St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua Founded 1840

ORDER OF SERVICE

29th July 2012



9th Sunday after Pentecost



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. AA is the NZ hymnbook *Alleluia Aotearoa*. We will sing the hymns without announcement.

Please note your nearest fire exit.
The church and hall have been earthquake strengthened.
In an earthquake: drop, cover and hold.

GATHERING

Welcome to this sacred time and space, where we may touch the holy source of life and love, and recognise that life and love in one another.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'God, whose love is ever with us'

Words: William Boyd Grove. Tune: Praise my soul'

God, whose love is ever with us, source of all, the ending true; hear the universal chorus raised in joyful praise to you: hallelujah, hallelujah, worship ancient, worship new.

Word of God from nature bringing springtime green and autumn gold; mountain streams like children singing, ocean waves like thunder bold: hallelujah, hallelujah, as creation's tale is told.

Holy God of ancient glory, choosing man and woman too; Abr'am's faith and Sarah's story formed a people bound to you. Hallelujah, hallelujah, to your cov'nant keep us true. Lift we then our human voices in the songs that faith would bring; live we then in human choices lives that, like our music, sing: hallelujah, hallelujah, joined in love our praises ring!

OPENING RESPONSES

Dorothy McRae-McMahon

In the companionship, in the loving presence in the unspoken:

there is eternal care and wisdom.

In the silence, in the stillness, in the spaces:

there is God. We open ourselves to life.

WELCOME

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

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Linda Wilkins

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

We send you to the Rainbow Room programme To listen and wonder and learn and play, **God bless you. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

WORD IN TEXTS Joan Tyler

Hebrew Bible 2 Kings 4:42-44

Feeding 100

Gospel John 6: 1-21

Feeding 5000 and walking on water

Contemporary Reading

"Blessing for Winter Meal" Bronwyn White from you who delight me

When winter seems darkest and all is laid bare the whole of creation is ours

We gather for comfort, for courage, for change the abundance is ours to share

We prune and shape, and let the new buds form we open our arms and turn to face the light

The fruit of our labours, the bounty of the earth is ours

We share it, and bless each other

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.**

HYMN AA 115 Purea Nei

REFLECTION Margaret Mayman

Hospitality: being St Andrew's people

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

HYMN The song of the crowd

Words: John Bell, Graham Maule. Tune: Kingsfold WOV 500

To him who walks among the crowds let's show our gratitude:
We came to him a hungry mob, and his response was food.

This is the teacher well renowned for talk of sin forgiven.
Some prize his smile, some pull his robe, some say he comes from heaven.

Who are you lean-faced traveller whose words surpass all law, whose past was spent in industry with hammer, nails and saw? Who are you, time-served carpenter now that you've changed your trade to hosting casual lakeside feasts with food you never made.

But why the silent modesty, and why the shaking head? You know our hunger and our thirst, and feed us all with bread. We'll make you king and gladly sing songs to re-tell your story. So why not stay? Why move away? Do you refuse our glory?

There goes the man whose eyes can scan a crowd and tell their need.

There goes the one whose words we shun when keen to frown or feed.

He walks from here while people peer at his all-knowing face which speaks of how each one who stares has, in his heart, a place.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dorothy McRae-McMahon

The bounty of God the Creator surrounds us with grace, spread in generous measures of loving creativity, poured forth for generation after generation in hopeful abundance, in an endless invitation to hospitality.

The feasting Christ walks in our scarce life as though all of us might be part of the celebration, as though each of us might be a guest at the banquet, as though we might all be together at the table, holding each other as precious, dying before we will give up love or life which is lived to the full.

The laughing Spirit moves in endless freedom stirring, surprising, bestowing gifts as she moves as though wisdom is foolishly faithful to hope, eternal living for truth and will not settle for less, as though we are worth the struggle and we could really be the emerging children of God.

This we believe.
This is the wonder of our God.

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.

OFFERING Susan Wickham

Surprising God, we give thanks for your many blessings to us. and pray that these gifts would be used to bless others through us in wild, risky and imaginative ways. Amen.

