



ORDER OF SERVICE

3 December 2017

Advent 1

Advent Arrival

We wait for the gate to open
urging us to step into the story and the mystery
that calms and troubles the world.

(Anne Powell "Firesong")

HOPE

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

The season of Advent challenges us
to see God's vision of what is yet to be,
to hear God's voice calling anew,
to smell the scent of God in the world.

Let us celebrate life

in the presence of the one we name an Advent God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA 113 'Our life has its seasons'

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Music by Colin Gibson © 1992 Hope Publishing Co.

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.

*Refrain: 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. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

JESUS' PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase *on card*

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Margaret Megwyn

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

The Candle of Hope

BLESSING THE CHILDREN (All stand)

We send you to the Green Room to practice music 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

Heather Mackie and Pam Fuller

Hebrew Bible

***Hannah's prayer* 1 Samuel 2: 1-8**

Gospel

***Two unexpected pregnancies* Extracts from Luke Ch 1**

Contemporary Reading:

"Virgin Birth" Joy Cowley
in Carol our Christmas

We have within us a virgin place,
a holy space which belongs to God alone.
We know it by its hunger,
we name it by its need,
the space which will not be touched
by the people we love
or the things we gather
or the positions we hold.

We have within us a growing place,
an eternal space that exists for Truth,

where the love of God overcomes us,
where the life of God fills us,
the Emmanuel space where we conceive
and become pregnant of the Holy One
and day by day, give birth
to Christ in the world.

RESPONSE

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

HEARD IN THE MARKET PLACE

Margaret Megwyn

REFLECTION

'Unexpected challenges'

Pat Booth

PRAYER

written by Janet Morley, Christian Aid

God, our hope and our desire
we wait for your coming
as a woman longs for the birth,
the exile for her home,
the lover for the touch of her beloved
and the humble poor for justice.

OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

May food and money do their work.

May the Advent candle spread the warmth of hope in the world. 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 Cameroon. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Shane Jones and Steven Joyce, list MPs. Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Palmerston North - St David's Presbyterian Church.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

St Andrew's is an open community and all are invited to Christ's table.

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 to participate in the communion. This is God's meal for all people.

COMMUNION HYMN

AA 95 'May the mystery of God enfold us'

Words © 1993 Joy Cowley. Music © 1993 Ian Render

May the mystery of God enfold us, may the wisdom of God uphold us

May the fragrance of God be around us

May the brightness of God surround us

May the wonder of God renew us, may the loving of God flow through us

May the peace of God deeply move us

May the moving of God bring us peace

COMMUNION LITURGY

on white card

Communion is served by intinction. You are invited to come to the front of the church and receive the bread, or a gluten-free cracker, taking a piece large enough to dip into the wine (silver cup) or grape juice (pottery cup). Eat the bread dipped in wine or juice.

Or, remain in your seat to be served if mobility is difficult. If you don't wish to receive communion, please remain in your seat – we're glad you are here with us.

HYMN

'To this quiet space'

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To this quiet space , kuhu mai,
to a deeper place, kuhu mai,
by God's gift and grace, kuhu mai,
let each of us come in....

These are open doors, kuhu mai,
where the soul explores, kuhu mai
given time to pause, kuhu mai
let each of us come in.....

Where fresh water springs, kuhu mai
where the Spirit sings, kuhu mai,
to the heart of things, kuhu mai,
let each of us come in.....

BLESSING

written by Bronwyn Angela White

Go in peace
and may the courage of a teenage Mary
the loyalty of Joseph,
the grandmotherly delight of Anne,
and the fierce joy of Elizabeth
comfort and empower you;
the conception of angels,
the passion of spirit,
and the love we call God
be with you,
fulfil and liberate you
this day and always.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Thank you to Bruce Cash
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
can be used in other worship and small group situations without seeking permission. Please acknowledge
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 Quay, 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	Jeni Bryant and Lois Robertson
Sound	TBC
Offering	John Morgan & Norman Wilkins
Coffee/tea	Sue Cook, Jem Traylen, Pam Fuller, Janet Horncy
Time with the Children	Margaret Megwyn
Readings	Pat Booth
Prayers of the People	Bronwyn White
Communion	Bronwyn White, Frank Cook, Ellen Murray, Graham Howell
Musician	Bruce Cash
Rainbow Room Helpers	Vivien Chiu & Jess Brownell

On duty Sunday 10 December

Welcoming	Frank and Nola Hanson
Sound	Peter Cowley
Offering	Sonia Groes Petrie
Coffee/tea	James Cone, Jim & Maxine Cunningham
Musician	Bruce Corkill

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 10 December 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones, the Rainbow room children and Jess McKnight. Followed by congregational conversation

Wednesday 6 December Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 6 December 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert - The Aroha Quartet

Thursday 7 December 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre

Sunday 10 December 10am Carol Service Gathering led by Susan Jones followed by either Social Justice or Exploring Faith study group.

