

ORDER OF SERVICE

30 July 2017

Pentecost 8



'God on stage and screen'

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 usually sing the hymns without announcement.

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

Printed copies of the reflection are available at the back of the church for people with extreme hearing loss. For others they can be picked up at the end of the Gathering.

Please note your nearest fire exit.

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

GATHERING

As the lights dim, the music starts, the images move on to the screen

What God will we find here on the screens of our lives?

As each day begins and the curtains part on a waiting space

What character do we assign to God in the days of our lives?

Today we reflect on God and movies and us the audience

To see how God and we act out the drama of life together

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA 113 'Our life has its seasons'

Words: © Shirley Murray. Music: © Colin Gibson

Our life has its seasons, and God has the reasons
why spring follows winter, and new leaves grow,
for there's a connection with our resurrection
that flowers will bud after frost and snow.

*So there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.*

There's a time to be planting, a time to be plucking,
a time to be laughing, a time to weep,
a time to be building, a time to be breaking,
a time to be waking, a time to sleep.

So there's never...

There's a time to be hurting, a time to be healing,
a time to be saving, a time to spend,
a time to be grieving, a time to be dancing,
a time for beginning, a time to end.

So there's never...

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

JESUS PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Susan Jones

BLESSING THE CHILDREN *(All stand)*

We send you to the Rainbow Room programme to hear stories, ask questions and have fun together. ***We 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

Rosemary Lawrence

Hebrew Bible

Psalm 105

Gospel

Matthew 13: 44-46

Contemporary reading

'Bumping into God'

By Dave Tomlinson in *How to be a bad Christian and a better human being*

Anyone who has seen the classic 1999 film *American beauty* will recall the plastic bag scene. It's where the teenager Ricky asks his friend Jane if she would like to see the most beautiful thing he has ever filmed. Ricky is something of a troubled mystic who sees beauty in the minutiae of everyday life, and videos as much as he can for fear of missing it.

So they sit in front of Ricky's television to watch his cherished film: a haunting sequence of a plastic bag dancing in the wind in front of a graffitied wall. With tears in his eyes, Ricky explains, 'It was one of those days when it's a minute away from snowing and there's this electricity in the air, you can almost hear it. And this bag was like, dancing with me. Like a little kid begging me to play with it. For fifteen minutes. And that's the day I knew there was this entire life behind things, and... this incredibly benevolent force, that wanted me to know there was no reason

to be afraid... ever. Video's a poor excuse, I know. But it helps me remember ... and I need to remember ... Sometimes there's so much beauty in the world I feel like I can't take it, like my heart's going to cave in.



RESPONSE

For the Word in scripture, for the Word among us,
for the Word within us, ***we give thanks***

REFLECTION

'God on screen'

Susan Jones

AFFIRMATION

Shakespeare wrote "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players. They have their exits and their entrances; and one man in his time plays many parts."

***I believe in God, Creator of that stage
the unsurpassable playwright,
creating comedy, drama, romance, tragedy;
whose script is open to interpretation
speaking to each individual, honouring those who are a part of it.***

***I believe in Christ, the lighting designer
encompassing me with light,
bringing warmth, love, serenity and faith;
who illuminates my way,
never leaving me in utter darkness,
always showing the beauty of the scenery.***



***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the stage manager,
ready with props and special effects
prompting me if I ever falter;***

*ensuring I am never alone, but also never complacent,
always teaching me the lessons the playwright is offering.*

*I believe in the Church, the green room,
to which the Spirit draws me,
revitalizing me for my next step forward;
a place I can relax with like-minded people,
awhi mai, awhi atau 'I support you, we support each other.'*

*God, Christ, Holy Spirit, Church,
integral aspects of the theatre of faith
necessary for its existence,
for the stage to ever evolve, for the faith to live on.*

Meegan Cloughley, Opoho 2007 (twenty-something, lighting manager)

HYMN

HIOS 27 'Every hair upon your head'

Words and Music © 1998 Colin Gibson. Hope Publishing Company

Ev'ry hair upon your head has been counted, Jesus said,
though it's black or white or red or in between.
Ev'ry curl upon your mount has been counted in the count,
though it's beige or blond, or blue or even green.

