

St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

Founded 1840

ORDER OF SERVICE

18 December 2016



Fourth Sunday in Advent



“...sing a nativity summer can reach...”
A New Zealand carol service

WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE

Wherever you are on your faith's journey,
wherever you have come from and wherever you are going to,
whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe, you are welcome here.

Please join in the congregational responses printed in ***bold italics***.

Please stand if you are able, for the hymns and the offering prayer.

We will sing the hymns without announcement.

To use the loop system in the church, turn your hearing aids on to the appropriate setting.

Please note your nearest fire exit.

The church and hall have been earthquake strengthened. In an earthquake: drop, cover and hold.

GATHERING

Today we gather to sing in words ancient and modern

The parables of new life we have heard all our lives

Stories of courage and delight and purpose

Stories of fear and shadows and pain

Stories which echo our lives and our times

Stories of unconditional love and intentional grace

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Once in Royal David's City'

Words: © C F Alexander vss 1 & 2, Susan Jones vss 3 & 4.

Music: H J Gauntlett. Admin by Hope Publishing Company

Katrina Harper (Flutist)

Once in royal David's city, stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby, in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

He is still our lifelong pattern; day by day, like us, he grew;
he was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles, like us he knew;
and he cares when we are sad, and he shares when we are glad.

Here and now in Wellington city, he shares this, our life, with us
seeking shelter in our hearts; cycling, riding train and bus:
with our poor, and mean, and lowly, lives on earth this Jesus holy.

Open eyes will always see him, any moment of the day.
For that Child so dear and gentle, welcomes all, straight, bi, trans, gay:
leading rainbow people on, to a world where hate is gone.

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER and JESUS' PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

CAROL

HIOS 133 (ii) 'There is no child so small'

Words: © 2008 Shirley Erena Murray.

Music: © 2009 Colin Gibson.

There is no child so small, no scrap of life so precious
who is not born like Jesus, whose cry is like us all.

There is no child unfed, left hungry now at Christmas
but God will ask for justice, for shelter and for bread.

There is no child so lost, no refugee so nameless
that God will leave us blameless, who share no care or cost.

There is no child so cheap, in warfare or destruction
that love cannot take action when God is made to weep.

There is not one of us who could not be more giving,
and in the gift more loving, to light a star for peace.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

CWS Partner Story, South India- Social Action for New Development (SAND).

In South India, Malar and Bala attend the Student Parliament organised by SAND at their school. The Year 7 students know the environment is important. The Student Parliament planted a herbal garden in their school grounds. A villager donated compost, SAND helped them collect seeds and young plants - including neem, tulsi, aloe vera, pepper, mint, basil and kapooravalli. SAND works to end child labour, encouraging Dalit parents to send children to school rather than to work. With SAND's help families have more income and better health.

Lighting the Candle of Love

The first Advent candle represents our call to hope; the second, our call to peace, the third, our call to joy. Today the fourth represents our call to love. It is a symbol of God's love, revealed in a baby, love alive in us today.

Love is present everywhere; we are called to be a people of love.

May we love one another, may we show love to all the world.

CAROL

COC34 'Open, open the stable door'

Words & Music: © Colin Gibson

Refrain:

*Open, open, open, the stable door,
welcome, welcome, welcome, the baby's born, enter, enter, join in the
celebration, fear not, here is room for us all.*

There's a flock of sheep and a cow and a donkey, welcome, welcome.
Here's a puffing shepherd, three wise men wonky, welcome, welcome.

Refrain

What a crowd of folk come to see the baby, welcome, welcome.
One of them is drunk and another's crazy, welcome, welcome.

Refrain

Fallen off the back of a skip just lately? welcome, welcome.
Feeling rather bruised, yes, and shook up greatly, welcome, welcome.

Refrain

Can't afford a coat and the kids are crying, welcome, welcome.
Haven't found a friend yet, but I'm still trying, welcome, welcome.

