100 years 85 local teachers were being employed between the 3 district missionaries from NZ.

Financially, support for these teachers came mainly by the offerings of Sunday Schools and "Busy Bee" groups (a children's initiative begun in the manse of the Laishly family then brought to Cashmere by two of the family as adult members of our church). **Helen Wells** was one who made small items for sales tables and stitched flannelette jackets for babies and soaked up the information of what life could be like for children in other lands.

About the beginning of the 20th century, it became obvious that village school education was inadequate, so District Schools were started, as well as the Teacher-Catechist Training on the small island of Tangoa in 1895. These prepared the way for the Presbyterian Church of the New Hebrides to take on independence in 1947 by

agreement with the NZ and Australian Missions Councils.

Nearly two decades later **Helen Wells** went there as a school leaver VSA volunteer, teaching in a District School which gathered its students from 5 language groups along one side of the island of Malekula. The students passed an English exam to enter and came as boarders, each supported by their village group. The level was NZ Intermediate but the students were aged between about 12 and 23 years old. By this time a few of them were able to progress to Onesua High School—the national High School for boys established by the Presbyterian Church in 1953. The British Administration had also established a Secondary school in 1955, providing higher academic and practical training streams; there were also several large schools using the French language. These, as well as Onesua, have produced national leaders, many of whom were founding fathers of the political Independence of the Republic of Vanuatu in 1980.

Primary education is not free or compulsory; Secondary education is only available to those who can afford it. Most families can only afford to educate their firstborn child. If the firstborn is a girl, she may be overlooked and educational opportunities are given to the eldest boy.

However, **Helen** tells us that she did not find it so bleak in the District School where she taught in 1966, nor the remote Presbyterian village where she made regular visits whilst there in 2016. "In fact, I learned that there are many young Christian Ni-Vanuatu making mission trips to teach the children in the hill villages visits where life is still largely remote from civilization."

Onesua is one of only 6 secondary schools in Vanuatu and considered one of the best. About 400 students, coming from all the islands, board there in term time. It covers year 7 to 13 and includes a Technology stream. The Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu can be proud to tell that at Onesua girls were admitted from 1958. The present Principal is Mrs Rosie Caleb, who was inducted to Onesua Presbyterian College in 2021 with determination to move the College forward with the accreditation processes which are now being offered in the Pacific, and now Onesua Presbyterian Technical College is also accredited.

In recent years our NZ Presbyterian Church Schools, including St Andrews College in Christchurch, have sent parties of young people to Onesua on mission trips to experience life and faith in a different context. There is also a need for volunteers on short term mission trips to teach English or Maths to students who join the year 8 or 10 programmes from remote islands, to catch them up to the rest of the student body.

And the connections continue today: **Jay Lee** helps with insurance cover for the seasonal workers who come to New Zealand, and for several years **Margaret Ford** wintered over in Vanuatu, teaching sewing and general health to the women in local villages.

Mid-year Retreat/Quiet Day

Saturday 24 June, at Te Waiora House, Hororata



All are welcome to this quiet day, which will be led by Anne Shave.

Meet at Cashmere Presbyterian Church at 8.30am to share transport; return to Cashmere before 5pm.

The day will include some time spent together and some time to draw apart, rest, and enjoy the tranquillity of the environment. Please do consider coming.

Cost will be \$20 per person.

Serving when cyclones strike

Cyclones are not limited to the Pacific Islands. As we all know, parts of New Zealand have been hit severely in recent months. A couple of members of our parish have been actively involved in the aftermath.

Hamish has had several visits to the devastated areas, encouraging through his ministry and, since mid February, Doug Atkinson has been away from home a lot as he has made numerous trips all around the Auckland area and Napier.

Doug is an engineering geologist, with an interest in rock climbing and the mountains. His work is very responsible, involving assessing damage, and advising on whether rebuilding on sites is possible. He trains graduates in the processes involved.



Doug Atkinson

PCANZ Global Mission Cyclone Appeal for the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu

Category 4 Tropical Cyclones Judy and Kevin hit Vanuatu within 48 hours of each other on March 1 and 3, 2023. The Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu has taken some time to gather information about damage to schools, churches and other property as a result of these cyclones. Many roofs were ripped off and water damage was sustained as a result, along with other impacts.

