

St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

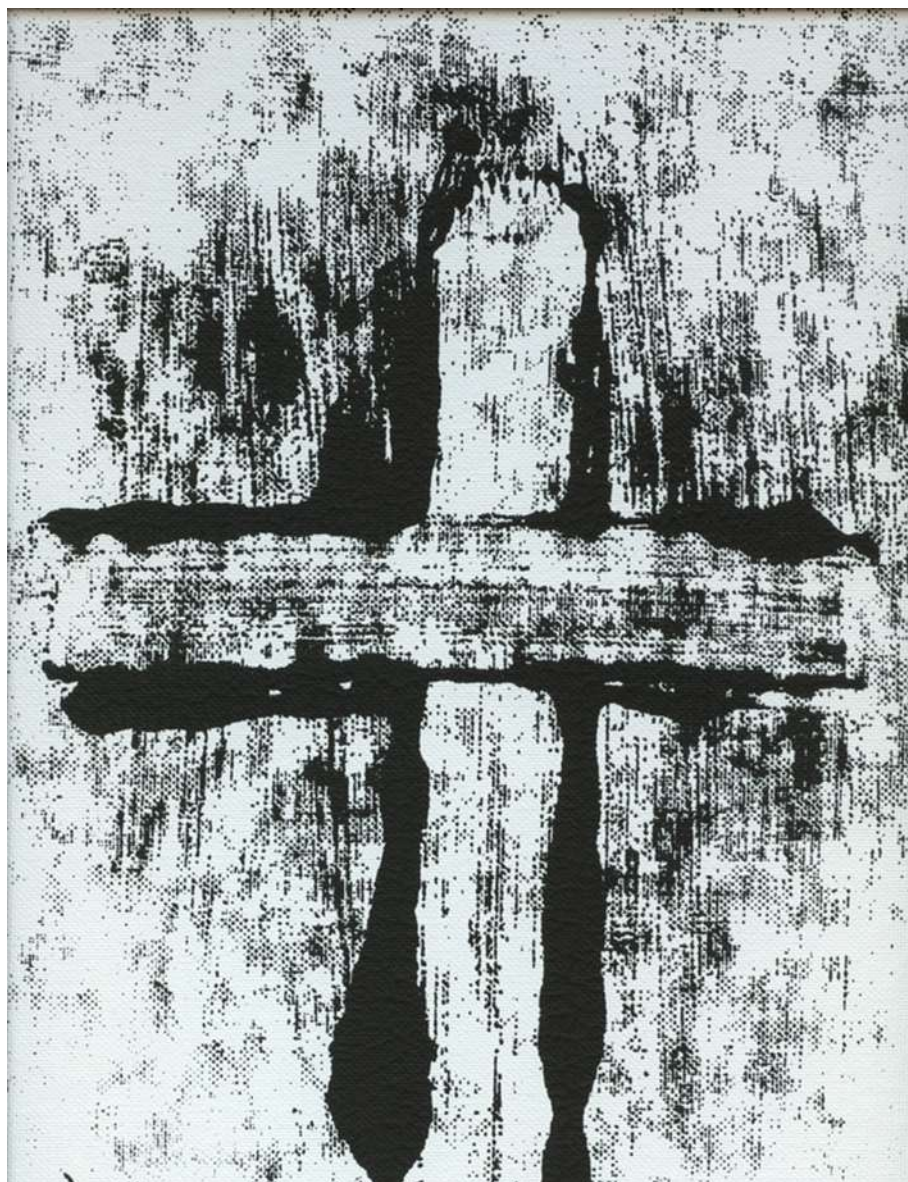
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ORDER OF SERVICE

30th March 2014



4th Sunday in Lent



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.

GATHERING

We come into this place
of reflection and renewal,
looking not for answers
but new ways to ask the Easter questions.
We come –
open to what this hour, this day
and the new week may bring.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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Music: WOV 84 Regent Square

God, composer and conductor
of earth's matchless symphony,
makes from silence glorious music,
from discordance, harmony;
brings forth joy from deepest sorrow,
ecstasy from agony.

God, the architect and artist
of earth's colours, textures, forms,
gives new wonder to our vision,
light in even darkest storms,
teaches that with understanding,
faith redeems and love reforms.

God of science, healer, teacher,
pushes out the boundaries
of capacity and knowledge,
challenges and gently frees
from the limits that restrain us,
offers opportunities.