Refrain:

*We're the family of God, who finds nothing strange or odd,
who delights in individuality:
be we bald or richly blessed, be we shaggy, shaved or tressed,
we're the family of God, yes, you and me.*

Ev'ry tuft upon your top is selected from the crop,
though it's knotted in a knot or left to flow;
whether Cherokee or shorn, maybe lonely or forlorn,
though it's only just been born, it's in the know. *Refrain*

Though it's old and turning grey, maybe like a field of hay,
though your friends and neighbours say it will not do;
though it's frizzy, though it's lank, though it stands up like a bank,
it is loved and counted precious 'cos it's you. *Refrain*

Ev'ry follicle is named, not a split-end will be blamed,
not one hair need be ashamed to show its head;
and the colour will be right in a loving parent's sight,
though it's dull or dark or bright, so Jesus said. *Refrain*

OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

Our lives may not be a movie script, funded by billionaires or film studios, but we are given gifts of many kinds. Today we give back money for the work of this community and food for those who need it more than we. Our prayer is that both will achieve the purpose for which they have been given. So may it be 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, 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

Bronwyn White

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Brunei and we pray for strength and wisdom for Christian leaders in Brunei dealing with growing religious restrictions. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Christopher Finlayson and Paul Foster-Bell list MPs. Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of St James' Union Church and St Luke's Union Church, Masterton.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

FFS 57 'Song of faith that sings forever'

Words: © Shirley Erena Murray. Music © Colin Gibson

Song of faith that sings forever
through God's people, ages long,
Word that holds the world together
when our hearts take up the song,
always, always, somewhere sounding,
though the source we do not see,
counterpoint to all despairing,
it is hope that sets the key.

Song of faith in exaltation,
rising through the vaults of prayer,
tune of simple celebration
offered up in open air,
song in chapel and cathedral,
descant to our daily tone,

song from sickbed or in prison,
faith must often sing alone.

And when life would overwhelm us,
when there seems no song to sing,
hear the constant voice of courage
out of fear and suffering:

all who've loved and trusted Jesus,
all who lift us to be strong,
endless, endless are the voices
of the faith that makes the song.

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

Vivien Chiu
Our Musician today

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acknowledged. If Susan Jones is the worship leader any liturgy will have been written by her. These words
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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.*

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	Molly Seah & Lloyd Jobson
Sound	Frank Cook
Offering	James Cone, Linda Wilkins
Coffee/tea	Jon Schrader, Judith Cowley, Graham Howell
Time with the Children	Susan Jones
Readings	Rosemary Lawrence
Prayers of the People	Bronwyn White
Musician	Vivien Chiu
Rainbow Room Helper	Sandra Kirby

On duty Sunday 6 August	
Welcoming	Margaret Rushbrook, Pam Fuller
Sound	Peter Cowley, Jennifer Bush-Daumec
Offering	Paul Barber, Margaret Pannett
Coffee/tea (Brunch)	Frank & Sue Cook, Laura Hicks, Melissa Van Echten
Time with the Children	Frank Cook
Readings	John Morgan
Prayers of the People	Sandra Kirby
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	TBC

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's	
Sunday 30 July 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones	
Wednesday 2 August Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre	
Wednesday 2 August 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert Tutors from the International Aroha String Quartet Academy	
Thursday 3 August 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre	
Sunday 6 August 10am Peace Sunday Gathering with Communion led by Susan Jones with others Followed by Congregational Brunch in the Hall. Please bring a plate of food to share.	

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who helped with the organisation and running of the fundraising concert on Friday night, especially Jane! A good night was had by all!

ST ANDREW'S ASKS YOU - WHAT KIND OF SOCIETY DO WE WANT?

This election year St Andrew's presents the issues to the general public. **Keep these dates free and make sure you invite others. Tuesday 15 August 5.30-7.00pm Fair Incomes for NZ.** Paul Barber and Max Rashbrooke and others.