Due to the isolated nature of many of Vanuatu's islands it has not been easy getting all these details together,



Onesua College Classroom roof destroyed by Cyclone Kevin in March

but information recently received has estimated that repairs to PCV property on several affected islands will cost at least NZ\$320,000. Onesua Presbyterian College on Efate Island was assessed separately and needs extensive repairs. This has not yet been costed but will be high.

Vanuatu's economy is still recovering after the impacts of Covid-19 and Cyclone Harold in 2020 and the cost of these repairs represents a heavy burden on the members and schools of the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu, so PCANZ Global Mission has launched an appeal to help contribute towards this.

Donations to the Cyclone Appeal:

Donations can be made online to 02 0500-0086963-10, with reference 'PCV Cyclone Appeal'. Send an email confirming your donation to Katrina Graham at katrina@presbyterian.org.nz so that a receipt can be issued.

People Events

Weddings

We congratulate and extend best wishes to:

Aniela Seymour-Nash & Gordei Kuznetsov
(25 March)

Sara Shamy & Jonathan Harrod
(15 April)

Baptisms

We welcome into the Family of the Church:

Gia Kim, daughter of Ki Sang Kim and Jinjoo Lee,
granddaughter of David & Jane Kim (5 March)

Deaths

We extend our sympathies to the families of:

Bryan Gainsford (11 April)
Helen Bartrum (11 May)



On his arrival at the Abbey, King Charles III was welcomed "in the name of the King of Kings", to which he responded "I come not to be served, but to serve" echoing the words of Christ to his disciples.

Choir Leader Stepping Down

On Sunday 21 May our service was enhanced with several pieces of music by the choir, ably led by Dr David Troughton, who took this opportunity to announce that he is stepping down as choir leader—a role he has held since 2012, when he took over from the Bryan Gainsford (who died just last month). David had, however, been involved with the choir for several years before that, both as a singer and contributing to choosing and playing the music.

David can boast over 75 years as a musician! He was 12 when he first played piano in a church service and at age 14 he conducted his Bible Class Choir in a competition, which they won.

As well as piano, David plays the organ, and is one of the regular musicians for our Sunday morning worship services.

Thank you, David, for your great contribution to our Choirs over the years—your leadership and talent has been a blessing to us all!

*Below: David leading from the back and the front;
Right: in a slightly more informal setting.*



Wake Up

Scams are causing us a lot of concern. However, things could get much worse with Artificial Intelligence. How will we sort truth from fabrication? How can it be controlled, will it break free of human control?

We read, 'More than 1,100 signatories, including Elon Musk, Steve Wozniak, and Tristan Harris of the Center for Humane Technology, have signed an open letter that was posted online Tuesday evening that calls on "all AI labs to immediately pause for at least 6 months the training of AI systems more powerful than GPT-4."' (www.insurancejournal.com/news/national/2023/03/30/714396.htm)

Have you heard the urgency of the godfather of AI, Geoffrey Hinton, or Connor Leahy, head of Conjecture, a pacesetter in the field? They are clearly very concerned.

All new technologies can be used for good or evil. This is no exception. There is need for alignment with our values and ethics, but relatively few people are working on that. We are not good about regulations, such as for data; look at the USA and guns.

There are deep issues that AI raises as to what it is to be persons, as to how democracy can survive, and with respect to theology, so as Christians we should be encouraging discussion on them, and we should be informing ourselves about them so that we can make considered contributions.

David Troughton

Forthcoming Services

Sunday 4 June	10.00am	Communion Service
Sunday 11 June	10.00am	Family Service
Sunday 18 June	10.00am	Morning Worship
	11.30am	Healing Service
Sunday 25 June	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 2 July	10.00am	Communion Service
Sunday 9 July	10.00am	Family Service
Sunday 16 July	10.00am	Morning Worship
	11.30am	Healing Service
Sunday 23 July	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 30 July	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 6 August	10.00am	Communion Service
Sunday 13 August	10.00am	Family Service
Sunday 20 August	10.00am	Morning Worship
	11.30am	Healing Service
Sunday 27 August	10.00am	Morning Worship

Healing Services

Healing Services, including Communion, are held each month, usually on the 3rd Sunday, at 11.30am. All are welcome to attend this service, to pray for your own needs, or those of others.

