

St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua
Founded 1840



ORDER OF SERVICE

9th September 2012

15th Sunday after Pentecost



Who said we did not make God in our image?

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.

Please note your nearest fire exit.

The church and hall have been earthquake strengthened.

In an earthquake: drop, cover and hold.

GATHERING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to celebrate all that is of great worth to us.

We acknowledge that honesty and truth are of great worth to our
minds.

Let us celebrate honest thinking and the pursuit of truth.

We acknowledge that beauty is of great worth to our eyes and ears.

Let us rejoice in the presence of beauty wherever we find it.

We acknowledge that love is of great worth to our hearts.

Let us celebrate the wonder of loving and being loved.

But of greatest worth to us all is simply life itself.

Let us celebrate the mystery of life in all of its diversity.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA 26 *Come to our land*

WELCOME – A MODERN PRAYER

We live in an awe-inspiring universe.

The earth on which we live has been kind to us.

May we grow in insight and understanding

So that we see our place in the Web of Life.

May we grow in wisdom and gratitude

***So that we may acknowledge ourselves to be creatures of the
earth.***

May it continue to provide us with pure air, clean water and good
soil,

So that we may enjoy the life it has given us.

May it continue to provide us with our daily bread

So that we, in turn, may care for the earth.

We acknowledge our past carelessness and lack of gratitude.

With genuine sorrow we confess our greed and wastefulness.

We promise to abide by what the earth requires of us

Which is to share its bounty and avoid waste.

We promise to be caring and thoughtful of others

And not trample over or ignore those weaker than we are.

We promise to live at peace with all people

And treat humans of all nations as members of one family.

We promise to treat all of earth's creatures compassionately

And thus acknowledge the unity of all creation.

Let us all help one another so to do!

MEDITATION

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Cam Smart

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

We send you to the Rainbow Room to learn about life and God's love for all the people of the world and for the planet earth our home,

God bless you. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

WORD IN TEXTS

Margaret Rushbrook

Hebrew Bible

Psalm 139:1-12

Gospel

John 14:8-11

Contemporary Reading

Karen Armstrong, *A History of God*

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

80 (WOV) *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,
and wither and perish: but nought changeth thee.

REFLECTION

Sir Lloyd Geering

Who is our God?

HYMN

AA 54 *God of the galaxies*

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 AND DEDICATION

***Oh mystery of life that we call God,
We give thanks for life, for family, for friends, and for the love
that binds us all together.***

We dedicate this offering to the service of others.

***We commit ourselves afresh to a life of compassion to those
less fortunate,***

And to the pursuit of justice for all.

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

Lynne Dovey

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Malaysia and Brunei and we pray for understanding between people of different faiths and religions. In New Zealand, we remember those in parliament, and today we name John Key and Annette King, and the people of their electorates of Helensville and Rongotai. Here in Wellington, we pray for the leaders and people of the Greek Orthodox Church in Hania St, Mt Victoria.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

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HYMN

adapted from 14 (WOV)

Now thank we Life itself,
With heart and hands and voices.
So wonderful it is,
My heart with joy rejoices.
For from our mothers' arms
Life blessed us on our way,
With bread and fruit and love,
And still provides today.

O may both care and love
Through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us,
And guide us when perplexed,
Inspire us when we're low
And free us from all ills
As on our way we go.

Our thanks we give for life,
For those who went before us,
For friends and fam'lies near
For mothers dear who bore us,
For sky above so blue
For earth below so green,
May goodness, kindness, love
For evermore be seen.

BENEDICTION AND SUNG AMEN

Thanks to Bruce Corkill, our organist this morning

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.

**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.

Thanks to this week's volunteers

Welcoming:	Heather Macfarlane
Sound:	Tony Cowdry
Offering:	Sonia Petrie, Jon Schrader
Coffee/tea:	Dawn Cowdry, Fiona McDougal

On duty Sunday 16 Sept

Welcoming:	Jim & Maxine Cunningham
Sound:	Peter Cowley
Offering:	Kath Kerr, Margaret Pannett
Coffee/tea:	Linda Wilkins, Jennifer Bush Daumec
Time with the Adults:	
Readings:	Anna Smith
Prayers of the People:	Fiona McDougal
Musician:	Peter Franklin

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sun 9 Sept	10 am	Sunday gathering. Service to be led by Sir Lloyd Geering
	11.30 am	Congregational Conversation
Tues 11 Sept	12.15 pm	Living With Uncertainty lecture. <i>Social Uncertainty</i> by Rev. Dr Geoff King
Wed 12 Sept	12.15 pm	Free Lunchtime Concert ' <i>Minor Pleasures: Baroque music for 2 violins and continuo</i> '
Sun 16 Sept	10 am	Sunday gathering.
	11.30 am	Social Justice
	2.30 pm	Wellington Chamber Orchestra concert

KEZIA'S BOOK OF BLESSINGS

We are collecting words of wisdom to write in a book for Kezia, Fionnaigh and Ellen's daughter which we will give to her when she is baptised in a little while. If you would like to pass on a poem/saying or blessing, please send to Fiona fionamc98@yahoo.com or write in the book, which Fiona has. Thanks.



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

September 11 SOCIAL UNCERTAINTY Rev Dr Geoff King –
 Counsellor and Minister, Knox Presbyterian Church, Christchurch

EVOLUTION : THE REAL GENESIS

The June series of lectures by Lloyd Geering is now available on a double DVD set. \$35 each incl P&P. See Peter Cowley.