Refrain

STORY

PASSING THE PEACE

Feel free to pass the peace with those nearby or move to greet others further away. Passing the peace consists of shaking hands and saying "Peace be with you." The response is "Peace be with you" or just "And with you." Or, simply saying 'Hello' is a good idea. Also feel free to simply observe if you wish!

CAROL

HIOS103 'No I've never seen an angel'

Words: © Rob Ferguson. Music: © Colin Gibson

No, I've never seen an angel with lovely golden wings,
harping on about a message from a lofty king of kings.
I've never talked to Gabriel or stepped upon a star,
or seen St Peter at the gates, not even from afar.

But I've held your hand and heard your voice,
and seen your signs of love
in the people all around me every day:
when the hungry ones are fed, when the sick are put to bed,
and the hopeless find there is another way

No, I've never walked on water, or stilled a raging wave;
my water never turns to wine, my porkers all behave.
my loaves and fishes feed just me, my words don't seem to heal;
the dumb don't speak at my command, the numb aren't helped to feel.

But I've sensed the real live miracles
in lives that have been changed
in the people all around me every day:

when despair is put to flight, and the darkness turns to light,
and the helpless find the strength to walk their way

Yes, I've heard the old, old stories, I've sung the ancient songs;
I've celebrated sacraments, I'm sure that I belong
in the line-up of disciples that began by Galilee,
rippled over ocean waters, and was handed on to me.

For the ancient stories come to life
if I've got eyes to see,
in the people all around me every day
when the seeds of peace are growing, the justice river's flowing
new life abounds along Christ's open way

DRAMA – Shepherds

Frances Porter and Rosemary Lawrence

ST ANDREWS SINGERS

'Donkey Carol'

Words: Edmund Bolten. Music: John Rutter

REFLECTION

'singing a nativity summer can reach'

Susan Jones

OFFERING HYMN

HIOS 6 'Always there's a carol'

Words: © Shirley Erena Murray

Music: Colin Gibson. © 2001 Hope Publishing Company

"Carol for a Dark Night" written for U.S.A. friends to offer a sense of hopeful cheer for Christmas 2001

Always there's a carol waiting for a voice,
always there's a candle waiting for a flame,
always there's an angel telling us "Rejoice!"

*So, sing the carol, light the candle, join the angel praise:
Christmas is the day of all days!*

Always when we seek it, shines the Christmas star,
always God is present could we only see,
always God enfolds us, holds us where we are,

So, sing the carol...

Always out of darkness, countering the strife,
always comes the Christ-child leading us to peace:
always there's a baby, crying for a life,

So, sing the carol...

OFFERING PRAYER

*We recognise and bless the gifts brought to the table, and those which wing
their way electronically from our banks to the church's account.*

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Ukraine and the Eastern Orthodox Church in Ukraine and throughout the world. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Jami-Lee Ross and Alastair Scott and the members of their electorates of Botany and Wairarapa. Here in Wellington, we pray for the leaders and people of St David's Multicultural Parish, Petone.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

DRAMATISED CAROL *(sung seated)* **COC49 'Who are these who ride by starlight?'**

Vss 1 and 3 Words: © 1996 Marnie Barrell. Music: © Jillian Bray.

Two men arrive.....

Andrew Matthews, Roger Jones

Who are these who ride by starlight from the corners of the earth,
leaving home, forsaking comfort, drawn to one mysterious birth?
These are wise men seeking wisdom, disciplined to watch and pray;
we will read the signs and follow, see where Christ is born today.

They are joined by a third....

Cam Smart

Who is this, a homeless exile, destined from his earliest hour
for rejection, conflict, danger, marked for death by worldly power?
Jesus, born to show God's glory shining through despair and loss,
we will know you when we meet you by the shadow of your cross.

ST ANDREW'S SINGERS

'This little babe'

From A Ceremony of Carols

Words: Robert Southwell (1561?-1595). Music: Benjamin Britten

ADVENT CALENDAR

by Joy Cowley

CAROL

FFS 12 (i) 'Dream a dream'

Words: © 1996 Shirley Erena Murray.

