

# St Andrew's on The Terrace

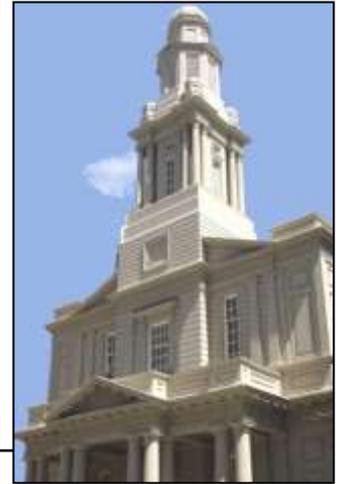
*Hato Anaru o Te Parehua*

Founded 1840

## ORDER OF SERVICE

22<sup>nd</sup> December 2013

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### Fourth Sunday in Advent



**CAROLS AND READING  
FOR A 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.

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 February 2013.

### **INTROIT: Sing a Carol for Summer**

**The St Andrew's Singers**

Words ©Shirley Murray; Music ©Jillian Bray COC 38

### **GATHERING**

We gather to announce that love is about to be born.

We hear the ancient word looking forward to this announcement.

We proclaim that light is about to overcome darkness.

Peace and justice shall be possible for all humanity.

The heralding is for us.

We prepare so we can participate in this rebirth of Love.

Our worship together separates the wilderness from the wasteland.

We affirm the hand of God in the movement of life

***Let us celebrate life in the presence of God.***

### **PROCESSIONAL CAROL**

Words: ©Shirley Murray; Music: ©Colin Gibson: COC 16

Come to this Christmas singing!

Come to a birthday bringing

gifts from our country's treasure,

beauty of shell and stone:

wisdom the old have taught us,

laughter the young have brought us,

love to surround a manger,

making this child our own.

Wealth of our land and water,  
riches of race and culture –  
these are our gold and incense  
offered for Christmas day:

where we make peace, declare it,  
where we have much, let's share it,  
aroha warm our hearts, and  
aroha be our way.

Here where the sheep are grazing,  
where summer sun is blazing  
harvests for others ripen –  
food for the world can grow:

Christ of a cold December,  
quicken us to remember  
poverty in a stable,  
need, like the sting of snow.

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

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**

#### **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 recognized;

***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*

## **LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE**

## **MEETING A CWS PARTNER & LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE**

In Sri Lanka, small farmers are finding it much harder to support their families. Where once there was water to share, well are drying up and streams are disappearing. Out of concern for their livelihoods and in recognition of the hunger that haunts them, MONLAR has mobilised support. They have cultivated a network of groups and farmers to lobby for fairer government policies and stand up against land and water grabs. Together they are putting on the pressure to restore the land to the people while building an economy with an ecology based on love and care for the earth.

Creator God, with the people of Sri Lanka we cry out for your love.

***We thirst for a way of living that honours you and offers  
fairness, compassion and unselfishness with all God's people.***

***Loving God, bring us to your Light and Life. Amen***

We light the fourth Advent candle for Love.

***For love that shows itself by the building  
of better and stronger communities;  
for love, that plans for better health  
and prepares ahead for challenging times;***

for love, that comes in unexpected ways  
and through surprising people;  
for love, that is promised through Emmanuel,  
God with us;

***We light this candle for Love.***

## THE PEACE

# A NEW ZEALAND CHRISTMAS

### INTRODUCTION

**READING:** Isaiah: 9: 2-7 A Great Light

(Lloyd Geering translation)

**HYMN:**

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Light of lights beholden  
we from days of olden  
sang this song  
for to understand  
that peace upon this planet  
was pledged to come.  
Each to other, sister, brother,  
born for life and song,  
*Look towards the light and carry on:  
let the simple heart and hope among us  
keep our family strong,  
let the simple heart and hope among us  
keep our family strong.*

Darkness all around us,  
light has always found us,  
light will come  
where the dark is deepest,  
greatest light will keep us  
safe from harm.  
Troubled times will always find  
a voice of troubled doom  
*Look towards the light and carry on:  
let the simple heart and hope among us  
keep our family strong,  
let the simple heart and hope among us  
keep our family strong.*

**READING:** Luke 2: 1-7 The Birth

(James Veitch translation)

**POEM:** *A New Zealand Christmas* by Eileen Duggan



Who is this who hears the wise men,  
trembling while their tale is told,  
sending troops to slaughter blindly,  
crush what cannot be controlled?