Church Life



Hamish and friends gathered together with Kevin, Mithila, and family to pray for God's blessing on their new home in Kaiapoi. We wish them much joy and contentment in this new phase of their lives.



Floral Cross provided by Tric Nelson for Easter Day



On Good Friday, members from Cashmere Presbyterian and St Augustine's Anglican joined together to process a Cross down from one church to the other, stopping along the way for Scripture and Reflection. Here, Rev Kofe Havea leads a prayer.



The food offerings for our Harvest Festival Service, held 19th March, displayed at the front of the Church



Soup Lunch: Sunday 11th June, during which we will take a collection towards our gift for Onesua College in Vanuatu.

Mid-winter "Chasing the Blues Away": July Friday film and social evenings for people of all ages. Fridays 7 July & 14 July (School holidays), and 21 July & 28 July .

Plantarama: Saturday 16th October, 9am—12noon. Once again we will have a great selection of plants and garden related items for you to buy. Stop off on your way to or from voting!

Twilight Christmas Market: Friday 1st December, 6pm—9pm, featuring finely crafted Christmas decorations, gifts and food.

Ohope Marae—The National Marae of the Presbyterian Church

Te Maungarongo, at Ohope Marae, stands on the hill overlooking Ohope and was first established there in 1947. The marae was the first Church-owned marae in Aotearoa New Zealand. Its creation was the dream of Very Rev John (Hoani) Laughton. He saw the need to establish a place for the bicultural partnership implicit in the relationship of the then Maori Synod Te Hinota, now Te Aka Puaho, and the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, as a whole.

At the end of last year, Te Aka Puaho advised PCANZ of the need to undertake earthworks to retain a slope to the side of Te Maungarongo at the marae. There is some urgency here. Recent storms, flooding and land slips in the North Island have reaffirmed the need for this work to be carried out as soon as possible.

As Moderator, Hamish has launched an appeal for donations towards the cost of this work. The appeal has already raised \$20,000 of the estimated \$110,000 required, but there is still a long way to go. To find out more, and how to donate, go to www.presbyterian.org.nz/moderators-appeal-for-ohope-marae-march-2023-update.



You can also watch a video update here: vimeo.com/807353659

The image to the left shows the Parata at Te Maungarongo

At the apex of the maihi is the head of the ancestor. This carving is usually called the tekoteko, but in Te Maungarongo it is known as the parata. It is normally depicted in a grotesque form to imply challenge to those who approach the wharenuī. The parata of Te Maungarongo is almost unique in Maoridom. Instead of challenging with a taiaha, Te Maungarongo challenges with a cross, a detail added to the traditional carving after the wharenuī was completed. Thus it becomes a welcoming challenge, to turn 'swords into ploughshares', to take up the cross and follow Christ's example in life.

Matthew 5:1-12 – The Beatitudes

During our Sunday services recently we have been enjoying reflecting on Jesus' 'Sermon on the Mount', which begins with these famous and thought-provoking words, here translated in Maori and in English:

A, i tona kitenga i te whakaminenga, ka haere ia ki runga ki te maunga: a, no ka noho ia, ka haere ana akonga ki a ia:

² Na ka puaki tona mangai, a ka whakaako ia i a ratou, ka mea,

³ Ka koa te hunga he rawakore nei te wairua: no ratou hoki te rangatiratanga o te rangi.

⁴ Ka koa te hunga e tangi ana: ka whakamarietia hoki ratou.

⁵ Ka koa te hunga ngakau mahaki: ka riro hoki i a ratou te whenua.

⁶ Ka koa te hunga e hiakai ana, e hiainu ana, ki te tika: e makona hoki ratou.

⁷ Ka koa te hunga tohu tangata: e tohungia hoki ratou.

⁸ Ka koa te hunga ngakau ma: e kite hoki ratou i te Atua.

