

St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

Founded 1840

ORDER OF SERVICE

16 December 2011



3rd Sunday in Advent



Bethlehem

Artist: Banksy

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

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 an Advent God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O come, O come the time is near;
we yearn to know your presence here.
Creation stirs: the time is full.
Be born to us, Emmanuel.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to us,
a child shall be the sign.

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by your advent here;
love stir within the womb of night
and death's own shadows put to flight:
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to us,
a child shall be the sign.

O come, O Key of David come,
and open wide your heavenly home;
make safe the path to endless day,
and close the path to misery:

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to us,
a child shall be the sign.

OPENING RESPONSES

Ann Weems

The Christmas spirit is the hope
which tenaciously clings to the hearts of the faithful
***And announces in the face of any Herod
the world can produce
and all the inn doors slammed in our faces
and all the dark nights of the soul***
That with God all things still are possible
That even now: Unto us a child is born!

WELCOME

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

PRAYER

Source of Life - who called the rich to travel toward poverty,
the powerful to know their own frailty;
who gave to strangers
a sense of homecoming in an alien land
and to stargazers
true light and vision as they bowed to earth –
We lay ourselves open to your signs for us.

Stir us with holy discontent
over a world which gives its gifts to those
who have plenty already,
whose talents are obvious,
whose power is recognised;
***And help us both to share our resources
with those who have little,
and to receive with humility
the gifts they bring to us.***

(Silence)

Rise within us, like a star,
***and make us restless
till we journey forth to seek our rest in you.***

LORD'S PRAYER

on card

CWS PARTNER

John the Baptist heard God's call in the wilderness, a place of God's vision of a world free of fear, exclusion, violence and oppression remains as elusive today as in Zephaniah's time. In Fiji, CWS partner the Ecumenical Centre for Research, Education and Advocacy (ECREA) is making sure people living without land can do better. In Villa Maria, Fijians living in the informal (squatter) settlement have come to an agreement on their land tenure after one hundred years. With the hope of new homes and an electricity supply they can focus on increasing their family income and sending the children to school. CWS and ECREA are there, providing training and income opportunities.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

We light this candle signifying joy:
our common need,
our common wealth.

Joy is our protest against despair; Joy is God's gift.

Come Christ, Joy of our hearts

Enter our lives so that all people may have a place to stand.

SUNG RESPONSE

Let there be room – room for the friend and stranger
room without hurt or anger, room for whoever come.

[Words: Shirley Murray]

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Margaret Mayman

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

May the gentle light of Advent
guide and protect you through Christmas and New Year.

God bless you. Amen.

*Rainbow Room resumes again after the holidays on Sunday 3 February.
There will be activities for children at the back of the church over the holidays.*

PASSING THE PEACE

WORD IN TEXTS

Hebrew Bible

Gospel

Contemporary Reading

Wendy Matthews

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Luke 1: 39-55

“Mindful”

By Mary Oliver

Every day
I see or hear
something
that more or less
kills me
with delight,
that leaves me
like a needle
in the haystack
of light.
It was what I was born for—
to look, to listen,
to lose myself
inside this soft world—
to instruct myself
over and over in joy
and acclamation.
Nor am I talking
about the exceptional, the fearful, the dreadful,
the very extravagant—
but of the ordinary,
the common, the very drab, the daily presentations.
Oh, good scholar,
I say to myself,
how can you help
but grow wise
with such teachings
as these—
the untrimmable light of the world,
the ocean's shine,
the prayers that are made
out of grass?

RESPONSE

For the word of God in story,
for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us,
We give thanks.

HYMN

You are born in us again

Words: Shona Murray. Music: Mark Wilson

You are born in us again.
Like the warmth of the summer wind you come,
to melt away the icicles of vanity and pride;
you come to blow the very doors of loving open wide.
Like the warmth of the summer wind you come,
like the warmth of the summer wind you come.

You are born in us again.
Like the scent of the summer rain you come.
You come to quench the thirsty and to freshen up the land;
you come to clean away dust that's settled in our hand.
Like the scent of summer rain you come,
like the scent of the summer rain you come.

You are born in us again.
Like the light of the summer sun you come,
to give light to the places that have never seen the Son:
you come now to embrace us, you're the holy, holy one.
Like the light of the summer sun you come,
like the light of the summer sun you come.

