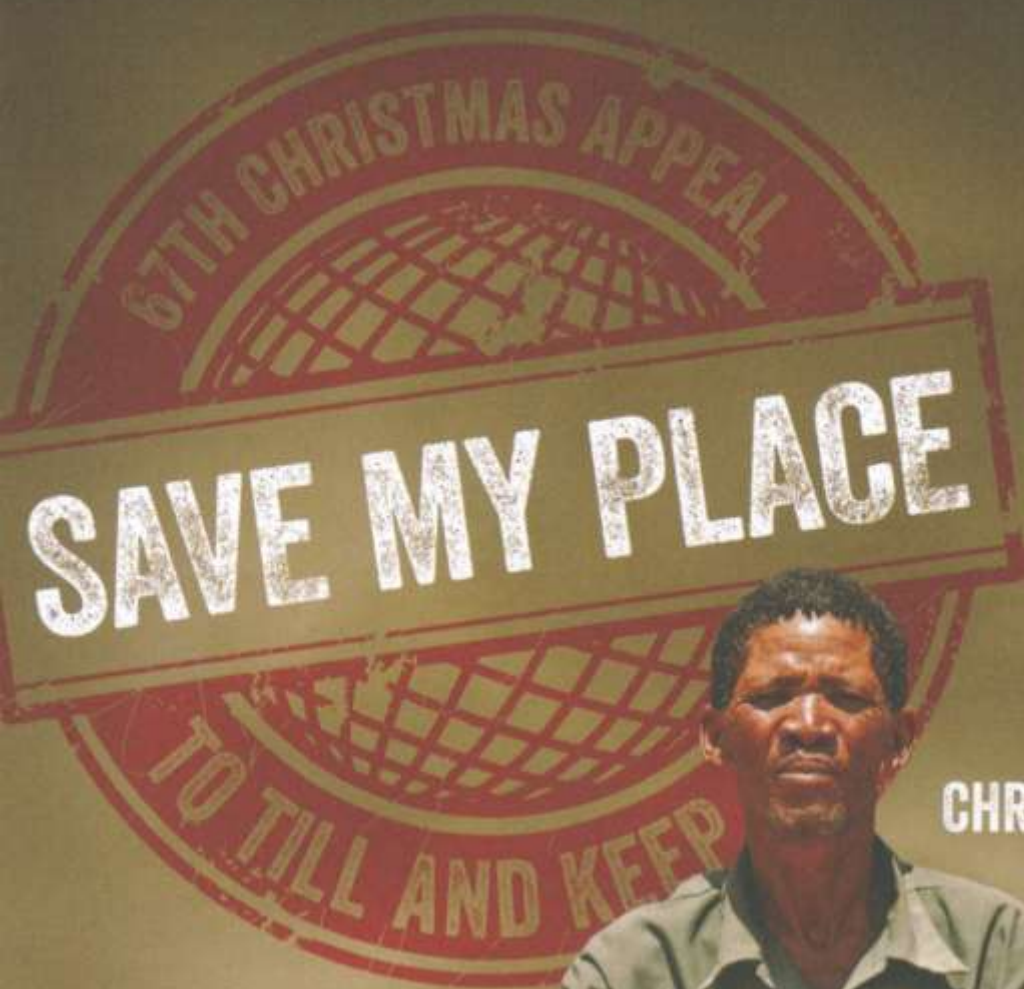