⁹ Ka koa te hunga hohou rongo: ka huaina hoki ratou he tamariki na te Atua.

¹⁰ Ka koa te hunga e whakatoia ana mo te tika: no ratou hoki te rangatiratanga o te rangi.

¹¹ Ka koa koutou ina tawai ratou i a koutou, ina whakatoī, ina puaki i a ratou nga kupu kino katoa mo koutou, he mea teka, he whakaaro hoki ki ahau.

¹² Kia hari, kia whakamanamana: he rahi hoki te utu mo koutou i te rangi: he penei hoki ta ratou whakatoī i nga poropiti i mua i a koutou.

Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around him, ²and he began to teach them:

³ "Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

⁴ "Happy are those who mourn; God will comfort them!

⁵ "Happy are those who are humble; they will receive what God has promised!

⁶ "Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires; God will satisfy them fully!

⁷ "Happy are those who are merciful to others; God will be merciful to them!

⁸ "Happy are the pure in heart; they will see God!

⁹ "Happy are those who work for peace; God will call them his children!

¹⁰ "Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

¹¹ "Happy are you when people insult you and persecute you and tell all kinds of evil lies against you because you are my followers.

¹² Be happy and glad, for a great reward is kept for you in heaven. This is how the prophets who lived before you were persecuted.

Quilts & Crafts Group

We have some really talented ladies attending the Quilts & Crafts Group, which is held every Tuesday, 9am to 12noon.

Pictured left is a wonderful quilt which was created by Jill Woodside and donated to Hospice Southland's Art & Quilt Auction, held in March.

And Carol Earle made this darling wee sewing box, including all the accessories (below), taking around 18 months to complete it.

Whilst the pictured items are truly amazing, don't let that put you off coming along! It is a friendly, welcoming group, with a wide range of talents and levels of skill, always willing to share tips and encouragement.



Lemon Layer Cake (1920)

Another delicious offering from our own Chef Robert!

Cake:

1 cup butter
1 cup milk
2 cups sugar
3 cups prepared flour
The whites of 6 eggs

Filling

grated rind & juice of 1 lemon
The yolks of 6 eggs
1 tablespoon butter
2 tablespoons water
1 cup white sugar



Stir the butter and sugar with the right hand to a light white cream, then stir it with a spoon; beat the whites to a stiff froth; add by degrees the sifted flour, the beaten whites and milk alternately to the above mixture; butter 4 good sized jelly tins and line them with buttered paper; then fill in a thin layer of the cake mixture, spread it smooth with a knife and bake in a medium hot oven to a light brown and well done.

In the meantime prepare a filling as follows: - Put in a small saucepan the grated rind and juice of 1 lemon, the yolks of 6 eggs, 1 tablespoon butter and 2 tablespoonfuls of water; set the saucepan in vessel of boiling water and stir till the contents thicken; remove from the fire when cold, add 1 cup white sugar.

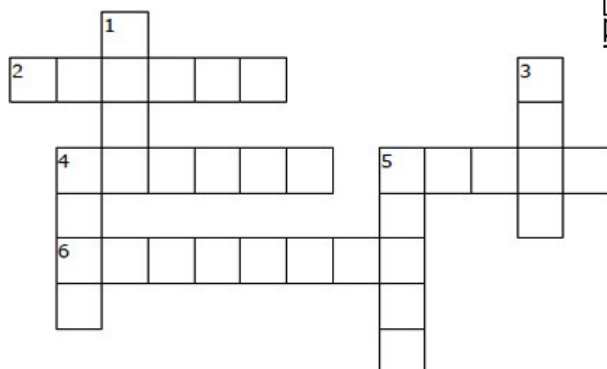
When the cake is done remove it from the oven, lay a clean cloth on a table; dust over some powdered sugar and turn the cake out of the pan onto the cloth; when cold put 1 layer on a jelly cake dish, bottom side up, and spread over 1/3 of the lemon mixture; put on another layer, upside down, and spread it with the mixture; then treat the third layer the same way; then put on the last layer, right side up, and cover the top with a lemon glaze or dust it with powdered sugar.