REFLECTION

Margaret Mayman

Embodied, real Christmas

CAROL

Words: Shirley Murray. Music: Charlotte Murray
in *Faith Forever Singing*

Dream a dream, a hopeful dream
as children do on Christmas Eve
imaginings, surprising things
to hold and to believe.
Dream a time, this Christmas time
when no-one's hungry or afraid;
that weapons go, and harvests grow,
that friends are met and made.
Dream a peace, our planet's peace,
the greening of the earth at play,
the holy ground where life is found,
where God has touched the clay.

Dream a gift, the Christmas gift
that changes everything we see:
the shimmering of angel,
the Child, the Mystery.

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.*

COMMISSIONING OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS –

Maxine Cunningham and Sue McRae

OFFERING

***God of our lives and our world.
We offer these gifts and our lives,
in gratitude for all that has been given to us.
Above all, we give thanks for the gift of Jesus,
for his turning the tables on power and piety.
May our lives also reflect these commitments.
In your many names, we pray. 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

Mike Wespel-Rose

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Norway and we pray for the Christian Council of Norway. In New Zealand, we remember those in parliament, and today we name David Parker and Winston Peters, List MPs. Here in Wellington, we pray for the leaders and people of the Ngaio Union Church.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

CAROL

AA 23(ii) Come now Lord Jesus

BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN

Go into this birthing time with joy;
joining in God's dream of justice for the whole Earth
And may the blessing of God:
who embraces dances in creation,
who embraces us with human love,
who comforts and unsettles us,
be with us all now and always. Amen.

Thanks to Peter Franklin, 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:	Frank and Nola Hanson
Sound:	Peter Cowley
Offering:	Paul Barber, Lyn Burrell
Coffee/tea:	Julie Brough & David Thorne

On duty Sunday 23 Dec

Welcoming:	Pam Fuller, Kath Kerr
Sound:	Sarah Jobson
Offering:	James Cone, Cam Smart
Coffee/tea:	Jeni Bryant, Sonia Petrie
Time with the Children:	Frank Cook
Readings:	Marilyn Wallace
Prayers of the People:	To be confirmed
Musician:	Jane Keller

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sun 16 Dec	10 am	Sunday gathering – Third Second Sunday in Advent led by Margaret
Wed 19 Dec	12.15 pm	Free Lunchtime Concert <i>Christmas Concert</i>
	5.30 pm	Advent Contemplation: <i>Aspects of Angels</i>
Sun 23 Dec	10 am	Sunday gathering – Fourth Sunday in Advent led by Margaret



CONTEMPLATIONS FOR ADVENT: ASPECTS OF ANGELS

St Andrew's on The Terrace 5.30 - 6.15 pm Wed 19th. Even if you don't believe in angels, listen to their song. Music. Readings. Reflection

CHRISTMAS CAROLS WELLINGTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL

Please join us for Christmas carol singing in all the wards on Christmas Eve starting at 7 pm. Assemble in the Atrium near the chaplain's office. There will be light refreshments at the end. All are welcome to join us.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST ANDREW'S

Christmas Eve. Sherry and Christmas Cake 7:30 pm.

Carols, Candles, Communion service at 8 pm.

Christmas Day. Worship for all ages 9:30 am.

ROSTER SIGN-UP FOR CHRISTMAS AND JANUARY SERVICES

On the back table there is a clip-board with a roster for the services coming up later this month – Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and the Sundays in January and 3rd February. Additional readers are also needed for next Sunday's service of readings and carols.

If you wish to participate in the service, please write your name on the roster.

Thank you.

2012-13	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	30th December	6th January	13th January	20th January	27th January	3rd February
Minister	Margaret	Margaret	Norman Wilkins	Margaret	Margaret	Jim Cunningham	Margaret	Margaret
Welcoming	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Team	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Sound System								
Time with the Children	Margaret	Margaret						
Reader								
Extra Readers	1	1						
	2	2						
Offering	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Prayers of the People								
Morning tea/	1		1	1	1	1	1	1
Xmas cake	2		2	2	2	2	2	2
Musician	Music Team	Music Team	Jane	Peter Franklin	Clare	Jane	Jane or Clare?	Peter Franklin
Communion	1 Jim Cunningham							1
	2							2
	3							3
Dec 23 Advent 4 Readers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Candles Xmas Eve	1	2	3	4				



Notes – Thoughts – Comments - 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	Sonia Petrie
Parish Council Clerk	Maxine Cunningham
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	
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Monika Demuth-Barber
Parish Manager	David Medland
Custodian	Peter Cowley

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