God, creative spirit in us,
inspiration, force sublime,
leading us to new endeavour,
you, our living paradigm,
may we know your constant presence
now, and to the end of time.

OPENING RESPONSES

When life is tough and troubling
We come seeking signs of hope and healing,
When acts by the “powers that be” disturb us
We come seeking companions and wise counsel
When action seems required, yet somehow daunting
We come seeking help to pick our battles
and find God the healer and helper among us.

WELCOME

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

PRAYER

Rosalie Sugrue from “Oh Light”

God of pain and God of peace, Mother and Father of us all,
Created in your image, we inherited what makes us human:
the ability to think, communicate, reflect, record and create.
These gifts are precious and we give you thanks.
Though we have gifts in common, we are not all alike.
Each of us is a different individual, unique and special
We come before you rejoicing in our difference.

We come before you knowing that each child
is given a different blend of gifts and experiences
that shape and keep shaping the adult.
Every person in your world is differently abled,
every person in your world is differently disabled.
Help us use what we have to enhance our lives and your world.

THE JESUS PRAYER

on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

We send you to the Rainbow Room programme
to hear stories, ask questions and have fun together.

God bless you. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

WORD IN TEXTS

Anna Smith and Douglas Wood

Gospel

John 9:1-12

A man born blind receives sight

John 9:13-23

The Pharisees investigate the healing

John 9: 24-34

The blind man responds

Contemporary Reading

Loitering with intent

by Ewan Aitken

Readings and Meditations from Iona

Jesus did not discriminate. He loitered with those discriminated against by others. He called people to change their way of life but he never suggested that only those who followed him could speak of God. In his parable he never said that the Good Samaritan needed to change his religion to be a good neighbour, or that the forgiving father had to attend the Temple to welcome back his prodigal son.

Jesus loitered more with those who were not religious than with those who were.

Jesus' example was not to build a holier- than- thou enclave but to loiter in the places the powerful were too scared to go. We are called to loiter with those who would not expect us ever to be beside them, to be in the places the Church is not associated with, amongst the excluded and rejected, the struggling and suffering. If we then, in our structures and policies, exclude those folk from being part of our work, then we fail to loiter.

We simply patronise and reject again.

RESPONSE

For the word of God in scripture and story
for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us,

We give thanks.

HYMN

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Music: Jillian Bray FFS 11

Come, teach us, Spirit of our God,
the language of your way,
the lessons that we need to live,
the faith for every day.

Excite our minds to follow you,
to trace new truths in store,
new flight paths for our spirit space,
new marvels to explore.

Engage our wits to dance with you,
to leap from logic's base,
to capture insight on the wing,
to sense your cosmic grace.

Inspire our spark to light from you,
to catch creation's flair,
new artistry to celebrate,
new harmonies to dare.

Delight our hearts to worship you,
to learn compassion's code,
to live in context of your love,
great teacher who is God!

REFLECTION

Jim Cunningham

MUSIC

"Piece en forme de Habanera" by Ravel

Nick Walsh : Saxophone

Vivien Chui: Piano

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

Francis McNab (adpt)

*We give thanks to God for our life
and the courage we are given to live it.
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

Bronwyn White

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia and the Union of the Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Mark Mitchell and Damien O'Connor and the people of their electorates of Rodney and West Coast Tasman. Here in Wellington, we pray for the leaders and people of the Greek Orthodox Church, Hania St, Wellington.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

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HYMN

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Music: WOV 374ii Abbot's Leigh

Wounded world that cries for healing –
here we hold each other's pain,
wounded systems, bruised and bleeding
bear the loads, the scars of strain;
dollars ration out compassion,
hard decisions rule the day,
Jesus of the healing Spirit,
free us to another way.

Through our nation's pent frustration,
through the corridors of stress
may there move a kindlier wisdom
all may feel, and all may bless;

Tax and tithe are for a purpose
shared to shield the poor and weak:
past the systems of our sickness
let the voice of justice speak.

Honour those whose loving spirit
nurses hope, restores and heals,
towel and basin used in service
like the Christ who comes and kneels;
in the tending, in the mending
may we see the right and fair,
in our common quest for wholeness
heal each other by our care.

BLESSING

May God the healer enfold us
Christ the companion walk beside us
and the Spirit of truth move us
to live our lives with purpose.

SUNG AMEN

Thanks to Rosemary Collier, our organist this morning.

*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 can 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.



