

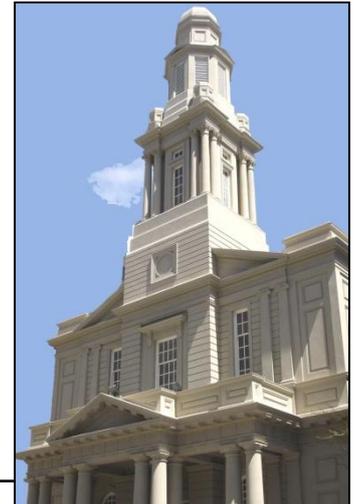
St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

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ORDER OF SERVICE

25 December 2016



Christmas Day



'Opening the Door'

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

A door opened that first Christmas Day

A door to a new world, a new way

It beckons us into a commonwealth of God where the room is for all

A seat at the table for everyone

Will we step over the threshold into the reality of new life

Or will the invitation remain an illusion and we do not accept?

Which will it be?

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

WOV 228 'O come all ye faithful'

Words: C Frederick Oakeley, John Francis Wade

Music: Adeste Fideles. John Francis Wade

O come all ye faithful

joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.

Come and behold him,

born above the angels;

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

O sing, choirs of angels,

sing in exultation,

sing all who celebrate God's holy word.

To the Creator, glory in the highest;

O come, let us adore Him,

This bright day, we greet you,

born this happy morning,

Jesus! for evermore your name be adored.

Word spoken truly, now with us appearing;

O come, let us adore Him,

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou. *Kia ora.*

PRAYER AND JESUS PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

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

CAROL

'Away in a Manger'

Words adapted by © George Stuart and Susan Jones:
Music © William James Kirkpatrick. WOV 242 Cradle Song

Away in a manger, no pillow or bed,
the baby boy Jesus is born in a shed;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the baby boy Jesus asleep on the hay.

While cattle are standing, the baby's asleep
sought after by shepherds who leave all their sheep;
and wise men bring treasures; they've come from afar
to give gifts to Jesus; they followed a star.

Yes, Jesus is near me, I know he will stay
close by me for ever and love me each day;
all children are blessed by him, we will all share
a wonderful friendship in his tender care.

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!

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Vhari McWha

Gospel

John 1: 1-14

I have seen many doors.
Some are homely
they open eagerly
with a warm invitation to “Enter, do!”
Others, glass with advertising etched upon them,
slide open noiselessly
inviting me into the mall to spend my money,
As much as possible, please.
There’s the door to work where I enter
some mornings, gladly , or not so.
Other doors, ecclesiastical grey,
have been firmly padlocked for years.

This door lies ajar,
a glimpse beyond of simplicity and rustic charm
over laden with mystery and awe,
mother’s milk and animal aroma.
It is not a world I know well,
twenty first century urbanite that I am these days.

If I enter this world will I know what to do?
Will I be welcome?
Do I have the key which unlocks this world,
and interprets its symbols and its mystery
so I know what I need to know?
The door is ajar,
One simple movement from me and it will swing wide
wide enough for everyone to enter.

Crossing the threshold seems a very small step
yet one as wide as a universe
and as deep as an ocean.

Will I take that step
Or always be left wondering what might have been?

RESPONSE

For the word of God in scripture,
for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us,
we give thanks

CAROL OF THE REFUGEE CHILDREN

'Away and in danger'

Words: © 2016 Shirley Erena Murray

Music: © William James Kirkpatrick. WOV 242 Cradle Song

Away and in danger,
no hope of a bed,
the refugee children,
no tears left to shed
 look up at the night sky
 for someone to know
 that refugee children
 have no place to go.

The babies are crying,
their hunger awakes,
the boat is too loaded,
it shudders and breaks;
 humanity's wreckage
 is thrown out to die,
 the refugee children
 will never know why.

Come close, little children,
we hold out our hand
in rescue and welcome
to shores of our land -
 in aroha, touching
 your fear and your pain,
 with dreams for your future
 when peace comes again.

OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

These gifts of food and money are given with gratitude that we have received much ourselves. May they make a difference through the partner agencies with whom Christian World Services works. May hope, peace, joy and love be conveyed through this money to those in need worldwide. Amen

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.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

'Hark! Hear angel song.'

Words: Charles Wesley (adapted)

Tune: CH 4 301 Mendelssohn (Bethlehem)

Hark! hear angel song surround
Wellington harbour, Marlborough Sounds.
Sparkling bright on every side
joy arrives on morning tides!
See the hills gleam green with light
see the sky, deep blue, clouds white
sonshine, even when it rains,
lights our souls as each grace gains.

*All creation strains to sing
Glory to this different king*

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace
hail the Sun of Righteousness
light and life to all he brings
health and healing in those wings
justice, love, and mercy come
change our world and bring us home
to each other; reconcile
God and creatures, adult, child.

*All creation strains to sing
Glory to this different king*

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

Peter Franklin

Our musician today

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the source.

*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.*

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 25 December 10am Christmas Day Gathering led by Susan Jones

Sunday 1 January 10am Sunday Gathering led Trish McBride and team

Wednesday 4 January Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

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 all our volunteers today

Welcoming	Margaret Pannett, Vhari McWha, Valerie Rhodes
Sound	Bronwyn White
Offering	Kath Kerr, Jon Schrader
Readings	Vhari McWha
Prayers of the People	Bronwyn White
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	In recess for holidays, toys at the back of the church.

On duty Sunday 1 January, 2017

Welcoming	Frank & Nola Hanson
Sound	Jennifer Bush-Daumec
Offering	Jon Schrader, Graham Howell
Coffee/tea	Frank & Sue Cook, Mike Wespel-Rose
Readings	Patricia Booth
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Musician	Vivien Chiu
Rainbow Room Helper	In recess for holidays, toys at the back of the church.

HOLIDAY DATES:

- **Office** closed Friday 23rd Dec 2016, reopens Monday 9th Jan 2017
- **Cuppa and Chat** resumes Wed 4th Jan 2017.
- **Centering Prayer** resumes Thurs 12th Jan 2017
- **E-news:** Last for 2016, Thurs 22nd Dec 2016, resumes Fri 20th Jan 2017
- **Christmas Day** Sun 25th Dec 2016 Service 10-10.45am led by Susan
- **Gatherings in 2017:** (all at 10am)
 Jan 1st led by Trish McBride and team,
 Jan 8th led by Norman Wilkins (*including a farewell to our Centre Manager David Medland*)
 Jan 15th led by Jim Cunningham,
 Jan 22nd led by Ross Scott,
 Jan 29th led by Susan Jones.
- **Susan's annual leave** Mon 26th Dec 2016 to Mon 16th Jan 2017 (inclusive).

For any urgent pastoral needs, please contact in the first instance

Lynne Dovey, parish council Convenor Mobile: 029-2798120.

Available for urgent pastoral care while Susan is on leave are:

Rev Dr Jim Cunningham Dec 26th -29th (inclusive) Mobile: 027-6801159

Rev Norman Wilkins Dec 30th – Jan 13th (inclusive) Mobile: 022-0667626

Rev Dr Jim Cunningham Jan 14th – Jan 16th (inclusive) Mobile: 027-6801159

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	Lynne Dovey
Parish Council Clerk	Maxine Cunningham
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Facilities Management Group	Douglas Wood
Pastoral Convenors	Lois Robertson, Brian Burrell, Linda Wilkins
Church Music Coordinator	Vivien Chiu
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Heather Macfarlane
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Chris Carey-Smith
Church, Conference and Arts Manager	David Medland
Office Administrator	Karyn Bishop
Custodian, SATRS Administrator	Peter Cowley
Facilities Assistant	Rebecca Nodwell
Roster Coordinator	Rosemary Lawrence

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