This is Herod, every Herod  
building power by others' pain;  
we will mourn the murdered children  
while their blood is shed again.

*(Congregation joins in for last verse)*

Who is this, a homeless exile,  
destined from his earliest hour  
for rejection, conflict danger,  
marked for death by worldly power?

Jesus, born to show God's glory  
shining through despair and loss,  
we will know you when we meet you  
by the shadow of your cross.

**POEM:**

*Nativity*

by Peter Cape

**LITANY:**

*Advent Triptych*

by Shirley Murray©

Out of the winter into  
the summer  
of Aotearoa  
a Child is waiting to be born  
whose life will throw  
all that we are or know  
into question,  
a contradiction

***the light begins to shine,  
and the darkness,  
the darkness has not overcome it.***

The Word is homeless  
and poor, and jobless,  
asking for justice:  
the Word is waiting to be heard  
whose advent cries

for us to clear our eyes,  
to feel the earth quake,  
and let the heart speak

***the light begins to shine,  
and the darkness,  
the darkness has not overcome it.***

Bright as a beacon  
lit on the coastline  
of Aotearoa  
a hope is waiting to be seen  
whose light will spell  
aroha, all things well  
for peace, for plenty –

Look, favoured country!

***The light begins to shine  
and our darkness,  
all our darkness  
cannot overcome it.***

**POEM:**

*24 December*

by Joy Cowley©

**HYMN:**

Words and Music© Colin Gibson COC 45

There's straw in the manger  
and babies in danger,  
some shepherds possessed by the folly of love.  
The register's ringing  
and shop choirs are singing;  
it's bargains galore in the folly of love.

It's midsummer madness,  
and everyday badness:  
the usual scene for the coming of Christ.  
It's parcels and wrapping,  
it's father caught napping,  
and children awake in the folly of love.

It's suntan and lotion,  
it's surf and commotion,  
it's sand in the sandwiches: folly of love.  
It's crackers and candles,  
it's shorts and it's sandals,  
plum pudding in summer: the folly of love.

It's friends and relations,  
it's neighbours and nations,  
enjoying a moment of peace and good will.  
it's crowds at the local,  
old aunties gone vocal,  
and "house full" signs out: O the folly of love.

It's families united,  
it's grandmas delighted,  
it's long distance calls, in the folly of love.  
It's caravans, camels,  
and fellows in flannels;  
three kings chasing stars for the folly of love.

It's postcard madonnas  
receiving full honours,  
Saint Nicholas wearing a cotton wool beard.  
It's trees hung with baubles,  
angelical warbles,  
and God comes to earth in the folly of love!

## **THE OFFERINGS ARE GATHERED**

### **HYMN OF DEDICATION**

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

Let Christ have space,  
place at the heart of living,  
center for birth's new breathing,  
cradle for hope and peace.

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

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lynne Dovey

## CIRCLE OF PRAYER

## PRAYER FOR ST ANDREWS

## 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 compassions 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.***

## HYMN

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Carol our Christmas, an upside down Christmas;  
snow is not falling and trees are not bare.  
Carol the summer, and welcome the Christ child,  
warm in our sunshine and sweetness of air.

Sing of the gold and the green and the sparkle,  
water and river and lure of the beach.  
Sing in the happiness of open spaces,  
sing a nativity summer can reach!

Shepherds and musterers move over hillsides,  
finding, not angels, but sheep to be shorn;  
wise ones make journeys whatever the season,  
searching for signs of the truth to be born.