Note: If this cake is not wanted so large it may be divided into 2 cakes, taking 2 layers for each cake, or use half the quantities. Cream or jelly may be used instead of lemon filling.

The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



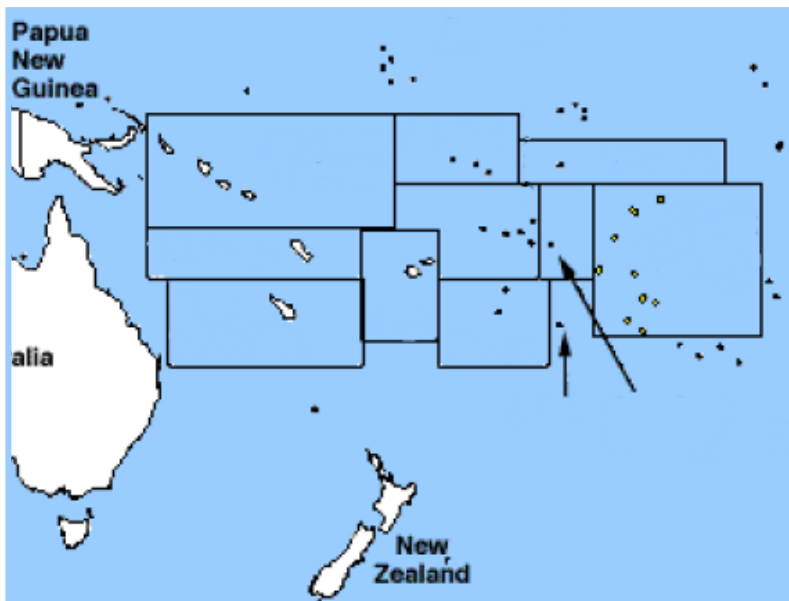
ACROSS

2. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
4. The place where God lives
5. Something that can be heard
6. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country

DOWN

1. A destructive burning
3. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
4. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
5. To say words, to use the voice

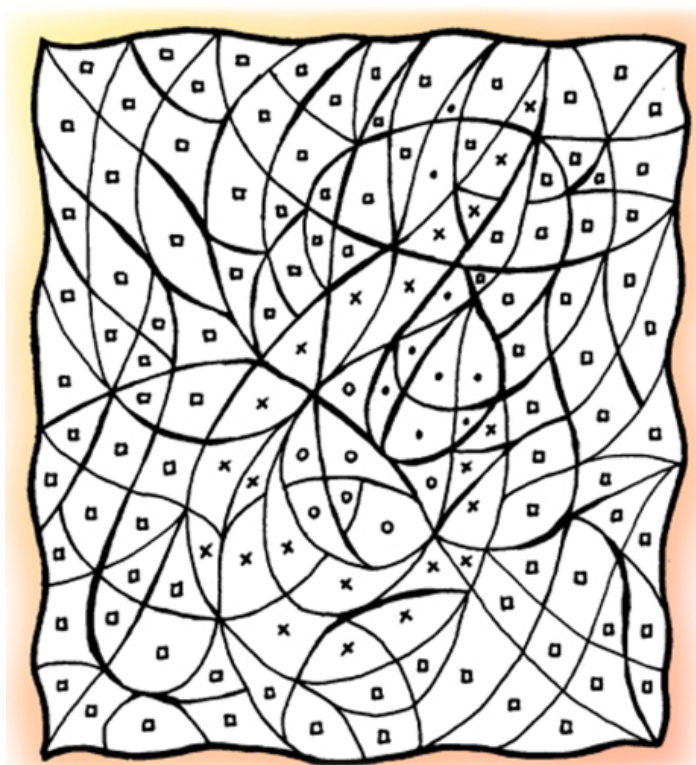
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Can you fill in on the map where these islands/island groups are?

To find the answer, go to reliefweb.int/map/american-samoa/south-pacific-islands

Solomon Islands	New Caledonia	Tokelau
Tuvalu	Fiji	Cook Islands
Western Samoa	Tonga	American Samoa
Vanuatu	Niue	



How did the Holy Spirit show himself on the first Pentecost?
Use this colour code to colour in the picture and find out!

- Red
- Yellow
- Orange
- × Blue



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