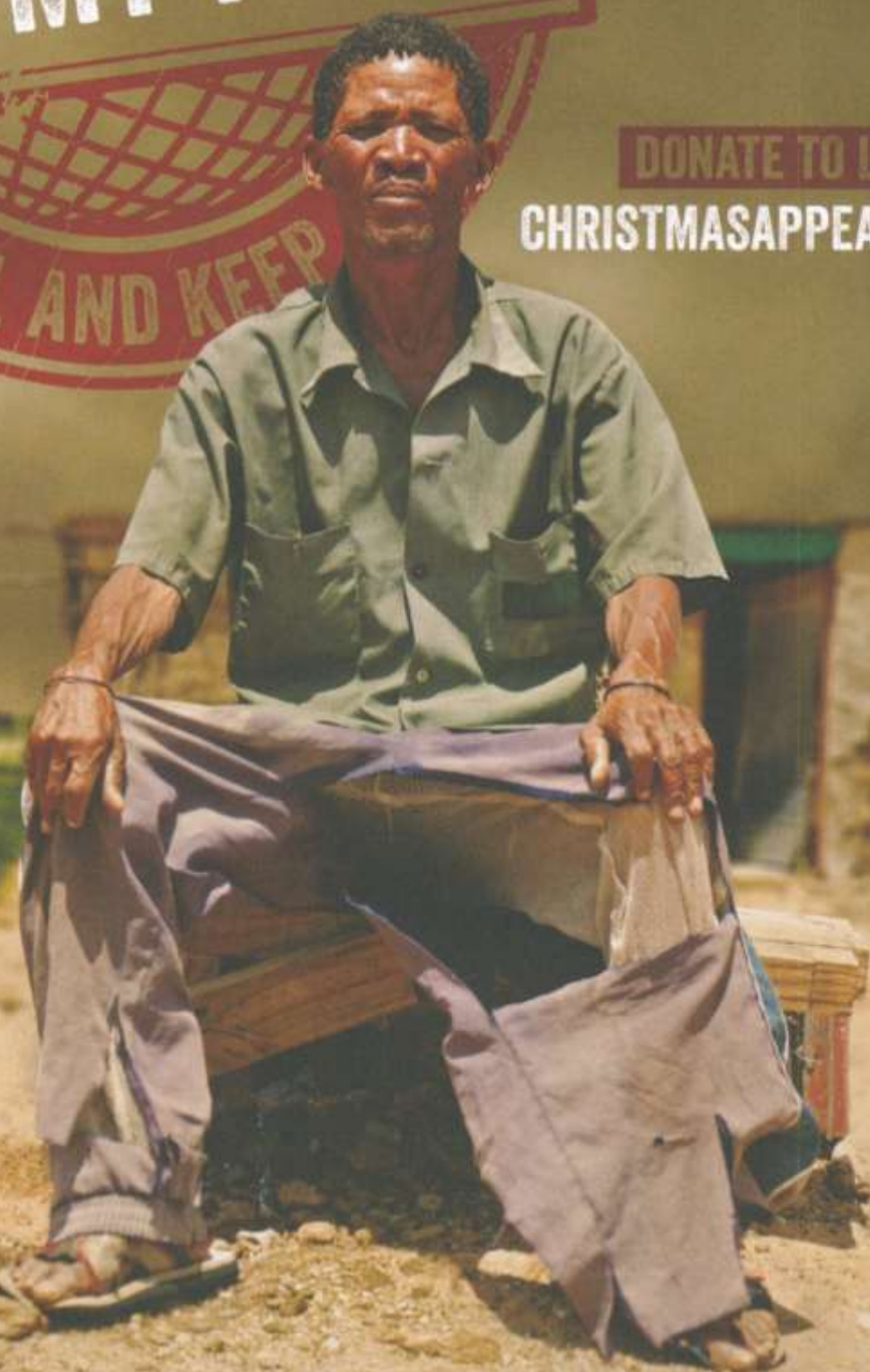