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

NOTICES FOR ORDER OF SERVICE

Notices for services over the Christmas period 17th December to 7th January need to be in by 12th December, please, to assist the office at this busy time. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS BAKING FUNDRAISER

"Shortbread and Gingerbread available for sale at the moment as we have a good supply - the rest of the baking to be sold at a cake stall in the Church porch, first week of December. You may order brandy & chocolate fruit truffles ahead of this date though. Contact Maxine Cunningham or Sue McRae. jimax117@gmail.com".

ST ANDREWS TRUST FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION AND SOCIETY (SATRS)

Board Vacancy: The Constitution for the SATRS Trust Board allows for three nominees from the parish. The chair, Pam Fuller is a Parish member. With the recent retirement of Jim Cunningham we are looking for new members.

The Board meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 5pm February to December to discuss the work of the Board and plan the year's activities. Additionally, Board members are expected to attend and assist with events as and when they are able. The administrative work of the Board is currently supported by Peter Cowley, who is employed by SATRS for a few hours per week.

If you would be interested in learning more about the Board you can contact Pam Fuller on pjfler@gmail.com or if you would be interested in putting your name forward to Parish Council to join the Board please contact Lynne Dovey on lynne.doveynz@gmail.com.

HEALTH AND SAFETY CAN YOU HELP?

In our Health and Safety planning it would be good to know if we have medically trained personnel in our congregation, or trained first aiders, happy to be called on if needed during Sunday Gatherings and other church events. We would be discreet about such a list, but if Susan or other leaders of church event know who is qualified they can more rapidly turn to those people first. Of course in a city like Wellington we would very quickly ask for ambulance aid, but it is good to know who is trained in what to do initially. Please let Pam Fuller know if you are one of these people. Susan

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

ADVENT GATHERING

Methodist and Presbyterian Women cordially invite you to come to the Advent Gathering - Monday 4 December 2017 at 7:30 pm at Johnsonville Uniting Church, Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville. Please bring a plate of finger food per car, to share.

LIVING WAGE BY – ELECTION FORUM

In December, there will be a by-election to elect a new Councillor for the Southern Ward. Join us to share the Living Wage story with candidates and to seek their commitment to continue Council's support for the Living Wage.

Tuesday 5 December 7-8:30pm (followed by supper)

PIPC Church, cnr Daniell and Constable Streets, Newtown

Contact Anthony Leaupepe 027 204 6371 or Lyndy McIntyre 027 399 9158

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BENEFIT RIGHTS SERVICE

Friday 8 December, 4.30pm, level 6, 138 Wakefield Street (Anvil House)

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (UNA NEW ZEALAND)

UNA New Zealand is organising a Human Rights Day Seminar on 'The #SDGs, sustainable tourism and human rights', Friday 8th December 2017

Rutherford House Lecture Theatre 2 (opposite Railway Station)(attendance free), from 12.30 to 4pm.

Speakers include Iona Pannett, chair of the Wellington City Council committee on sustainability; Marjan Van Den Belt, Associate Vice-Chancellor (Sustainability), Victoria University, setting the scene; Valentina Dinica, also of VUW, on balancing protection of biodiversity with tourism development; Loren Rutherford, Massey postgrad student, on cruise tourism in Vanuatu; and Eliza Raymond, of the new NGO Good Travel, on global tourism that's healthy for the human rights of tourists, of local residents in tourism destinations, and of tourist industry workers. Chairperson: Peter Nichols, VP of UNA New Zealand. Seminar organiser: John Morgan, who can be contacted at humanrights@unanz.org.nz or at 022 012 0896.

Purely informal get-together 5.30 Friday 8th December evening for those who want to chat about issues raised at seminar. Regal Restaurant Courtenay Place.

DRAMA CHRISTI PRESENTS *PAPA PANOV'S CHRISTMAS*, A DELIGHTFUL CHRISTMAS STORY FOR ALL AGES.

"Papa Panov's Christmas wish is to worship the Christ Child and give Him the finest pair of shoes he's ever made. In a dream on Christmas Eve, he's promised that his wish will come true, but he must watch carefully. ..."

