

# St Andrew's on The Terrace

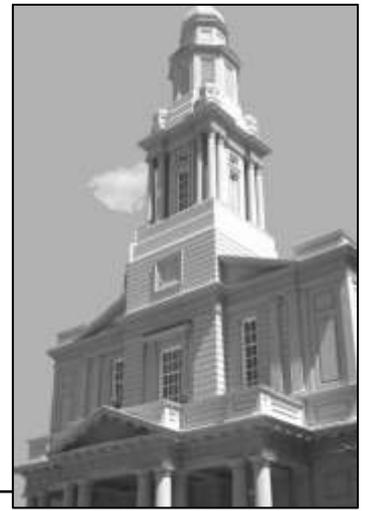
*Hato Anaru o Te Parehua*

Founded 1840

## ORDER OF SERVICE

22 April 2012

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter



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## **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: stop, drop and hold.*

### **GATHERING**

Let there be joy in our coming together this morning.  
Let there be hope in the words we speak and the songs we sing.  
Let there be healing where there is disharmony and despair.  
Let there be silence for the voice within us and beyond us.  
Let us celebrate life in the presence of God.

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Words: Bill Wallace. Tune: Hyfrydol

Autumn comes in all its fullness  
Harvesting both land and heart.  
Autumn has its birth in Winter  
In the stillness where life starts.  
Every death brings hope of birthing,  
Every birthing heralds death,  
For the patterns framed by nature  
Form the seasons of our hearts.

Autumn calls for deep reflection  
On the choices that bear fruit -  
How we sow and how we nurture  
All our just and vain pursuits  
Every death brings hope of birthing,  
Every birthing heralds death,  
For the patterns framed by nature  
Form the seasons of our hearts.

Buried in Autumnal endings  
Lies the greening of the tomb,  
For the letting go in Autumn  
Gives the entry to life's womb.  
Every death brings hope of birthing,  
Every birthing heralds death,  
For the patterns framed by nature  
Form the seasons of our hearts.

## OPENING RESPONSES

There is a time for everything in creation:  
*a time for light and a time for darkness,*  
a time for sound and a time for silence,  
*a time for action and a time for reflection,*  
a time for others and a time for oneself.  
*But all these times are sacred time  
and now is the time to be aware.*

## WELCOME

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

## PRAYER

Dorothy McRae-McMahon

It is a strange thing, O God,  
that we often go on searching around the tombs of life to find you,  
hunting through the empty spaces,  
returning to the deathly moments,  
asking among the hostile places and people,  
insisting on trying to find you in distant theories and doctrines  
as though you would make it hard for us.

*(silent reflection)*

We place upon you our own contrariness,  
our own manipulations,  
our own distancing from those we love.  
We punish ourselves as we punish others,  
forgetting your grace towards us  
and all frail and humble people.

*(silent reflection)*

Forgive us, O God.

***Forgive us, and reveal to us  
the nearness of your presence.***

## **ASSURANCE**

Hear the word to us from the One who stayed with the people who longed for him.

Hear the word of grace from the One who invites us always to join in an eternal covenant of love. We are forgiven.

***Thanks be to God!***

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

*on card*

## **LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE**

## **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**Frank Cook**

## **CHILDREN'S BLESSING**

*standing*

We send you to the Rainbow Room to explore the joyful path of life in the Spirit.