AUDIO REFLECTIONS

Sunday reflections are usually available on our website.

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

Thanks to this week's volunteers	
Welcoming	Pauline Woolley, Margaret Megwyn
Sound	Peter Cowley
Offering	Kath Kerr, Sarah Jobson
Coffee/tea	Dawn & Tony Cowdry
Time with the Children	Ellen Murray
Readings	Anna Smith, Douglas Wood
Prayers of the People	Bronwyn White
Musician	Rosemary Collier

On duty Sunday 6 April	
Welcoming	Frank & Sue Cook
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Offering	Joan Tyler, Cam Smart
Coffee/tea	Kath Kerr, Peter Cowley
Time with the Children	Baptism
Readings	Thom Houtman
Prayers of the People	Colma Froggatt
Musician	Jane Keller
Communion	Ellen Murray, Fiona McDougal, Henry Boidya

SUNDAY ROSTERS

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

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's
Sunday 30 Mar 10 am Sunday gathering led by Sue McRae and Jim Cunningham Wednesday 2 Apr 12.15 pm Wednesday lunchtime concert – <i>Organ Recital by Douglas Mews</i> 7 pm Evening Prayers at Jenny and Paul's house Sunday 6 Apr 10 am Sunday gathering led by Norman Wilkins. Reflection by Alastair Harray 11.30 am Congregational Brunch

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.

"EVENING PRAYERS"

During Lent we will be having "Evening Prayers" at Jenny and Paul's house 26A Connaught Terrace, Brooklyn on Wednesdays at 7pm. This will follow a format of

beautiful words written by John Philip Newell on the theme of peace, with time for reflection and shared silence.

For directions, contact Jenny 0272318464 or 3899426. The number 7 bus goes to the top of Connaught Terrace or it may be possible to organise a lift. Please email Fiona fionaredsquirrel@gmail.com

TODAY Trip to the "GrayPatch" -

ECO-TOUR of Pat & Graham Booth's off-grid property north of Otaki

We will leave from St Andrew's after morning tea, between 11.30-12.00 noon. The trip from church to their property takes just over 1 hour by car.

Please bring your own lunch. Pat and Graham will provide hot and cold drinks for everyone. On arrival Pat and Graham will give a short talk about their low-energy house and wetlands, after which there will be an opportunity to purchase bottled fruit from their heritage orchard. All proceeds to St Andrew's Centre fundraising project.

There will also be time to wander around the wetlands or take a short ride in an old ute. Traffic between Otaki and Wellington is heavy around 4.30-5pm when the Otaki shops close, so Pat advises leaving well before then (3.30-4pm) or slightly later (5.30-6pm). Full directions will be provided to all drivers. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church if you have space in your vehicle or would like a ride.

This event is weather-dependent. If you have any questions, please contact: Sue McRae, phone: 475 7899 or 027 4490 601; email: sue.mcrae.nz@gmail.com

PARISH BRUNCH

Next Sunday, 6 April, there will be a Parish brunch in the hall following the service. Please bring some food to share.

EARTHQUAKE REPAIRS will be carried out in the gallery stairwell during the month of April. This will involve repairing plaster and painting. Note that scaffolding will remain in place during this time and there will be a number of trip hazards. With this in mind, please note that the gallery will be closed for Sundays in April apart from the organist.

PALM SUNDAY 13 April 2014

Volunteers are needed for a special service. If you can help by providing some of the props and/or are willing to be involved on the day, please write your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS.

"The stations of the cross go back to the earliest centuries of the church. Many people wanted to walk the land where Jesus lived, and trace his path from the Garden of Olives to the hill of Calvary, the garbage dump outside the city, and then at last to tomb in the garden. Yet many couldn't get to Jerusalem. This led to the ritual devotion of walking the Way of the Cross.

These invite us to a large Way of the Cross, crisscrossing along the earth's face, crossing borders and nationalities, cultures and languages, economic and social lines.

At their truest, they are done in community, walking around the perimeter of the church, or even the neighbourhood or city itself, stopping along the way at sites representing the station of each event in Jesus' journey, so that these events can be remembered and reflected upon. There are moments for silence, for watching, for shared and ritual prayer; and then the community moves on to the next station" Megan McKenna.