Mystery Dinners

As both a **SOCIAL ACTIVITY AND A FUNDRAISER** we are inviting members of St Andrew's on The Terrace to be either hosts or guests for the annual St Andrew's on the Terrace Mystery Dinners on:
 Saturday 29 September or Saturday 06 October.

For the people who host the meal – your contribution is cooking and hosting for the number of people you choose. You choose the menu and prepare for visitors. The catch is you won't know who your guests are until they knock on your door! You collect the koha from the people attending and put it in the collection plate at church the following day (or soon after).

For the people who attend a meal – you will be given an address on or just before the day of the mystery dinner. Please take a bottle of whatever you like to drink and a koha (we suggest \$10). You won't know whose house it is until your host/hostess opens the door that you have knocked on!

There are sign-up sheets at the back of the church or you can contact me at:

colma@frogs.co.nz or by phone (04) 239 9268 (evenings).

Guests – please note on the sign-up sheet if you have any special dietary requirements.

Saving St Andrew's update

ADVANCE NOTICE – SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday 11 October 6:30pm

“From Haydn to Hill: A Celebration”

Leading New Zealand chamber groups celebrate the Restoration of St Andrew's on the Terrace.

This is one of our big fundraising efforts for the year and we look forward to your support. Volunteers are needed to hand out leaflets at NZSO and Chamber Music NZ concerts on 22 and 30th September respectively.

If you can help out please let Sonia know (ph: 385 4049 or email: o3sonde@yahoo.co.nz)

Further details, leaflets and posters will be available soon.

Tickets can be purchased online at

<http://www.eventfinder.co.nz/2012/from-haydn-to-hill-st-andrews-on-the-terrace-fundraiser/wellington>

A FUNDRAISER IDEA

When you list an item for sale on Trade Me, you are able to indicate a percentage of the sale proceeds to go to Saving St Andrews.

Not only is it a way of raising funds for Stage 3: The New Welcome Centre, but it is free nationwide advertising for us.

Thanks Sue for the idea.

If you have any questions, please call the office.

FORUMS FOR THE FUTURE: BETWEEN RICH AND POOR

September 13, 2012 Soundings Theatre, Te Papa, 6.30-8pm

New Zealand has had the biggest increase in the gap between rich and poor of any developed country. But what does that mean – and why should we worry about it? Come and hear three top speakers discuss the serious and urgent threat that widening inequality poses to New Zealand personally, socially and economically.

Speakers:

- Stephanie McIntyre, director, Downtown Community Ministry – sharing real-life stories of how inequality affects people's lives
- Philippa Howden-Chapman, pioneering health researcher – on the evidence linking inequality with poor health, bad housing and other social problems
- Colin James, political columnist – on how to think differently about inequalities and their place in society and the economy

FORUMS AT TE PAPA Thursday 6 October, starting at 6.30pm

The second has Ganesh Nana, Nigel Howarth and Mike O'Brien, who look at the solutions.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS FORUM – SOLUTIONS TO POVERTY

Tuesday 18th September 2012, 12 noon – 1.30pm with light lunch.

Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, Wellington

MP Alfred Ngaro will lead the discussion. The Children's Commission new work on Child Poverty will be included. MP Ngaro is a Pastor and a list MP for the National Party. He has the Social services portfolio amongst other responsibilities. He is a dynamic and inspirational leader in community and health sectors, with particular commitments to Pasifika communities. This Public Questions Forum is an invitation to hear from Alfred and share your ideas and proposals so that you can contribute to political decision-making.

Please reply to Betsan.

For numbers for catering and info to the MP. Contact:
betsan@publicquestions.org.nz

Ph. 04 473 2627 / 021 388 337

CHRISTIANITY AND THE ECOLOGICAL CRISIS: LAMENT, HOPE AND ACTION

5-7 Oct at St John's in the City (Willis St): A Rocha Aotearoa-New Zealand, Caritas, and The Centre for Theology and Public Issues (University of Otago) are excited to be jointly hosting this ecumenical conference on Christianity and the Ecological Crisis.

The weekend conference is an opportunity to join with others motivated by their Christian faith who seek to respond to issues of ecological degradation and injustice.

Stories of community conservation and ecological restoration – sharing of our hopes and experiences of lament and love, justice and joy, from our backyards, neighbourhoods, forests, oceans, & even the kitchen sink!

Featuring stimulating speakers, informative workshops, fieldtrips and great kai. (Also an opportunity to celebrate A Rocha Aotearoa New Zealand's 5th Birthday!)

Come along and be inspired, restored, transformed! \$30 waged/\$15 unwaged. More details at <http://lamenthopeactionconference.eventbrite.co.nz/>

A PRESBYTERY EVENT FOR EVERYONE

How do we understand leadership in a church context? What are the characteristics of good leadership? What is 'effective' leadership?

These questions will form part of an interactive workshop facilitated by Very Rev Dr Graham Redding on Tuesday 16th October, 7pm at St John's in the City, Willis Street.

This is a free Presbytery event for anyone and everyone who has an interest in leadership in our congregations.

Other topics covered will include:

exploring change and ownership of change;
understanding church structures and how they can be helpful;
specific leadership roles – such as youth leadership.

Notes ... thoughts Questions ...

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
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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