

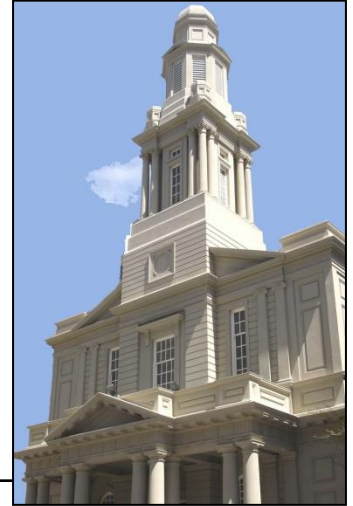
St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

Founded 1840

ORDER OF SERVICE

1 January 2017



**1st Sunday following Christmas
New Year's Day**



Of what use is Christmas if he be not born in me?

Meister Eckhart (c. 1260 – c. 1328)

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

Here we are together again, looking in both directions:

We look back to the year now gone and our Christmas.

How can we let that story shape our lives?

We look forward to the year that has just begun,

With hope, joyful anticipation and realistic concerns.

What stories will emerge that we become part of?

As we hold past and future together in our awareness,

Let us celebrate all of life in the Presence we name God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

COC 52 'You are born in us again'

Words: © Shona Murray. Music: Mark Wilson

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,
like the warmth of the summer wind you come.

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 dust that's settled in our hand.

Like the scent of summer rain you come,
like the scent of the summer rain you come.

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,
like the light of the summer sun you come.

WELCOME

E te whanau a Te Karaiti nga mihi aroha ki a tatou katoa. ***Kia ora.***

PRAYER

Sections 1-3, Meister Eckhart

(Translation Matthew Fox)

The seed of God is in us.

Now the seed of a pear tree grows into a pear tree,

And a hazel seed grows into a hazel tree,

A seed of God grows into God.

Of what use is Christmas if he be not born in me?

This is the fullness of time –

When the Divine Child is begotten in you.

This eternal birth... takes place in the being

and in the ground and core of the soul

What might that mean?

What does singing 'You are born in us again' mean for me?

Like Mary, we wonder 'How can this be?'

Like Joseph, we are full of doubts

I'm just a normal inadequate human being

How could this possibly be real?

What will it mean for me in this New Year?

How might I continue the Christmas story in my day-to day life?

JESUS PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Pat Booth

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

There is no Rainbow Room today, so we send you off to enjoy playing with the things at the back of the church.

God bless you. Amen.

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

Pat Booth

Gospel

Matthew 1:18-21, 23-25, Matthew 2:13-14, 19-21

Not quite contemporary reading from the writings of Meister Eckhard

(Trans Matthew Fox)

I dreamt that I, even though a man, was pregnant,
pregnant and full with Nothingness
like a woman who is with child.
And that out of this Nothingness, God was born. *(Pause)*

God's being is my being
And God's primordial being is my primordial being
Wherever I am, there is God. *(Pause)*

In this birth you will discover all blessing.
But neglect this birth and you neglect all blessing.
Tend only to this birth within you
And you will find there all goodness and consolation,
All delight, all being and all truth. *(Pause)*

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

REFLECTION

'Herods Now'
'The Child Now'

Sonia Groes-Petrie
Trish McBride

MEDITATION

HYMN

WOV669 'I am the Light of the World'

Words: Howard Thurman. Music: © Jim Strathdee

*Refrain: I am the light of the world.
You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.*

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the shepherds have found their way home,
the work of Christmas is begun: *Refrain*

to find the lonely and the lost,
to heal their broken souls with love,
to feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,
to feel the earth below, the sky above; *Refrain*

to free the prisoners from their chains,
to make the powerful care,
to re-build the nations with strength of good will,
to be at one with people everywhere; *Refrain*

to bring hope to every task you do,
to dance at a baby's new birth,
to make music in an old person's heart,
and sing to the colours of the earth. *Refrain*

OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

We open our hearts to others to offer gifts of food and money. May each person who receives from us find an easier year ahead of them. We open our hearts to offer a space for Love, Giving and Justice-seeking to grow in us in the year to come.

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.

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY OF ST ANDREW'S

*People share notices and visitors are welcomed. If you have a notice not already in the order of service, please move to the front row, ready to speak **briefly** from the lectern.*

For the benefit of newcomers, please introduce yourself before you begin.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sue McRae

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of United Arab Emirates and all those working to protect and promote the rights of migrant workers in the United Arab Emirates and Oman. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Denise Roche and Eugenie Sage list MPs. Here in Wellington, we pray for the leaders and people of Kapiti Uniting Parish.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

COC40(ii) 'Star-Child, Earth-Child'

Music: © Colin Gibson and Carlton R Young. Words: © Shirley Murray

1. Star Child, earth-child
go-between of God,
love Child, Christ Child,
heaven's lightning rod,

*Refrain: This year, this year,
let the day arrive,
when Christmas comes for everyone,
everyone alive!*

2. Street child, beat child
no place left to go,
hurt child, used child,
no one wants to know, *Refrain:*

4. Spared child, spoiled child,
having, wanting more,
wise child, faith child,
knowing joy in store, *Refrain:*

3. Grown child, old child,
mem'ry full of years,
sad child, lost child,
story told in tears, *Refrain:*

5. Hope-for-peace Child,
God's stupendous sign,
down-to-earth Child,
star of stars that shine, *Refrain:*

BLESSING

May our hearts be opened by God's love, and our dreams for the year ahead sustain us.

We go out into the world this day sharing the seed of God's hope and love that is within each of us.

CHEERFUL AMEN

THANK YOU

Vivien Chiu

Our musician today

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

On duty Sunday 8 January

Welcoming	David & Pauline Patchett
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Offering	Margaret Pannett, Sonia Groes-Petrie
Coffee/tea	Janet Horncy, Kath Kerr, Richard Keller
Time with the Children	Dawn Cowdry
Readings	Frances Porter
Prayers of the People	Linda Wilkins
Musician	Bruce Cash
Rainbow Room Helper	In recess for holidays, toys at the back of the church.

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

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

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

Sunday 8 January 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Norman Wilkins (including a farewell to our Centre Manager David Medland)

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
- **Gatherings in 2017:** (all at 10am)
 - Jan 1st led by Trish McBride and team,
 - Jan 8th led by Norman Wilkins, *(including 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 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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