We recognise and bless the gifts brought to the table and those given to support the mission of the church through automatic payment.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Norman Wilkins

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Liberia and Sierra Leone and the Liberian Council of Churches and the Council of Churches in Sierra Leone. In New Zealand, we remember those in parliament, and today we pray for all who work in parliament buildings: officials, support staff, cleaners, and security personnel. Here in Wellington, we pray for the leaders and people of St Margaret's Presbyterian Church in Silverstream.

HYMN Music: Leoni WOV 7

Community of Christ, who make the cross your own live out your creed and risk your life, for God alone: the God who wears your face to whom all words belong, whose children are of every race and every song.

Community of Christ, look past the church's door and see the refugee, the hungry, and the poor.

Take hands with the oppressed, the jobless in your street, take towel and water, that you wash your neighbour's feet.

Community of Christ through whom the word must sound cry out for justice and for peace, the whole world round: disarm the powers that war and all that can destroy, turn bombs to bread, and tears of anger into joy.

Community of Christ, so shall God's will be done, the climate of the world be peace and Christ its Sun; our currency be love and kindliness our law, our food and faith be shared as one for evermore.

BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN

Go forth into the world in the knowledge that we are God's body, that hope for a new world is in the blood of our veins, that the struggle for justice is the beat to which our hearts respond, and that God's promise is the very stuff of which our bones are made.

And may the love of God give you grace; the God in Christ give you mercy; and the Spirit lift up your hearts.

Thanks to Jane Keller, our pianist this morning

Congregational Meeting

The Parish Council and the Saving St Andrew's group is calling a special Congregational Meeting on <u>Sunday 12 August</u> after church. We will vote on final approval of the Welcome Centre building project, draw down of funds from our capital reserves to finance the project, so we can go to tender. We will discuss further congregational fundraising strategies. The decision to spend our reserves is a serious matter for the congregation. Please come along to the meeting and hear about the proposal and the business plan to re-establish the reserves over time.

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 a "Belonging" form (at the back of the church) and hand it to a minister or a welcoming team member.

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 might like to move your car into the car park, or move to a new space on the street.

Thanks to this week's volunteers

Welcoming: Brian Burrell, Heather Macfarlane

Sound: Tony Cowdry

Offering: Kath Kerr, Jon Schrader
Coffee/tea: James Cone, Douglas Wood

On duty Sunday 3 August

Welcoming: Duncan and Erlin Graham

Sound: Tony Cowdry & Paul Satherley

Offering: Paul Barber and Margaret Pannett

Coffee/tea: Ann Barrie & Sonia Petrie

Time with the Children: Mike Wespel Rose

Readings: Frank Hanson
Prayers of the People: Bronwyn White
Musician: Peter Franklin

| This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's | | | |
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| Sun 29 July | 10 am | Sunday gathering | |
| Wed 25 July | 12.15 pm | Free Lunchtime Concert | |
| Sun 5 August | 10 am | Peace Sunday. Communion | |
| | 11.30 am | Shared brunch in the hall. | |

REV CLARE BROCKETT - BEING WITH DYING

After church, following tea/coffee on Sunday 29 July, Clare will be speaking about her recent study leave in the USA.

She attended an intensive course at the Upaya Buddhist Center in New Mexico on "Being with Dying." She also spent time in Berkeley California looking at the experience of gay and lesbian people in aged care.

MEN ALONE - MEN TOGETHER: PHOTOGRAHS BY MARK BEEHRE

Mark Beehre (Ross Scott's partner) uses words and pictures to tell the stories of 45 gay men and how their lives' journeys have, for the moment, led them towards or away from relationship with another.

Toi Poneke Gallery. 21 July - 11 August. 61-69 Abel Smith St.

MIGRATIONS OF THE HOLY

Professor William Cavanaugh from De Paul University in Chicago is delivering a series of four free public lectures at Victoria University as part of the St John's Visiting Scholar programme.