Music: © 1996 Nigel Eastgate (1930-2001).

Dream a dream, a hopeful dream, as children do on Christmas Eve,
imaginings, surprising things to hold and to believe.

Dream a time, this Christmas time, when no one's hungry or afraid;
that weapons go and harvests grow, that friends are met and made.

Dream a peace, our planet's peace, the greening of the earth at play,
the holy ground where life is found, where God has touched the clay.

Dream a gift, the Christmas gift that changes everything we see:
the shimmering of angel wing, the Child, the Mystery.

AFFIRMATION

*Any time of year is good for welcoming new life,
whether in golden glow of autumn leaves, or fresh white snow of
winter, or the freshness of spring green.
Summer is a time of fullness and light
abundance of light, sun and sparkle of sea and reflection from sand.
So may we allow our hearts to be full and light,
affirming welcome and openness
showering hospitality over all who come near us.
Let us allow our hearts to be gently warmed by this summer sun
affirming acceptance and embrace by this baby son
affirming life which always is,
in which we can always be.*

CAROL

COC52 'You are born in us again'

Words & Music: © Mark Wilson.
arr. Shona Murray, descant Colin Gibson.

You are born in us again.
Like the warmth of the summer wind you come,
to melt away the icicles of vanity and pride;
you come to blow the very doors of loving open wide.
Like the warmth of the summer wind you come, (repeat)

You are born in us again.
Like the scent of the summer rain you come.
You come to quench the thirsty and to freshen up the land;
you come to clean away the dust that's settled in our hand.
Like the scent of summer rain you come, (repeat)

You are born in us again.
Like the light of the summer sun you come,
to give light to the places that have never seen the Son:
you come now to embrace us, you're the holy, holy one.
Like the light of the summer sun you come, (repeat)

BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANKS

**Peter Franklin, Vivien Chiu, The St Andrew's Singers
and Katrina Harper our musicians today**

Unless otherwise specified all our music is used by permission CCLI Licence 3341550

There is a 2-hour parking limit on the street in the Wellington CBD on Sundays.

If you are staying for an after-church activity, you can move your car into the car park, or move to a new space on the street.

We welcome all visitors and invite you to stay for morning tea or coffee.

Please sign the visitors' book at the back of the church.

We hope you enjoyed worshipping with us. At St Andrew's we want you to feel at home—to join in with the activities of our community of faith, or to come and find your own spiritual place in your own time. If you would like more information about St Andrew's or to explore becoming a member or associate member, please fill in one of the welcome leaflets (at the back of the church) and hand it to a minister or a welcoming team member.

AUDIO REFLECTIONS



Sunday reflections are usually available on our website.

<http://www.standrews.org.nz/sunday-gathering/orders-of-service>

GENEROUS GIVING

St Andrew's depends on the generous giving of members and friends. If you would like to make a donation or support our work through planned giving, please contact our Parish Office or Treasurer. Bank account for donations is: St Andrews on The Terrace, BNZ Lambton Qy, 02-0534-0004022-02

SUNDAY ROSTERS

A folder with an outline of each duty is now kept on the back table. If you are unable to do your rostered duty please arrange a swap/substitute and inform the office. Thank you.

Thanks to this week's volunteers

Welcoming	Norman & Linda Wilkins
Sound	Paul Satherley
Offering	Paul Satherley, James Cone,
Coffee/tea	Jim & Maxine Cunningham, Peter Bacos
Time with the Children	Frank Cook
Actors	Andrew Matthews, Roger Jones, Cam Smart, Frances Porter and Rosemary Lawrence
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	No Rainbow Room, activities at the back of Church