This year we will be putting together a New Zealand/St Andrew's version of the Stations of the Cross for Good Friday, 18th April at 10am. You are invited to contribute your own response to one of the stations in the form of a short meditation and prayer for others. This could be done on your own, or with a partner, friends or family. We could also get together as a group and write some responses. For more information contact Fiona fionaredsquirrel@gmail.com or phone/text 021 161 0926

WORKING BEE

A working bee is planned for Saturday 12 April from 9.30am – 12noon. Peter is compiling a list of things to be done on the day. If you are available and willing to come along, we would be very grateful. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE: ST ANDREW'S CENTRE GRAND OPENING

Sunday 4 May 2014

10am service followed by placement of the time capsule and shared lunch.

PLANNED GIVING REMINDER FOR 31 MARCH

To all you lovely people who support St Andrews through planned giving, we remind you that 31st March is coming up very soon on Monday. We will be sending out tax receipts for donations during April so Monday is the last chance to get donations in time to be included.

Planned giving envelopes will be sent out in the coming week also to those of you who are doing your planned giving this way.

Making a commitment to regular giving helps us to support the work of ministry at St Andrews and enables us to issue you with an annual receipt for the total giving made during the year.

If you are not already part of our planned giving at St Andrews and would like to support our work in this way, please contact Paul Barber our Treasurer (ph. 9387100 or email: paulbarber@clear.net.nz) or David at the office to arrange to set up an automatic payment or to receive planned giving envelopes.

Our bank account for donations and planned giving is 02-0534-0004022-02 and we can issue donation receipts for all giving over \$5.

PHOTOS OF ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE

Anna is working on a profile of St Andrew's. She is very keen to have photos from the St Andrew's community. She is particularly wanting photos of groups within the congregation e.g. the Social Justice Group, Spirited Conversations, the annual Weekend Away etc.

Please email photos directly to Anna at smitha@paradise.net.nz.

VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for 3-4 volunteers who might be willing to help out at our wedding reception on the evening of the 3 May! It would involve serving dessert and tea/coffee and cleaning up afterwards. In return we are very happy to be able make a donation to the Saving St Andrew's fund.

If you think you could help, please talk to either of us after the service or ph: 385 4049 or email: soniasimon2014@gmail.com

Thanks very much. Sonia and Simon

WHITE CUPBOARD FREE TO A GOOD HOME

There is a white cupboard unit in the south vestry that is no longer required. If you would like it, it is yours.

LOST PROPERTY

There is a box of lost property in the south vestry. You are welcome to have a look through and see if there is anything you would like. What is still there after Sunday will be given to charity.

VISIT TO ZEALANDIA

Brian Burrell is thinking about planning a trip to Zealandia one Sunday afternoon in winter. If you are a member of Zealandia, please let Brian know.

SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK LAUNCH

The Wellington launch and blessing of this Catholic-based book *But is it Fair? Faith Communities and Social Justice* is to be on 4th April from 6pm – 7.30pm in Connolly Hall, Guilford Tce, behind the Catholic Cathedral in Hill Street.

The guest speaker for this event will be Brian Easton, well known commentator on New Zealand economics, politics and social policy.

The book includes a chapter by Trish McBride on theological support for same-sex marriage, half of which is based on St Andrew's on the Terrace.

Books at the special launch price of \$25.

RSVP to info@accentpublications.co.nz

WELLINGTON INTER-FAITH COUNCIL

You are invited to a talk and discussion on "Wellington: the irreligious city in an age of religious diversity" by Dr Peter Lineham, Professor of Religious History, Massey University at the Wellington City Council, Committee Room 1, Ground Floor at 5:30pm on Monday April 14, 2014 followed by light Refreshments.

Ever since Parliament was moved to Wellington in 1865 it had a reputation of being hostile to faith. In an age when New Zealand seems to have rival pressures of new religious groups and a massive rise of those who say they have no religion, Prof Lineham will analyse how Wellington has fared.

Please RSVP by April 9 to: Wendy Matthews, Chairperson, Wellington Inter-Faith Council, wa.matthews@gmail.com

WATER FOR WEST BANK MUSIC-A-THON

Saturday 9 August 10am to Sunday 10 August 10am.

St John's in the City, Wellington. Please see the back table for sign up sheets.

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

Interim Minister	Jim Cunningham
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
Church Music Coordinator	Vivien Chiu
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Sandra Kirby
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Chris Carey-Smith
Church, Conference and Arts Manager	David Medland
Custodian, SATRS Administrator	Peter Cowley
Sunday Roster Coordinator	Henry Boidya

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