***God bless you. Amen.***

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

## **THE TRADITION IN TEXTS**

**Anna Smith**

**Gospel**

Luke 24:36b-48

**Contemporary Reading**

**"God's future"**

Walter Brueggemann in *The Prophetic Imagination*

## **RESPONSE**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church:

***We give thanks for the word of God in scripture,  
we honour the word within us,  
we seek for the word around us.***

## HYMN

*Something's dead inside me*

Words: Joy Cowley. Music: Colin Gibson

Something's dead inside me,  
some yesterday is slain.  
My heart is hung upon a cross,  
my thoughts are filled with pain  
and yet there is within me  
a hope I can't explain,  
for in the darkness I can see

*God dancing in the rain  
God dancing in the rain*

I surrender to the mystery  
of loss that's turned to gain.  
The little seed of wheat must die  
to become a field of grain,  
and I know it's in this time of grief  
that Christ is risen again,  
for in the darkness I can see

*God dancing in the rain  
God dancing in the rain  
God dancing in the rain*

## REFLECTION

**Margaret Mayman**

Sacred affirmation: saying yes

## HYMN

*AA 19 Church of the Living Christ*

Tune: Little Cornard

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

United Church of Canada

***We are not alone;***

***we live in God's world.***

***We believe in God:***

***who has created and is creating,***

***who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,***

***to reconcile and make new,***

***who works in us and others by the Spirit.***

***We trust in God.***

***We are called to be the Church:***

***to celebrate God's presence,***

***to live with respect in Creation,***

***to love and serve others,***

***to seek justice and resist evil,***

***to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,***

***our judge and our hope.***

***In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.***

***We are not alone. Thanks be to God.***

## **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**

***Let our gratitude for life be expressed in our generosity.  
Let our faith be expressed in engagement with the world for  
the purpose of transformation, for peace and love and justice.  
Let our hope for our world find full expression  
in our daily attitude of mind. 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**

**Ellen Murray**

## **CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

We think today of the people of Israel and Jewish people throughout the world. In New Zealand, we remember those in parliament, and today we name Jonathan Coleman and Judith Collins, and the people of their electorates of Northcote and Papakura. Here in Wellington we pray for the leaders and people of the Central Baptist Church, Wellington.

## **PRAYER FOR ST ANDREWS**

*on card*

## **HYMN**

Tune: Duke Street, WOV 24  
Words: The Iona Community

Christ is alive, let Christians sing.  
His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive, no longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine.  
He comes to claim the here and now  
and conquer every time and place.

Not throned above, remotely high,  
untouched, unmoved by human pains;  
but daily, in the midst of life,  
our Saviour in his mercy reigns.

In every insult, rift and war,  
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,  
he suffers still, yet loves the more  
and lives, though ever crucified.

Christ is alive, his spirit burns  
through this and every future age,  
till all creation lives and learns  
his joy, his justice, love and praise.

### **BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN**

May God the heart of life be deep within us,  
God the Christ be present in our history,  
and God the Spirit empower us  
to sing and dance and celebrate.

*Thanks to Clare Brockett, our pianist this morning*

**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:	Heather Macfarlane, Fiona McDougal
Sound:	Frank Cook
Offering:	Joan Tyler, Ann Barrie
Coffee/tea:	Norman Wilkins, Douglas Wood
Musician:	Clare Brockett

**On duty Sunday 29 April** Heather will arrange

<b>This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's</b>		
Sun 22 Apr	10 am 11:30 am	Sunday gathering. Margaret leading. Exploring Faith: Compassion Group
Tues 24 Apr	5.30 pm	Book Launch: <i>You who delight me</i>
Wed 25 Apr	12.15 pm	ANZAC Day. Office closed. No concert.
Thurs 26 Apr	7.30 pm	Alexander Shaia Public Talk
Sun 29 Apr	10 am	Sunday gathering. Series: Changes (1)

**THE COMPASSION GROUP** will meet today at 11.30 am in Conference Room 1.

Rather than reading a chapter in Karen Armstrong's book, this time we will be considering the life and work of a famous New Zealander who spent her life trying to embody the complex quality of compassion, Suzanne Aubert.

Everyone is welcome, even if you haven't come before.

Please speak to Fiona or Mike or email

Fiona [fionamc98@yahoo.com](mailto:fionamc98@yahoo.com)

or Mike [mikewr09@gmail.com](mailto:mikewr09@gmail.com).

