

St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

Founded 1840

ORDER OF SERVICE

2nd December 2012



First Sunday of Advent



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

With the rising of the sun,
symbol of light, life and hope,
we gather on this Advent Sunday.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Morning has broken

Morning has broken, like the first morning.
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlight from heaven.
Like the first dewfall, on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where these feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning.
Born of the one light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise every morning;
God's re-creation of the new day.

Morning has broken, like the first morning.
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word.

OPENING RESPONSES

based on Psalm 19: 1-6

Look at all the beautiful sky!

It tells a story of God.

In the daytime, it tells the story in blue

At night, the sparkling stars sing a song about God!

God has made us that wonderful sky

And the sun that shines every day!

The sun rides across from the east to the west

Like a bright golden bird it flies.

The sun helps the plants grow strong and tall,

And it warms our face, too!

We delight in the sacred within and around us.

WELCOME

E te whanau a Te Karaiti.

Nga mihi aroha ki a tatou katoa.

Kia ora tatou.

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

The first Advent candle is lit for Hope. Its small flickering flame is a bearer of hope. In the darkness of despair and doubt it proclaims the light – the light of hope. We dare to hope that wherever God's people gather to light a candle, the light of hope will burn more brightly, encircling the earth with warmth, brightness and a future in which we see the fulfilment of all that is promised.

We light this candle for Hope.

READING

Laura and Evelyn

Let your little light shine

SONG

Spirit help us

Spirit, be our Breath of Life, Hallelujah! (2x)

Spirit, be our wind of change, Hallelujah! (2x)

Spirit, help us share our gifts, Hallelujah! (2x)

Spirit, help us live God's love, Hallelujah! (2x)

PASSING THE PEACE

ADVENT 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.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

from *The Family Story Bible*

DRAMA

Rainbow Room Children

Cat in the manger: the wonder of Nativity through the eyes of a cat
By Michael Foreman

CAROL

Away in a manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head,
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and lift us to heaven, to live with you there.

OFFERING AND PRAYER

***Dear God, this is the time for us to get ready for Christmas.
Help us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus
and keep his dream alive
by the way we live
and the way we love. Amen.***

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

THE MEANING OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION PRAYER

We gather believing that God's Spirit,
present throughout the universe,
is here with us...

***We give thanks for the ways God's Spirit
is seen in who we are and what we do.***

We give thanks that God is everywhere and in all people.

***We give thanks for Jesus
and his teaching that God is with us in our loving.***

We want to say "yes" to his invitation
to keep his dream for our world alive.

We want Christmas time to be a happy time for everyone because it
is a special time for loving and giving and we know that our loving
and giving show God's presence with us.

***We celebrate the birth of Jesus with joy
because he showed us how close God is to us.***

We remember that the night before he died,
Jesus had a meal with his friends.
He asked them to keep on believing
that God was always close to them.
He broke the bread...

The broken bread reminds us of Jesus
giving everything for what he believed.
We eat this bread, quietly, in memory of Jesus.

We eat it knowing that the Spirit of God
that moved in Jesus' life is with us in our living and loving.

Jesus and his friends drank wine made from grapes at the meal.
We dip our bread in wine or juice to celebrate
that we are family and friends joined together in the Spirit of God.

Sharing wine together is our way of saying that
we will allow the Spirit of Love to be seen in all we do and say.

Let us dip bread in wine or juice
and say Yes to the Spirit of Love in our lives.

*Bread and wine are shared with the words: 'The Bread of Life' and
'The Cup of Blessing.' We respond with 'Amen' or 'Yes.'*

PRAYER

***We give thanks for all that has been
and for all we are for each other in this church community.
May we show the presence of God's Spirit in all we say and do.
Amen.***

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY OF ST ANDREW'S

CAROL

Joy to the world! The promised one
has come shalom to bring.
Let ev'ry heart prepare a room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Graceful and true, the Saviour reigns,
And makes the nations know
the glories of the ways of peace,
And wonders of God's love,
And wonders of God's love,
And wonders, wonders of God's love.

BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN

Go to be preparers and proclaimers and dreamers!
And may the blessing of God,
 who created the world and all that lives,
the blessing of the Child, who releases new visions of peace,
and the blessing of the Holy Spirit,
 who guides us into new ways of living,
be with us all, now and forever. Amen.