Right side up Christmas belongs to the universe,  
made in the moment a woman gives birth;  
hope is the Jesus gift, love is the offering,  
everywhere, anywhere here on the earth.

## **BENEDICTION AND SUNG AMEN**

*Thanks to the pianist Vivien Chiu, Jane Keller and the St Andrew's Singers,  
The Readers: Lloyd Geering, Cam Smart, Pam Ball, Frances Porter,  
Annemarie Treadwell, Colma Froggatt, Margaret Rushbrook,  
Frank Hanson, Duncan Graham, Lyn Burrell, Wendy Matthews.*

**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.



## **AUDIO REFLECTIONS**

Sunday reflections are usually available on our website.

<http://www.standrews.org.nz/sunday-gathering/orders-of-service>

<b>Thanks to this week's volunteers</b>	
Welcoming:	Sonia Petrie, Jon Schrader
Sound:	Tony Cowdry
Offering:	Keith Rimmer, Henry Boidya
Coffee/tea:	Janet Horncy, Peter Cowley
Time with the Children:	Colma Froggatt
Readings:	various
Prayers of the People:	Lynne Dovey
Musician:	Vivien Chiu

# 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>Interim Minister</b>	Jim Cunningham
<b>Parish Council Convenor</b>	Sonia Petrie
<b>Parish Council Clerk</b>	Maxine Cunningham
<b>Treasurer</b>	Paul Barber
<b>Saving St Andrew's Convenor</b>	Lynne Dovey
<b>Pastoral Convenors</b>	Colma Froggatt, Fiona McDougal
<b>Church Music Coordinator</b>	Vivien Chiu
<b>Theologian in Residence</b>	Lloyd Geering
<b>Presbytery Representative</b>	Sandra Kirby
<b>Concert Coordinator</b>	Marjan van Waardenberg
<b>Rainbow Room Coordinator</b>	
<b>Church, Conference and Arts Manager</b>	David Medland
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## SUNDAY ROSTERS

A folder with an outline of each duty is now kept on the back table.

<b>This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's</b>		
Sun 22 Dec	10 am	Sunday gathering. Jim Cunningham and the St Andrew's Singers – A New Zealand Christmas
Mon 23 Dec		Office closed. Re-opens 6 January
Tue 24 Dec	7.30 pm 8 pm	Sherry, juice and Christmas cake Christmas Eve service. Carols, candles and communion led by Jim Cunningham. <i>"It's your turn to carry the baby ....!"</i>
Wed 25 Dec	9.30 am	Christmas Day service led by Fiona McDougal <i>"The love song at the heart of everything"</i>
Sun 29 Dec	10 am	Sunday gathering led by Frank Hanson

### **GENEROUS GIVING**

St Andrew's depends on the generous giving of members and friends. If you would like to make a donation or support our work through planned giving, please contact our Parish Office or Treasurer.

Bank account for donations is: St Andrews on The Terrace, BNZ Lambton Quay, 02-0534-0004022-02.

### **CWS CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2013**

The Christmas Appeal is a 68 year old tradition of New Zealand churches. Our combined giving has helped millions of people to survive during disaster, build new livelihoods and find hope when none is on offer. Giving together is a visible sign of God's love for a world where every person is of value and the integrity of creation respected. We work with experienced local partners who achieve real gains in their communities. But times are tough.

Costs are rising and the available resources shrinking. We need your support more than ever. Please give generously to the 2013 Christmas Appeal: Share Water, Share Life.

**DCM CHRISTMAS FOODBANK APPEAL 2013:** Important foods for everyday use: Tinned stews and ready meals; Spreads; Tuna, salmon and corned beef; Pasta sauces and curries; Cup 'a' soups; Soap, toothpaste and toilet paper. There are a small supply of leaflets for the appeal at the back of the church. For the Christmas season: Tinned fruit and fresh fruit; Dried fruit, eg. raisins & dates; Gifts for the children, eg. books, soft toys. Sweet treats - and anything else you choose.