### **ALEXANDER SHAIA PUBLIC TALK:**

#### **The Hidden Power of the Gospels**

*Four Questions, Four Paths, One Journey*

Thursday 26 April at 7.30 pm in the church here at St Andrew's.

*See noticeboard for further information*

### **DEATH AND DIVERSITY EXHIBITION**

#### **Museum of Wellington City & Sea**

- 28 April Interfaith perspectives on grief
- 29 April Ethnic perspectives on afterlife
- 10 June Remembering a loved one.
- 23 June Youth perspectives on grief/loss including death
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For more information, check out

<http://www.museumofwellington.co.nz/museum-of-wellington-city-and-sea/what-s-on/>

## WHITE POPPIES FOR PEACE

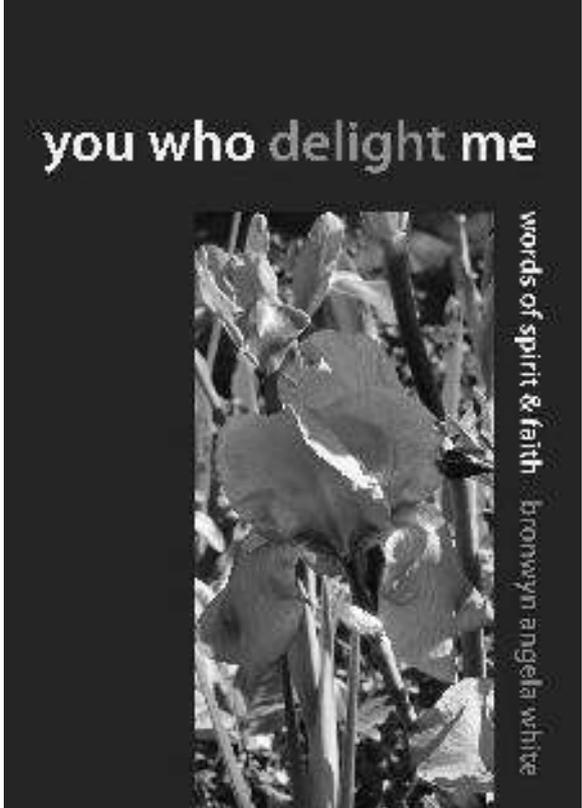
We have a supply of white peace poppies at the back of the church. If you wish to show your support, please take one. A donation would be appreciated. Donations will support the Peace Scholarships. To read more, go to [www.converge.org.nz/pma/scholar.htm](http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/scholar.htm)

## SAVE THE DATE – LIVING THE QUESTIONS

Introduction to Progressive Christianity dvd and discussion series led by Margaret.

Seven Thursday evenings 7 - 8:30 pm beginning 17 May.

For further information about Living Questions, have a look at their website [www.livingthequestions.com](http://www.livingthequestions.com)

	<p><b>BOOK LAUNCH:</b> <i>You Who Delight Me—</i> <i>by Bronwyn Angela White</i></p> <p><b>Tuesday 24th April 2012</b> from 5.30 pm at St Andrew's on The Terrace.</p> <p>PLEASE ADVISE number attending to <a href="mailto:rsvp@steeleroberts.co.nz">rsvp@steeleroberts.co.nz</a> or <i>phone 499-0044, or show you're going on Bronwyn's Facebook Event page—but please rsvp just once!</i></p>
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## DARING TO BE A FAMILY

– exploring being families today.

8 – 11 June 2012 Adelaide.