- 1. The Myth of Religious Violence. Does religion cause Violence. Mon 30 July, 6 pm, Council Chambers, Hunter Building, Victoria.
- 2. The Myth of the Free Market: The Unfreedom of the Free Market. Tues 31 July, 6 pm, Council Chambers, Hunter Building.
- 3. The Myth of Prosperity: The Economy of Fantasy and the Current Global Financial Crisis Wed 1 August, noon, RHLTH2, Rutherford House.
- 4. The Myth of Consumerism: Christianity and Consumerism Thurs 2 August, 6 pm, Council Chambers, Hunter Building.

Also seminar Saturday 4 August 9-11 am at St John's, where Prof Cavanagh will take questions in a less formal setting. See the poster on the noticeboard for more information.

SPIRITED CONVERSATION MONDAY 6 AUGUST

With Kim Workman of Rethinking Crime and Punishment on the subject of "Should police be subject to the same ethical standards as the general public?" This should produce a very spirited conversation indeed and we hope you will join us in at the Thistle Inn, 3 Mulgrave St, 7:30pm (upstairs) on Monday August 6.

PEACE MOVEMENT AOTEAROA – TUESDAY 7 AUGUST

St Andrew's on The Terrace and Peace Movement Aotearoa will be jointly hosting a meeting with *hibakusha*, Japanese survivors of the nuclear bombings, to talk about the abolition of nuclear weapons. In the Conference Room from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Tea and coffee available from 5:45 pm.

PUBLIC FORUM WITH ROD ORAM AT ST PETER'S

Rod Oram, business columnist will be holding a forum at St Peter's on Willis on Tuesday 7 August, 6pm to 7.30pm. "As the world turns, how goes NZ?" It will be chaired by Bishop Richard Randerson.

ANC CENTENARY - How NZ helped to abolish apartheid

Conference 18 – 19 August 2012 at Rutherford House, Bunny St. See back table for more information.

RSVP Conference Coordinator by 10th of August catts2011@gmail.com

There will also be a related event at **St Peter's Willis St on Friday 17 August at 7 pm** with Rev Michael Lapsley. St Andrew's people are warmly invited to attend.

The ONE and the MANY: unity in diversity in the Church.

A one day seminar from the Wellington Theological Consortium. Saturday 18 August 9.30 am – 5 pm. St John's Church, Willis St Email: WITLibrary@wn.ang.org.nz



SATRS presents:

Living with Uncertainty A series of four Tuesday lectures (12:15- 1:15 pm)

August 21 GEOLOGICAL UNCERTAINTY Dr Hamish Campbell – Geologist

August 28 SPIRITUAL UNCERTAINTY Rev Dr Mary Caygill – Minister

September 4 ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY Dr Brian Easton – Economist

September 11 SOCIAL UNCERTAINTY Rev Dr Geoff King – Counsellor

We are living in uncertain, unsettled times. Since the Christchurch earthquakes began in September 2010, New Zealanders have an increased awareness of our vulnerability and the fragility of our built environments. The global financial crisis is serious and ongoing. Two additional areas of uncertainty that have become part of our everyday lives. Spiritual uncertainty as participation in institutional religion is decreasing, at least in the first world, while interest in spirituality grows. And social uncertainty, as people worry about family and community and the supports that are needed for societies to thrive. The four part series "Living with Uncertainty" provides us with an opportunity to hear from people with expertise and experience in the areas of geological, spiritual, economic and social uncertainty. While we can't eradicate uncertainty, we can begin to understand the impact that it has on us, and the choices that face us as we attempt to "live well" with uncertainty.

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

| Senior Minister | Margaret Mayman |
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| Parish Council Convenor | Sandra Kirby |
| Parish Council Clerk | Heather Macfarlane |
| Treasurer | Paul Barber |
| Saving St Andrew's Convenor | Lynne Dovey |
| Pastoral Convenors | Colma Froggatt, Fiona McDougal |
| Music Coordinator | Jane Keller |
| Theologian in Residence | Lloyd Geering |
| Presbytery Commissioner | Helen Beaumont |
| Concert Coordinator | Marjan van Waardenberg |
| Rainbow Room Coordinator | Monika Demuth-Barber |
| Parish Manager | David Medland |
| Custodian | Peter Cowley |

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