

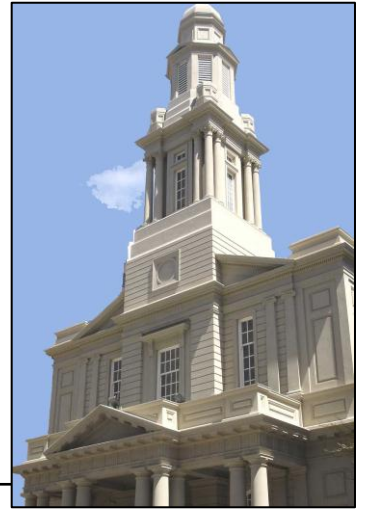
St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

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ORDER OF SERVICE

23 December 2011



4th Sunday in Advent



**CAROLS AND READINGS FOR
AN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND CHRISTMAS**

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.

During the building of the Welcome Centre, the only toilets available are upstairs in the Conference Centre. Access is via the external stairway at the back of the car park. We apologise for lack of disability access until July 2013.

GATHERING

Barbara Sampson (adapted)

In this southern place
pohutukawa stands all year
green and murmuring
wind whipped
clinging to rocky shorelines.

But when pohutukawa breaks
glorious red
against a clear blue sky
to the roar of rolling surf
we know Christmas has come!

Pohutukawa Christ,
You stand in our midst all year
singing your ever-green song of love.

But at Christmas you break out
blood-red, flesh soft
to the sound of a baby breathing.
Gift beyond description, we welcome you.

PROCESSIONAL CAROL

O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:
come and behold the
fond desire of nations
*O come in adoration, O come in adoration,
O come in adoration, Christ is born.*

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in expectation,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God,
all glory in the highest!
chorus

Yes, child, we'll greet you,
Born on Christmas morning,
Jesus, to you be all glory given.
Word of creation,
now in flesh appearing.
chorus

OPENING RESPONSES

The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light.
***The light shines even in the places
where shadows touch our lives.***
Rejoice then, for Christ's presence is come amongst us,
and brings light to our world.

WELCOME

E te whānau a Te Karaiti
ngā mihi aroha ki a tātou katoa.
Kia ora tātou.

CWS PARTNER

Creating better futures, with hope, is what CWS partner, Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR) works for. For Leila, a 47 year old single mother, DSPR has helped make her West Bank land of dirt and rocks productive, with a plastic house and a small herd of sheep. She grows and sells vegetables and herbs and plans to make cheese from the sheep's milk.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

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

Love is our protest against broken relationships;

Love is God's gift.

Come Christ, Love of our hearts

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

SUNG RESPONSE

Let love be here – love from the Christmas stable,
love at our open table, love to be shared all year...

[Words: Shirley Murray]

CAROL

AA 28 Come to this Christmas Singing

PRAYER

Bruce Sanguin

Overshadow us, O Holy One, as your spirit overshadowed Mary,
announcing her role as a key player in the Christmas story.

Overshadow our sense of insignificance

with the mystery that you chose us to give birth to the Holy.

Overshadow our low estimation of ourselves

with Spirit's esteeming presence.

Overshadow our fear that you are calling us

with Spirit's empowering grace.

Our small selves relax in the shadow of your grace.

We regain our full stature

and accept the leading role in this drama of sacred birth.

We are reminded that with you, all things are possible....

LORD'S PRAYER

on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Frank Cook

*Rainbow Room has finished for the Christmas summer holidays.
Children are welcome to play with the toys at the back of the
church during the service.*

PASSING THE PEACE

READING

Marilyn Wallace
Matthew 1: 18-25

ST ANDREW'S SINGERS

O Hear the Angel Voices
Tune: Venite Adoremus. Traditional English melody and words.

READING

Jon Schrader
Nativity by Peter Cape

CAROL

AA 12 *Child of Christmas story*

READING

Pam Ormsby
"Harakeke" from *Uenuku* by Trixie Te Arama Menzies

CAROL (remain seated)

Peace Child
Words: Shirley Murray

Peace Child,
in the sleep of the night,
in the dark before light
you come,
in the silence of stars,
in the violence of wars—
Saviour, your name.

Peace Child,
to the road and the storm,
to the gun and the bomb
you come,
through the hate and the hurt,
through the hunger and dirt—
bearing a dream.

Peace Child,
To our dark and our sleep,
to the conflict we reap,
now come,
Be your dream born alive,
held in hope, wrapped in love:
God's true shalom.

READING

Maxine Cunningham

Suddenly there is light all around

Bronwyn Angela White 2002

CONTEMPORARY CAROL

Now the star of Christmas

Words: Shirley Murray. Tune: Noel Nouvelet

Now the star of Christmas shines into our day,
points a new direction: change is on the way –
there's another landscape to be travelled through,
there's a new-born spirit broadening our view.

When the Christ of Christmas speaks to heart and mind,
clears the clouded vision hurting humankind,
kindred spirits gather, drawn toward the light,
sharing revelation, joyful at the sight.

If we choose to follow, we may yet be wise.
Where the three kings travel, three great faiths arise:
Jesus, Christ for Christians, Jesus, Judah's son
Prophet for the Muslim, wisdom in each one.

Where the star enlightens, light is shared around.
God has drawn no borders, faith sees common ground:
Peace the hopeful journey, justice without bar,
God's illumination from the Christmas star.

READING

Lyn Burrell

Godfires by Keri Hulme

CAROL (remain seated)

Love came down at Christmas

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angels gave the sign.

Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all earth,
Love for plea and gift and sign.