Performances are as follows. Please note carefully the different performance times.

Thursday 30 November at 7.30pm

Friday 1 December at 7.30pm

Saturday 2 December at 4.00pm

Sunday 3 December at 4.00pm

In Drama Christi Studio Theatre, behind carpark at Wesley Church, 75 Taranaki Street, Wellington. Entry is by koha – proceeds to Christian World Service Christmas Appeal. Bookings are recommended – phone: 389 9879 or email; pawf@xtra.co.nz
Entry at the door available, if seats not all booked.
More info at: <http://www.dramachristi.org.nz/upcoming-show>

LA NATIVITE BY OLIVIER MESSIAEN

Sunday December 17th at St Mary of the Angels

Performed by Bruce Cash

Pre-concert talk 1.30pm, Performance 2.30pm

Entry by Koha.

Olivier Messaien's La Nativite due seigneur is rarely played. We offer a unique opportunity to experience this in its entirety. Bruce Cash will play the complete 9 meditations on the Maxwell Fernie Organ, and will precede his performance with an illustrated talk.

2017 NOEL PEACE PRIZE PARTY

*** Watch the Peace Prize ceremony live, Monday 11 December (NZ time) ***

When: On Sunday 10 December, from 1pm to 2.30pm in Oslo, Monday 11 December, from 1am to 2.30pm NZ time

Where: Oslo City Hall, Norway - Everywhere, watch the live stream at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1daV8n6fTY>

Hiroshima atomic bombing survivor and iCAN campaigner Setsuko Thurlow, and iCAN's executive director, Beatrice Fihn, will jointly accept the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons during the ceremony in Oslo on 10 December.

*** Nobel Peace Prize Party, Wellington, Thursday 14 December ***

When: Thursday 14 December 2017, from 12.30pm to 2pm

Where: St Andrew's Conference Centre, 30 The Terrace, Wellington

Join us to celebrate the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, and the landmark Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (adopted 7 July 2017, opened for signature 20 September 2017). "The Treaty's potential to end the threat of nuclear destruction is a gift for future generations" - iCAN Aotearoa New Zealand media release, July 2017.

The programme includes clips from the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony in Oslo on 10 December, the presentation from the Otago Institute's 'Inside the Nobel' lecture, and informal comments from Peace Prize party participants.

Light refreshments will be available, RSVPs are essential. Organised by iCAN Aotearoa New Zealand, please RSVP to email icanz@xtra.co.nz or

<https://www.facebook.com/events/164564250815788> The A4 Poster for the Peace Party is attached and available at www.icanw.org.nz

GET WELLINGTON MOVING SUBMISSIONS

Analysis on the Get Wellington Moving submissions is available from <http://movementonline.org.nz/7987/councils-and-agency-ignore-opportunity-to-reduce-greenhouse-gas-emissions/>

CHANGEMAKERS

Support a refugee-background woman to get a driver licence. ChangeMakers are looking for some remarkable women willing to volunteer their time to take a refugee-background woman for driving practice. Each learner drivers had professional lessons, and now needs practice to get her licence. She will provide the car. Volunteers can choose to practise with a Porirua, Hutt or Wellington driver. For further details please contact Naomi Tocher, ChangeMakers email naomi@crf.org.nz or ph. 801 58912.

'SOMETHING NEW TO SAY' BY BRONWYN ANGELA WHITE

A collection of liturgy resources for Advent and Christmas in Aotearoa.

Pre-order and pre-pay to help with printing costs! 'Something new to say' is available as an ebook from Amazon, but Bronwyn is getting quotes to have it printed in soft copy. With each pre-paid for copy, you'll also receive either a free copy of her earlier book, 'you who delight me', or a 30% discount off the price of the third book in her "Words of spirit and faith" series. Approximately a cost of around \$20.00 per book, depending on the number of orders.

Please get in touch on email bronz99@live.com or via the 'you who delight me' Facebook page. Bank account details so you can deposit your pre-payment will be sent once printing quotes are in.

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE

The envelopes for the Christmas Appeal are in this order of service. Please give generously this Christmas. CWS gift catalogues are also available at the back of the church.

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
Temporary Office Administrator	Jillene Everett
Custodian, SATRS Administrator	Peter Cowley
Facilities Assistant	Lillian Norman
Centre Assistant	Hilary Penwarden
Roster Coordinator	Rosemary Lawrence

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