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St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

Founded 1840

9th December 2012

Second 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

We are awake. Our eyes are open

We see the day before us:

full of possibilities.

So we have come with open hearts to hear the voice of God
singing through our songs and stories and prayers.

Let us celebrate life in the presence of 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

Dorothy McRae-McMahon

God conceives, within humanity, a promise -
a small seed which could grow into the Divine life.

***It lies there in a womb of faith and prophetic hope,
waiting to be nurtured and celebrated.***

Its fragile being may be immersed in hard times,
almost overwhelmed with challenges and conflicts
and wondering whether there will be any place
for its precious and sacred birthing.

***We can be those who prepare for the coming,
the miracle of unearned eternal grace.***

WELCOME

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

PRAYER

ASSURANCE

E te whanau, the Spirit of God continues to sing the world into
being; bringing to birth miracles of love and unearned grace.
The Christ Singer invites us again to join in the song of Earth,
for we are God's beloved people.

Thanks be to God.

CWS PARTNER

John the Baptist heard God's call in the wilderness, a place of emptiness and hopelessness where people had to struggle in order to survive. In South India, huge shrimp farms, power stations and ship breaking industries threaten people and traditional fish supplies. Standing against this destruction is CWS partner Neythal with a track record of helping fisherfolk survive. Working together, for the future, gives hope to vulnerable people like Indira when no one else seems to care. Speaking out against what is unfair is the beginning of God's salvation.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

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

Peace is our protest against violence; Peace is God's gift.
Come Christ, Peace of our hearts
Enter our lives so that all people may have a place to stand.

SUNG RESPONSE

Where is the room? Where is the house of Christmas,
where shall we welcome Jesus, where are the signs of home?

[Words: Shirley Murray]

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Jenny Simpson

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

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

God bless you. Amen.

Children leave for last Rainbow Room session of the year.

*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

Anna Smith

Hebrew Bible

Malachi 3:1-4

Gospel

Luke 3: 1-6

Contemporary Reading

"Nativity"

By Joy Cowley in *Psalms Down Under*

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

My place... 'to till and keep'

IMAGES AND MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

HYMN

AA 14 *Child of joy and peace*

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

*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

Cam Smart

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Nigeria and we pray for the Christian Council of Nigeria. In New Zealand, we remember those in parliament, and today we name Denis O'Rourke and Hekia Parata, List MPs. Here in Wellington, we pray for the leaders and people of the Central Baptist Church.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

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CAROL

You shall draw with gladness
Words: Ruth Duck. Tune: Cranham

You shall draw with gladness
from the wells of grace.
Though your years have long been dry,
you shall see God's face.
Child of God, be joyful;
no more shall you mourn.
God will not desert you,
child whom she has borne.

Love divine surpasses
loves we hold most dear.
God is greater than our guilt,
stronger than our fear.
Child of God, be joyful;
wait and watch and pray.
Streams shall wash the desert
as God clears the way.

Bearing light of summer,
Jesus comes to save,
pouring out the Spirit's pow'r,
opening the grave.
Child of God, be joyful!
God is drawing near.
Grace springs forth among us,
flowing fresh and clear.

BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN

Go into this birthing time with a courageous song;
joining in God's dream of justice for the whole Earth
And may the blessing of God:
Life-Giver, Love-Maker and Pain Bearer
be with you all now and always. Amen.

Thanks to Clare Brockett, our pianist this morning.

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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:	Norman Wilkins, Heather Macfarlane
Sound:	Paul Satherley
Offering:	Kath Kerr, Margaret Pannett
Coffee/tea:	Linda Wilkins, Janet Horncy

On duty Sunday 16 Dec

Welcoming:	Frank and Nola Hanson
Sound:	Peter Cowley
Offering:	Paul Barber, Lyn Burrell
Coffee/tea:	Julie Brough & David Thorne
Time with the Children:	Margaret Mayman
Readings:	Wendy Matthews
Prayers of the People:	Mike Wespel Rose
Musician:	Peter Franklin

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sun 9 Dec	10 am 11.30 am 4 pm	Sunday gathering – Second Sunday in Advent Congregation Conversation The Glamaphones concert <i>"The Glamaphones Playlist"</i>
Mon 10 Dec	6 pm	Multi-Faith Prayer Vigil
Wed 12 Dec	12.15 pm 5.30 pm	Free Lunchtime Concert <i>The Well-travelled Cello</i> <i>Cellist – Robert Ibell. Pianist Catherine McKay</i> Advent Contemplation: <i>Aspects of Angels</i>
Sun 16 Dec	10 am	Sunday gathering – Advent 3 led by Margaret



THE GLAMAPHONES PLAYLIST 9 December Concert in Wellington

Concert on Sunday 9 December 4 pm 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

PRAYER 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'.