READING

Frances Porter

"The cross in the manger" by Ann Weems in *Kneeling in Bethlehem*

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

***Gracious and loving God, in this season of giving
we seek to be more loving and more giving.
Accept and bless our gifts and our lives offered to you. 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

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREWS

on card

ST ANDREW'S SINGERS

Peace Song

Words and music: Dorothy Buchanan

For you my friend I have one wish,
I wish that you will find
The way to know and love your friend,
Which comes from peace of mind.

No more of warring hate or doubt,
No talk or thought of gain,
Time now for sowing seeds of joy:
La paix, la joie, l'amour.

Peace, shalom,
Pax, aroha,
La paix, la joie, l'amour
Peace to all who search for truth,
Peace and joy and love.

If we would buy with effort peace,
The cost to us would be
Our search for fortune, petty needs,
We'd find tranquility.

To find your true self seek for peace
With head and hand and mind,
With friends and lovers unite for peace,
Peace and joy and love.

Peace, shalom,
Pax, aroha,
La paix, la joie, l'amour.
Peace to all who search for truth,
Peace and joy and love.

THE SENDING OUT (standing)

Poem by Joy Cowley

This year, this year, who comes
in form of God's befriending?
What voice to cry for peace?
A child with human face will plead compassion's case,
entreat our conflicts' ending –

Bless this child, O bless this child!

Make way, make way for signs of angel visitation!
What daughter or what son may be the coming One,
new Christ, in love begun, new light of revelation?

Bless this child, O bless this child.

Make room, make room!
The time is near to be awaking,
for in creation's womb the Word has made a home –
the seed for summer bloom within the earth is breaking.

Bless this child, O bless this child.

CAROL

Christmas in Southern Hemisphere

Words: Bill Wallace. Tune: Cranham

Christmas in the summer?
Heat instead of cold?
Flowers instead of freezing?
Skies that shine like gold?
This is Southern Christmas,
Seasons in reverse!
Can the Northern pictures
Speak in Southern verse?

Inner space is timeless
God is everywhere
Cries of newborn infants
Reach for Mary's care.
When we nurture wonder
'Till its grace abounds
We create new pictures
Outside Northern bounds.

Sing the Christmas story
Carol South and North
Sing of pregnant seasons,
Nature's songs of birth.
Raise the Christchild's praises
Lift both joy and pain
Touch the realms of oneness
Live the birth again.

BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN

Go safely towards Christmas Day
Trusting that love is moving towards you
And may the God of love go with you
The child of Bethlehem touch your life
And gifts of grace lie around you as you journey.

*Thanks to Jane Keller, Clare Brockett and the St Andrew's Singers
for the music, and thanks to all the readers.*

**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:	Pam Fuller, Kath Kerr
Sound:	Sarah Jobson
Offering:	James Cone, Cam Smart
Coffee/tea:	James Cone,

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's		
Today	10 am	Fourth Sunday in Advent: Carols and Readings for a NZ Christmas
Mon 24 Dec Christmas Eve	7.30 pm	Christmas Eve Service. Sherry, juice and Christmas Cake
	8 pm	Carols, candles and communion
Tues 25 Dec Christmas Day	9.30 am	Christmas Day Celebration Service for everyone – "Sensing angels here and now"

MORNING TEA HELP FOR TODAY

Help is required with morning tea this morning! James has kindly offered to help with morning tea this morning in my absence but he needs some helping hands. If you can assist with serving tea or coffee after the service and/or clean up please see James in the kitchen after the service. Thanks very much! Sonia

CHRISTMAS HELPERS

After church today we need a few people who can vacuum the back of the church and tidy the toilets upstairs and the kitchen. If you can help please speak to Margaret after the service.

POHUTUKAWA

Do you have access to pohutukawa flowers? Margaret would like a basket for Christmas Eve and Christmas. If you can help save her from engaging in criminal mischief, please let her know urgently.

MORNING TEA/COFFEE IN THE HALL

Because of access issues, we have decided to resume serving morning tea/coffee in the church. If you are on the roster for tea/coffee, you

will be sent the door codes to the hall via email. The filled water urns can be brought through the south vestry into the church. We are investigating installing a cold water tap in the church foyer to simplify this.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED AND STAFF HOLIDAYS

The church office re-opens on Monday 7 January.

Peter is back on 29 December also for urgent building matters.

Margaret will be away until 3 January, but will be contactable for pastoral care emergencies on her cell phone or by email. David is back on Monday 7 January.

The staff team at St Andrew's wish you and your friends and family a blessed Christmas and a restful, restorative New Year!

SUNDAY SERVICES ROSTER

There is a sign up sheet on the back table for Sunday services from Christmas Eve to Waitangi Day. Please enter your details to be included in the team on these days. Thank you for volunteering. The difference you make is much appreciated.

UPDATED TOTAL FOR THE CHRISTMAS BAKE STALL

The total so far now stands at \$3,250.90. Congratulations Maxine and team.

CWS PACIFIC CYCLONE APPEAL

"Samoa and Fiji need immediate and long term help to get back on their feet after Cyclone Evan's destruction" says Christian World Service national director, Pauline McKay.

CWS have launched an appeal for donations for partner and associate groups in Samoa and Fiji.

Donations to help Pacific people hit by Cyclone Evan in Samoa and Fiji can be made: on line at <http://www.cws.org.nz/donate> , sent to PO Box 22652, Christchurch 8140 or by calling 0800 74 73 72.

PLEASE NOTE – The offerings received as part of our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services will go to the CWS CHRISTMAS APPEAL Thank you.

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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