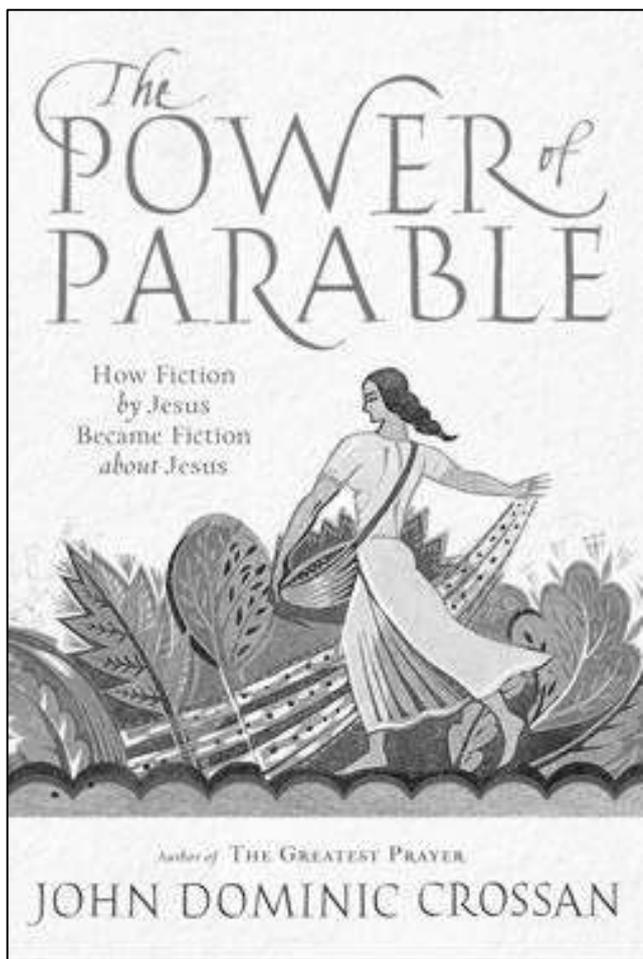
Keynote Speaker:

Rev Dr Margaret Mayman.

For more information visit [tinyurl.com/daring2012](http://tinyurl.com/daring2012) or join 'Daring 2012' Facebook page.



See back table for promotional cards.



## Visit to Sydney by Professor John Dominic Cross

John is a renowned international progressive biblical scholar. He is visiting Sydney, Australia to deliver a series of lectures and one major public address in September this year.

Tuesday 4 to Friday September 7  
2012

Nine Lecture series delivered over three days. And a public lecture on Friday evening.

NZ\$155 early bird (July 2) registration.

[www.commondreams.org.au](http://www.commondreams.org.au)

John Dominic Crossan was born in Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, Ireland in 1934. He was educated in Ireland and the United States, received a Doctorate of Divinity from Maynooth College, Ireland in 1959, and did post-doctoral research at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome from 1959 to 1961 and at the École Biblique in Jerusalem from 1965 to 1967.

He was a member of a 13<sup>th</sup> century Roman Catholic religious order, the Servites (Ordo Servorum Mariae), from 1950 to 1969 and an ordained priest from 1957 to 1969.

He joined DePaul University, Chicago in 1969 and remained there until 1995. He is now a Professor Emeritus in its Department of Religious Studies.

Registration forms are at the back of the church. If you register by post send the NZ dollar equivalent either as a bank cheque for A\$125 or indicate that on the credit card info (much easier option).

**QUESTIONS ... THOUGHTS ... COMMENTS ...**

# 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

<b>Senior Minister</b>	Margaret Mayman
<b>Parish Council Convenor</b>	Sandra Kirby
<b>Parish Council Clerk</b>	Heather Macfarlane
<b>Treasurer</b>	Paul Barber
<b>Saving St Andrew's Convenor</b>	Lynne Dovey
<b>Pastoral Convenors</b>	Colma Froggatt, Fiona McDougal
<b>Music Coordinator</b>	Jane Keller
<b>Theologian in Residence</b>	Lloyd Geering
<b>Presbytery Commissioner</b>	Helen Beaumont
<b>Concert Coordinator</b>	Marjan van Waardenberg
<b>Rainbow Room Coordinator</b>	Monika Demuth-Barber
<b>Parish Manager</b>	David Medland
<b>Custodian</b>	Peter Cowley

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