CONTEMPLATIONS FOR ADVENT: ASPECTS OF ANGELS

St Andrew's on The Terrace 5.30 - 6.15 pm Wed 12th & 19th. Even if you don't believe in angels, listen to their song. Music. Readings. Reflection

JEWISH FESTIVAL OF HANUKAH (Festival of Lights)

This year on the 8th of December the 8-day Jewish Festival of Hanukah (Festival of lights) will start. To celebrate this, the Embassy of Israel, together with the Jewish communities and the Wellington City Council will organize Hanukah celebration on the 12th of December.

Come and celebrate with the Jewish Community and the Embassy of Israel, our wonderful Jewish festival of lights on December 12th at the Civic Square, Wellington City. There will be live music, (by the Klezmer Rebs), Hora dance, food, drinks, kids' activities and more.

This family-friendly event is free, and everyone is welcome! Please invite your friends. In case of bad weather then a rain day is planned for the next day (13th Dec). All proceeds goes to the Wellington Free Ambulance!

TAKE YOUR SHOES OFF FOR POVERTY

The Expert Advisory Group to the Children's Commissioner is releasing its final report on solutions to child poverty on 11

December. We would like to bring together a crowd to go barefoot and show that child poverty in New Zealand is

unacceptable. This report needs to be taken

seriously by our government. We'd love you to join us on 12 December, 1 pm at Parliament grounds to show your support and take part in what is shaping up to be a really fun event.



ADVENT QUIET DAYS

Saturday 15 December at Wellington Cathedral of St Paul.

Molesworth/Hill 9.30 for 9.45 am – 3.30 pm . No registration required.

Esther de Waal, one of the world's foremost scholars and writers in the Benedictine and Celtic traditions will be leading this day.

For more information, see notice on noticeboard

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.

CHRISTMAS BAKE

Well done Maxine, Jim and team and everyone who helped.

Total raised to date is \$2646.00

If you wish to take some biscuits today to sell to your friends, family, colleagues, please see Maxine. They are \$3 per pack and come in packs of 6 (\$18) and 10 (\$30).

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Planned Giving July - November 2012

Budgeted \$37,500.00 Received \$34,492.36

Bank account 02-0534-0004022-00

Stage 3 Saving St Andrews donations to date

\$56,933.90

Bank account 02-0534-0004022-07

Thank you for your financial support.

Please contact Paul Barber for any enquiries.

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
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MY PLACE... "TO TILL AND KEEP"

It's a powerful, profound desire. The need for a place you can call "my place." When the need is met it provides security and hope. A "place to till and keep", as Genesis 2.15 says. Deny this need and the reverse is true. Despair and fear result. It's part of our shared history here in Aotearoa/ New Zealand. Land loss drove many European ancestors here while for Maori the theft of land is still an issue. Christian World Service supports our partners to make their stand for land and rights. To have a place to call "my place."

Globally there is a battle raging about who owns land. Land grabs are robbing people of their place to till and keep, in Africa, South America and Asia. "My place" turns into "their place", a modern scandal. Commonly owned land is being seized or sold into private hands. The equivalent of eight Great Britain's, that is about 200 million hectares of land, has been land grabbed in the last ten years.

In Colombia alone the UN reports that an area the size of Switzerland has been stolen from its rightful owners. In Uganda a farmer woke up one day to find his ancestral land had been "sold" when the bulldozers began crushing his crops. Tragically it's a common story. A place "to till and keep" is unjustly stolen again. Big business... big agriculture is pushing small farmers out of the way for monoculture and biofuels. In a world where we grow 50 per cent more food than we need, nobody should go hungry, or lose "my place." People are standing up to and confronting this massive injustice, including our partners. Sometimes they win.

In this year's Christmas Appeal we showcase some of our partners to demonstrate how they are standing up for their right to their land. This is a huge problem with specific, proven solutions.
Support "my place" as if it is your own place.