On duty Christmas Eve 7.30pm Service

Welcoming	Valerie Rhodes, Jeni Bryant, Lynette & Brian Burrell
Communion	Andrew Matthews, Kath Kerr, Bronwyn White, Paul Barber, Colma Froggatt
Sound	Jennifer Bush-Daumec
Clear up	Sonia Groes-Petrie, Brian & Lynette Burrell, Colma Froggatt
Retiring Offering	Sonia Groes-Petrie, 1 Volunteer Required
Refreshments & Cake	4 Volunteers Required
Readings	Anna Smith
Prayers of the People	Paul Barber
Musicians	Peter Franklin, Katrina Harper

On duty Christmas Day 10am Service	
Welcoming	Margaret Pannett, 2 Volunteers Required
Sound	Volunteer Required
Offering	Kath Kerr, Jon Schrader
Readings	Vhari McWha
Prayers of the People	Bronwyn White
Musician	Peter Franklin

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 18 December 10am New Zealand Carol Service led by Susan Jones.

Followed by social justice meeting

Wednesday 21 December Final Cuppa and a Chat for 2016 from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 21 December 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert | Final Lunchtime concert for 2016 led by Paul Rosoman. Audience participation welcomed.

Thursday 22 December 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre.

Saturday 24 December 7.30pm Christmas Eve Service beginning with Refreshments and cake followed by Carols and Communion by candlelight.

Sunday 25 December 10am Christmas Day celebration service led by Susan Jones.

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHRISTMAS AND JANUARY SERVICES

Sunday 18 December, 10am – A New Zealand Carol Service

Saturday 24 December, 7.30pm for refreshments followed by Christmas Eve

Candlelight Gathering and Communion beginning at 8pm

Sunday 25 December, 10am – A New Zealand Christmas.

Sunday 1 January, 10am Gathering on New Year's Day led by Trish McBride and team.

Sunday 8 January, 10am Gathering led by Rev. Norman Wilkins

Sunday 15 January, 10am Gathering led by Rev. Dr Jim Cunningham

Sunday 22 January, 10am Gathering led by Rev. Ross Scott

Sunday 29 January, 10am Gathering led by Rev. Dr Susan Jones

There will be activities for children at the back of the church for each Gathering.

CUPPA AND CHAT

The final Cuppa & Chat for the year will be **Wednesday 21st December**, then we will resume again on **Wednesday 4th January** for 2017.

OFFICE HOURS DECEMBER – JANUARY

The St Andrew's Centre office will close for the year on **Friday 23rd December** and re-open for business on **Monday 9th January**. If you need to contact a Minister for Pastoral Care matters up until December 25th, please call 027 321 4870. From December 26th to Jan 24th, please phone either Jim Cunningham (Dec 26th to 30th and from Jan 13th) or Norman Wilkins (Dec 30th to Jan 13th). If there are any building concerns please contact the Custodian Peter Cowley Ph 022 6102 910. Your office team would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and if you are travelling please take care. We look forward to seeing you again in 2017.

MODERATOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE - Giving presents, being present (excerpt)

Greetings... I cannot help but think now of all the people in North Canterbury and around Kaikoura who are isolated... I know that Christmas this year will be very difficult for them. Giving towards their great need will make some difference, but for those facing the loss of their livelihood, way of life, income, homes and, for some, their loved ones – presents simply won't help.

What will make a difference, however, is the sense that they are being heard in all of their grief and loss – that someone is on the journey with them and that they are not alone. I spent three days in North Canterbury recently listening to, and trying to understand, people as they coped with the enormity of the losses. I could do very little materially or practically to relieve their situation, but the relief I felt from those who were able to share their situation was palpable.

From farmers who looked likely to lose their farms to business owners struggling to access government help – all I could do was be there and listen, and yet that seemed to be OK. To provide a listening ear, to struggle to understand their pain – even if I could do little to alleviate it – that counted.

In many ways the same can be said for presents. Where a present conveys the notion that someone is willing to be a companion in life, a listener, a supporter – then the present will always be welcome because what really counts in life, is love. The question in all our hearts is – “Does someone love me... am I worthy of being loved?” When a present can be used to say “yes” to this question – it's worth making the effort to give. Mother Theresa once said, “Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty”.