Thursday 31 August, 6-7.30pm (note different time) we host political candidates for the Centre for Theology and Political Issues' series 'Keeping Faith in Politics'

ST ANDREW'S TRUST FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION AND SOCIETY (SATRS)

The next SATRS lunchtime lecture will be held on **Tuesday 8 August 12:15pm to 1pm** - Christina Leef, Maori Women's Development and Mikaia Leach.

Topic: Cultural reconnection, my involvement with Flourishing Fellowship and the work that I do alongside young rangatahi Māori through my role at Māori Womens Development Inc. For further information please visit: <http://www.satrs.org.nz/>

HEALTH AND SAFETY IN EMERGENCY

Increasingly defibrillators are available if you are sure someone has had a heart attack. Of course the first thing to do is to call 111 for an ambulance! If a defibrillator is needed, during working week hours go over the road to the Ministry of Primary Industries in Pastoral House and the ground floor receptionist will assist you. Outside working hours, Bolton Hotel in Bolton St are happy for us to request their defibrillator. If you are not qualified in first aid, please follow the directions of, firstly, any medical doctor present, or trained nurse or trained first aider.

ARE YOU TRAINED IN FIRST AID?

Anyone trained in first aid is asked if they'd identify themselves to Susan or Office staff over the next month so we know who we can call on in emergencies.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

DCM'S BOOKFAIR IS NEXT WEEK!

DCM's major fundraiser of the year is almost here - next **Saturday 5 August** at Shed 6, 8am - 8pm. Thousands of quality second-hand books, CDs, DVDs, vinyl, puzzles and games will be on sale, at incredible prices.

LIVING WAGE FILM FUNDRAISER

Politics: An Instruction Manual, The story of the Podemos Party. **Saturday August 5, 11.45am** at Nga Taonga Sound and Vision, 84 Taranaki Street, Wellington.

Contact Rebecca Mathews-Heron Rebecca.matthews-heron@nzei.org.nz

Facebook event <https://www.facebook.com/events/1898197277062646/>

SAVE THE DATE! HOUSING ELECTION FORUM, WED 9 AUGUST

On the evening of **Wednesday 9 August**, the Anglican and Catholic churches will co-host an election forum on the topic of housing. This will be a fantastic event where we hear about housing challenges and political leaders' proposed solutions. Please save the date! We would love for you to join us. More details to follow. Looking for volunteers to help plan and run the night. Please contact kate@wn.ang.org.nz.

BILLETS NEEDED!

On the weekend of **18-20 August 2017** Presbytery Central is holding a Gathering at St. John's in the City, Wellington. As the hosting region, we would love to provide a range of billeting options for those attending from out of town. If you are able to offer a billet, could you please contact Rev Richard McLean on (04) 233 8572 (office) or e-mail richard@ppp.org.nz It would be helpful to give an indication of whether you could accommodate a single person, a couple, a family or a combination; if your offer is for one or both nights (Friday/Saturday); and if you could help by transporting guests to/from St John's in the City if required. Plan to attend the Gathering too.

INVITATION TO ATTEND

Rev Allister Lane writes “We know you will have your loyalties to your congregation, but as part of the Presbyterian tribe in this region we ask you to please consider coming and joining in worship with the Presbytery on Sunday 20th August 10:00am at St Johns in the City. (There are some congregations already planning to come into the city for this special occasion of corporate worship).

This service is part of the biannual Presbytery Gathering weekend, which is coming to Wellington for the first time ever! After the worship service, you are invited also for lunch.”

More about the Gathering...

On **August 18-20**, St John’s in the City is hosting Nourishment: a Presbytery Central Gathering.

Friday night features an opportunity for fellowship and reflection, or if you’re seeking something more stimulating there’s a symposium on theology with free admission at the Cathedral of St Paul, only a short walk away.

Saturday is the big day of the Gathering, this features the keynote lecture:

“Confessions: Augustine’s and ours” from Gillian Clarke - Professor Emeritus in Ancient History at the University of Bristol, a leading scholar on Augustine.

