

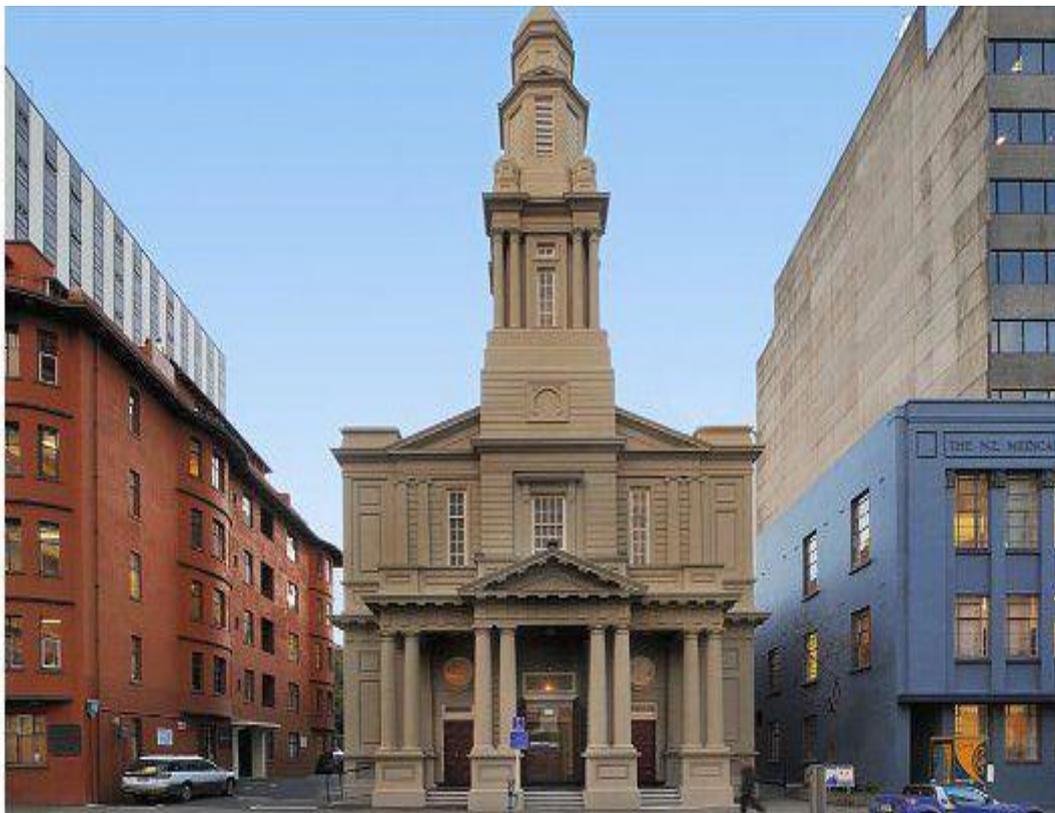
St Andrew's
on The Terrace



Hato Anaru o Te Parehua
Founded 1840

BELONGING AT ST ANDREW'S

PART I: CONNECTING AND BELONGING AT ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE



Kia Ora and Hello!

St Andrew's is a place where everyone is welcome, whatever way you choose to connect.

St Andrew's is a Presbyterian church. The Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand (PCANZ) recognises a person may belong to the wider Church in one of two ways; as a member or an associate member of a congregation. Both membership and associate membership confer privileges and responsibilities and join you to the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand.

In addition St Andrew's has a third type of belonging - simply being part of St Andrew's whanau. This connects you into this community but does not make you a member of the Presbyterian denomination.

We also keep a list of people who have moved away or don't come so often but may not have joined any other church - we call them 'St Andrew's Alumni' - you could call that a fourth way of belonging.

After reading the descriptions below you're invited to contact a Parish Councillor or the Minister and make arrangements to discuss how your connection to us could be formalised.

1 St Andrew's *Whanau*

People become *whanau* at St Andrew's as they

- a) let contact details be known so they can receive notifications of events etc., and be contacted by the minister or other pastoral supporters.
- b) join regularly in the worship, life and mission of the congregation in ways that suit their own gifts and the needs of the community.
- d) as far as they are able, contribute financially to supporting the life, worship, and mission of the congregation.
- e) accept the governance of the St Andrew's Parish Council.

Whanau are welcome at congregational conversations and meetings, where they can speak, move and second motions, but not vote. They are not eligible for nomination to Parish Council. People on this list aren't counted in the calculation of our annual levy to the Presbyterian Church

though we hope they may also support the mission and ministry of the parish through offerings and/or donations.



2 Associate Members of St Andrew's and the Presbyterian denomination.

People may apply to be recognised as Associate Members when they do what *whanau* do and either:

- a) fulfil the criteria for membership (see below) but do not wish to become a member, or
- b) express an intention to associate themselves with the congregation, are active in the worship, life, and mission of the congregation, contribute financially to it and seek to lead a life consistent with the Christian faith.

Associate members also

- c) accept the governance of the St Andrew's Parish Council, and
- d) accept the governance of the PCANZ

3 Members of St Andrew's and the Presbyterian denomination.

People become members by applying to the Parish Council and:

- a) professing their faith by being baptised and/or making a public profession of faith
- b) seeking to live a Christian life
- c) joining regularly in the worship, life and mission of the congregation
- d) as far as they are able, contributing to supporting the life, worship, and mission of the congregation
- e) accepting the governance of the St Andrew's Parish Council, and
- f) accepting the governance of the PCANZ.

Members and associate members have the right to attend, participate in, and vote at any meeting of the congregation on any matter brought before that meeting. Both are eligible to stand for election to Parish Council.¹

Members on Council are ordained as elders and known as elders and Parish Councillors while their term lasts. They remain elders when they finish their term on Council. Associate members on Council are known as Parish Councillors for the length of their term.

Each year PCANZ asks for the numbers of Members and Associate Members on our roll, and our levy is calculated based partly on those numbers and partly on our income.

Is there more to know about being a member or associate member?

During the year two Newcomers' evenings will be held so people can find out more about connecting and belonging at St Andrew's. This will include 'official' information as well as practical details about the life of St Andrew's congregation. All people who have recently handed in their contact details will be invited to a Newcomers' evening.

St Andrew's Alumni

St Andrew's maintains a list of people who wish to stay in touch with what's happening. This may include people who have been members or people who have moved away but who wish to have a less formal commitment. People on this list are not counted in the calculation of our annual levy to the Presbyterian Church though we hope they may also support the mission and ministry of the parish through offerings and/or donations.

Your choice

Remember everyone is welcome at St Andrew's on The Terrace. You can decide in which way you wish to connect. Each week on our order of service we have this saying:

***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***

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¹ The PCANZ General Assembly 2014 decided that a Parish Council can have up to 40% of its members drawn from the associate membership of the church