I believe our greatest gift is to address this loneliness in any way we can. So this year as you consider your gift giving, think about how the simple act of offering a listening ear, sharing a thoughtfully considered gift, or simply being there can make someone feel wanted, loved and cherished. Gifts don't need to be expensive, nor do they need to be tangible to bring joy to the gift giver, the recipient and God. Be a cheerful giver this Christmas, and share what you are able, to make a difference in the lives of others. “Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.” (1 John 47). God Bless you and yours this Christmas,
Richard Dawson, **Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand**

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

Fionnaigh McKenzie is aiming to swim (at least) 3.3km, and raise \$3.3k for relief aid for Syria. She will be doing the swim on **29th January**, as part of the Capital Classic event, and if she meets her fundraising target, she has pledged to get back in the water for another half a kilometre. You can sponsor her by going to

<https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/swim4syria> or giving her a cash donation on Sunday. Funds raised will go to ReliefAid works to save lives and alleviate the suffering of people affected by armed conflict and natural disasters through independent and impartial humanitarian action. Their current appeal ‘Communities Under Fire’ focuses on the distribution of food and shelter items to families brutally affected by the civil war inside Syria. You can find out more here: <http://www.reliefaid.org.nz/>

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

CAROL SINGING IN THE WARDS

Each year the Wellington Hospital Chaplains organise people to come together to sing Carols in the wards of Wellington Regional Hospital. You are most welcome to join them. Christmas Eve, 7pm, gather in the Atrium at 6.45pm. There will be about an hour of singing followed by a light supper.

RESOURCES ON PEACE – HOLIDAY READING

The following resources are now available on the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship (APF) NZ web site: **Dorothy Brown Memorial Lecture, 18 November 2016:** 'Just War Theory but 'just' for whom?' Dr Jenny Te Paa, is available at

<http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/apf/resource.htm> -

Presentations at the Just war? Study Day, 19 November 2016 - the presentations listed below are available at <http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/apf/resource.htm>

- Re-examining the Just War Theory, Father Claude Mostowik, - The Politics of Compassion in a World of Ruthless Power, Professor Kevin Clements, Director, National Centre of Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Otago

- Answering the Objections to Pacifism, Professor Richard Jackson, National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Otago

- Ends, Means, and the Meaning of War Without End, Dr Derek Woodard-Lehman, Lecturer in Theology and Public Issues, University of Otago

- The Terrifying Consequences of High-Tech War, Keith Locke, former Green Party MP

- What can St Francis teach us today? Chris Barfoot and Professor Margaret Bedggood, Anglican Franciscan Third Order

Please support our work at Peace Movement Aotearoa for peace, find out more at www.converge.org.nz/pma/donate.htm - thank you.

CHANGEMAKERS NEW ADDRESS

A few weeks ago ChangeMakers announced their decision to move to new premises.

This is to advise that they will officially be operating from the new premises as of the

15th of December 2016. The new office will be located on Level 1, Southmark House, 203-209 Willis Street.

PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

The Social Services Committee is calling for public submissions on the Children, Young Persons, and Their Families (Oranga Tamariki) Legislation Bill.

Send your submission on the bill **by midnight on 15 February 2017.**

Read a copy of the bill here.

[http://www.legislation.govt.nz/bill/government/2016/0224/latest/DLM7064516.html?search=ts act%40bill%40regulation%40deemedreg oranga+tamariki resel 25 a&p=1](http://www.legislation.govt.nz/bill/government/2016/0224/latest/DLM7064516.html?search=ts+act%40bill%40regulation%40deemedreg+oranga+tamariki+resel+25+a&p=1)

MISSION STATEMENT OF ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE

To create a lively, open Christian faith community,
to act for a just and peaceful world, and to be catalysts for discovery,
compassion and celebration in the capital.

MINISTRY AT ST ANDREW'S – THE TEAM

Minister	Susan Jones
Parish Council Convenor	Sandra Kirby
Parish Council Clerk	Maxine Cunningham
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Facilities Management Group	Douglas Wood
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