There will be 11 different workshops to choose from on topics including Social Justice, Mission, Youth, Music, Personal devotion, and Children’s ministry.

On the **Sunday morning** there is a refreshing and spirit-filled worship service at St John’s, followed by a shared lunch.

This will be a weekend of stimulating conversations, of faith and fellowship and spiritual nourishment. There’s even an opportunity for your primary aged children to participate with the inaugural Kidstream, a parallel event offering faith and uplift for the younger generation.

We do sincerely look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. Please find the information pack online:

http://presbyterycentral.org.nz/images/Gathering_Resources/20170819-Central-Gathering-Pack.pdf

PARLIAMENT STARTS CONSIDERATION OF THE EXPUNGEMENT BILL

Minister of Justice introduced the Criminal Records (Expungement of Convictions for Historical Homosexual Offences) Bill and proposed a Parliamentary apology to men convicted for homosexual acts. This bill had its first reading on 6 July and was referred to the Justice and Electoral Committee. Public submissions have been called for and must be provided to the Committee by **18 August 2017**. The relevant Parliamentary website page is: <https://www.parliament.nz/en/get-involved/topics/all-current-topics/historical-homosexual-offences-proposed-to-be-expunged/>

The process in a nutshell:

- The deadline is critical: **18 August**
- The submitter can ask to be heard (appear before the committee). It is a good idea – you can expand on your written submission and answer questions.

“What do you need to know?”

Submissions are publicly released and published to the Parliament website. Only your name or organisation's name is required on a submission. Please keep your contact

details separate, as if they are included on the submission they will become publicly available when the submission is released.

If you wish to include information of a private or personal nature in your submission you should discuss this with the clerk of the committee before submitting.

If you wish to speak to your submission, please state this clearly.

Further guidance on making a submission can be found from the Making a Submission to a Parliamentary Select Committee link in the `Related documents` panel.

If you want to make a submission don't hesitate to ask the Rainbow Wellington Board for assistance if you wish (rainbowwellington@gmail.com). In the event that you appear before the Committee you might want to get a few friends or RW members along to give you "moral support". (Hearings are open to the public and news media.) The RW Board will prepare a submission on behalf of Rainbow Wellington in response to the Bill and the petition, but we also encourage individual submissions as these can express a range of views and reflect your individual experience and knowledge.

LIVING WAGE ELECTION FORUMS: PUT THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY

The Living Wage Movement is planning an election forum, in Wellington. Please diary this date now and organise others from your faith group, community organisation and union to attend.

Wellington: 30 August, 7-9pm, at St Peters on Willis, 211 Willis Street, Wellington. We will mobilise our communities to call on political parties to commit to taking a lead on the Living Wage.

Our ask is that the parties who form a Government will adopt the Living Wage for the core public service and extend the Living Wage to their contracted workforce. Let's organise now to show the political parties that we want them to take leadership on the Living Wage.



St Andrew's
on The Terrace invites you
to participate
in
the second of two evenings
of pre-election
discussion and debate

Second forum: Fair Income levels for All

Date: Tuesday 15 August, 2017

Time: 5:30 – 7 pm

Topic: How do we ensure every family and individual in New Zealand has a fair income so they can participate well in society?

Panel members:

Chair: Lyndy McIntyre, Living Wage
Paul Barber, NZ Council of Christian
Social Services

Max Rashbrooke, Journalist and
Author.

Regina Tito-Campbell, DCM Outreach
Worker.

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	Colma Froggatt
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Facilities Management Group	Douglas Wood
Pastoral Convenors	Linda Wilkins and Maxine Cunningham Lois Robertson, Brian Burrell
Church Music Coordinator	Vivien Chiu
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Colma Froggatt
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Jess McKnight
Centre Manager	Laetitia Brunell
Office Administrator	Karyn Bishop
Custodian, SATRS Administrator	Peter Cowley
Facilities Assistant	Lillian Norman
Roster Coordinator	Rosemary Lawrence

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