*Thanks Monika and the Rainbow Room children for leading the
service this morning and to Peter Franklin, our organist.*

*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:	Jim and Maxine Cunningham
Sound:	Frank Cook
Offering:	Joan Tyler, Jon Schrader
Coffee/tea:	Dawn Cowdry, Jennifer Bush Daumec
Communion:	Ross Young, Bronwyn White, Frank Hanson

On duty Sunday 9 Dec

Welcoming:	Norman Wilkins, Heather Macfarlane
Sound:	Paul Satherley
Offering:	Kath Kerr, Margaret Pannett
Coffee/tea:	Linda Wilkins, Janet Horncy
Time with the Children:	Jenny Simpson
Readings:	Anna Smith
Prayers of the People:	Cam Smart
Musician:	Clare Brockett

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sun 2 Dec	10 am	Sunday gathering – First Sunday in Advent
	11.30 am	Congregational Brunch
	2.30 pm	Wellington Chamber Orchestra concert
	6 pm	Season of Light Multi-faith Celebration
Wed 5 Dec	12.15 pm	Free Lunchtime Concert <i>Piano music for cello and piano</i>
	5.30 pm	Advent Contemplation: <i>Aspects of Angels</i>
Sun 9 Dec	10 am	Sunday gathering – Second Sunday in Advent
	11.30 am	Congregational Conversation

CONTEMPLATIONS FOR ADVENT: ASPECTS OF ANGELS

St Andrew's on The Terrace 5.30 - 6.15 pm

Wednesday 5th December

Wednesday 12th December

Wednesday 19th December

'even if you don't believe in angels, listen to their song'

music - readings - reflection

SEASONS OF LIGHT CONCERT

A multi-faith celebration of unity through music, song, ritual and reading.
Sunday 2 December 2012 6 pm to 7.30 pm at St Andrew's on the Terrace.
Koha Entry. Everyone welcome. St Andrew's Singers will be participating.

DCM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 3rd December 2012 at 5.30 pm. Compassion House (upstairs meeting room), 2 Lukes Lane. Followed by a discussion on the new Wellington Homelessness Strategy. Please RSVP by 29 November to office@dcm.org.nz or 04-384-7699

WELLINGTON COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

Public Sacred Text Study

Our Core Beliefs: Jewish, Christian and Muslim Perspectives

Wednesday 5 December 2012 at 7.30 pm

Temple Sinai, 147 Ghuznee St, Wellington

Entry by Koha. All are welcome.

Speakers:

Rabbi Adi Cohen - Jewish: Wellington Progressive Jewish Congregation

Vanessa Borg - Christian: Catholic lay person, Wellington Focolare movement

Rehanna Ali - Muslim: Wellington Masjid Muslim

Come along and hear perspectives on the core beliefs of the three Abrahamic religions, using original texts from Torah, the New Testament and the Koran.

The three talks will be followed by a panel discussion and light refreshments.

THE GLAMAPHONES PLAYLIST 9 December Concert in Wellington

Concert on Sunday 9 December. 4pm at St Andrew's on the Terrace.

Tickets are \$15 waged/ \$10 unwaged/children

Door sales or pre-order by emailing marketing@glamaphones.org.nz.

Complimentary refreshments will be served after the performance.

For more details about the Concert and the choir check out:

www.glamaphones.org.nz

PEACE VIGIL FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Monday 10 December at 6 pm at St Andrew's on The Terrace.

Faith and Spiritual communities leading in prayers, chanting and readings and a special message from Dr Izzeldin Abuelaish, 2010 Nobel Peace Laureate Nominee and author of 'I Shall Not Hate'.

SHOPPING WITH ROWENA

Rowena is recovering from surgery. She likes to go shopping to Common Sense Organics and New World. If you're able to provide transport and company for her weekly outing please get in touch with Fiona at church or at fionaredsquirrel@gmail.com

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.

Organised by the chaplains.

FOODBANK

DCM is currently asking for the following items:

Tinned stews, tinned corned beef, Pasta or rice snack meals, Christmas goodies, Men & Women toiletries, Tinned reduced cream, Boxed long-life cream. DCM appreciates anything else you wish to donate, and thanks us for participating.

ART AND CRAFT FAIR/EXHIBITION

Welcome Centre Fundraiser—Autumn 2013 (date to be advised)

Artists and Artisans, Crafters and Cooks: can you contribute original work? If you'd like to be part of this fundraiser, please contact

Margaret Megwyn megwyn@xtra.co.nz phone 387-7311 or

Bronwyn White bronz99@live.com phone 04-297-2270

ON THE BACK TABLE

Touchstone magazine – December 2012

Sea of Faith newsletter – November 2012

Victoria University Community Continuing Education

Short Courses February to July 2013



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	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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