

St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

Founded 1840

ORDER OF SERVICE

31st August 2014



THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

"In the end, only three things matter: how much you loved, how gently you lived, and how gracefully you let go of things not meant for you."

-BUDDHA

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 are called as a community of faith,
a supportive community,
in which we love into being
new possibilities for one another,
calling out of each other the best we have to offer.
In doing so we follow the pattern of our God,
who constantly accepts us as we are,
while drawing us on to realize what we can be.
In worship we build the community
where such fostering of new possibilities
can take birth and grow.

***We will celebrate life,
past, present and future,
in the presence we name God***

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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Music: Woodland WOV 109

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We sing a love that sets all people free,
That blows like wind, that burns like scorching flame,
Enfolds like earth, springs up like water clear.
Come, living love, live in our hearts to day.

We sing a song that seeks another's good,
That longs to serve and not to count the cost,
A love that, yielding, finds itself made new.
Come, caring love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a love, unflinching, unafraid
To be itself, despite another's wrath,
A love that stands alone and undismayed.
Come, strength'ning love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a love that, wand'ring, will not rest
Until it finds its way, its home, its source,
Through joy and sadness pressing on refreshed.
Come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a burning, fiery, Spirit free
That seeks out shades of ancient bitterness,
Transfig'ring these, as Christ in ev'ry heart.
Come, joyful love, live in our hearts today.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let there be joy in our coming together this morning.

***Let there be compassion heard in the words we speak,
and love in the songs we sing.***

Let there be silence for the voice within us and beyond us.

Let there be joy in our coming together.

May we awaken to the presence of God

Here in this ordinary place.

May we awaken to the power of love,

Here in this ordinary crowd

May we build a community of justice for all

Now in this ordinary time

May we daily work to build a world at peace

Now with these ordinary hands

WELCOME

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

Kia ora tatou.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

There are times when the journey seems too long
when the land of promise seems a hoax dangled before us
and we wish for things we'd gladly left behind.

There are times when we rejoice
in the destruction of Pharoah and his armies,
take pleasure in the defeat of those
who, but for grace or circumstance –we might have been,
forget our own journeys from bondage to freedom.

These times, in our past and present, we confess.

There are times when we search for images that fit,
and miss the wider view;
when we weed out old concepts,
but don't create new meaning;
when we worry about the lyrics, and forget to sing.

For these times, in past or present, we confess.

In small ways, in our busy lives, we confess that sometimes
we close our ears to the voices of the many
close our eyes to the evidence of injustice all around us
close our mouths when we should speak up, speak out!

There are times when we settle for being less than we can be,
when we live for the moment, not in it.

For these times, in past or present, we forgive ourselves.

We forgive each other. We are forgiven.

So may it be.

JESUS PRAYER

on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Jenny Simpson

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

We bless you as you go to the Rainbow Room to hear stories, make
things and talk about God together.

Amen

PASSING THE PEACE

WORD IN TEXTS

Frances Porter

New Testament

1 Corinthians 13: 4-13

Hymn to love

Contemporary Reading:

Poem by Cathy Aten

Living Undone – healing through Multiple Sclerosis

If one doesn't have abundant physical strength
And money is scarce
Is power still an option?
I do my level best to make the financial and physical assets
I have available to me go as far as I can.

I wake in the morning and nudge a sluggish and often obstinate body
towards a modicum of adequate functionality.
Sometimes I win.
Sometimes I don't.

When I can't quite stretch my will up the hill towards the goal of
participating in life as an independent, shining soul
Then I become dependent.
Despondent.
And I feel powerless,
And ashamed.
Ashamed because I ought to be able to solve
ALL MY OWN PROBLEMS
And NOT NEED ANYBODY
Or ANYTHING
Because our culture supports looking good over being true.

I never really had any interest in being THIS true....
A little true, yes.
Enough to look good.
But my life can look BAD.
Messy.
Un-desirable.

But this I have learned
LOVE IS THE RE-ORGANISING PRINCIPLE.

When I have had the courage to ask for help,
to tell the Truth (with a capital T)
and the miracle happens; that of being seen in the mess
and not turned away from –
THIS is when actual *cellular re-organisation* occurs.

My experience is one of healing on EVERY level
just by being seen in what is true for me.

I feel a kind of power in this sort of exchange which I can not claim but
surely feel visited by, comforted, aided, softened, taught, re-arranged,
silenced by and given an invitation from,
To pay it forward.

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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Who is my mother? Who is my brother?
All those who gather round Jesus Christ:
Spirit-blown people born from the Gospel
sit at the table round Jesus Christ.

Differently able, differently labelled
Widen the circle round Jesus Christ,
Crutches and stigmas, culture's enigmas
all come together round Jesus Christ.

Love will relate us – colour or status
can't segregate us round Jesus Christ:
family failings, human derailings,
all are accepted, round Jesus Christ.

Bound by one vision, met with one mission
we claim each other, round Jesus Christ.
Here is my mother, here is my brother,
kindred in Spirit, round Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

Jenny Simpson

*MS and a way to God***SONG****Chimes of Freedom**

Composed by Bob Dylan. Sung by Bruce Springstein

Far between sundown's finish an' midnight's broken toll
We ducked inside the doorway, thunder crashing
As majestic bells of bolts struck shadows in the sounds
Seeming to be the chimes of freedom flashing
Flashing for the warriors whose strength is not to fight
Flashing for the refugees on the unarmed road of flight
An' for each an' ev'ry underdog soldier in the night
An' we gazed upon the chimes of freedom flashing

In the city's melted furnace, unexpectedly we watched
With faces hidden while the walls were tightening
As the echo of the wedding bells before the blowin' rain
Dissolved into the bells of the lightning
Tolling for the rebel, tolling for the rake
Tolling for the luckless, the abandoned an' forsaked
Tolling for the outcast, burnin' constantly at stake
An' we gazed upon the chimes of freedom flashing

Through the mad mystic hammering of the wild ripping hail
The sky cracked its poems in naked wonder
That the clinging of the church bells blew far into the breeze
Leaving only bells of lightning and its thunder
Striking for the gentle, striking for the kind
Striking for the guardians and protectors of the mind
An' the unpawned painter behind beyond his rightful time
An' we gazed upon the chimes of freedom flashing

Through the wild cathedral evening the rain unraveled tales
For the disrobed faceless forms of no position
Tolling for the tongues with no place to bring their thoughts
All down in taken-for-granted situations
Tolling for the deaf an' blind, tolling for the mute
Tolling for the mistreated, mateless mother, the mistitled prostitute
For the misdemeanor outlaw, chased an' cheated by pursuit
An' we gazed upon the chimes of freedom flashing

Even though a cloud's white curtain in a far-off corner flashed
An' the hypnotic splattered mist was slowly lifting
Electric light still struck like arrows, fired but for the ones
Condemned to drift or else be kept from drifting
Tolling for the searching ones, on their speechless, seeking trail
For the lonesome-hearted lovers with too personal a tale
An' for each unharmed, gentle soul misplaced inside a jail
An' we gazed upon the chimes of freedom flashing

Starry-eyed an' laughing as I recall when we were caught
Trapped by no track of hours for they hanged suspended
As we listened one last time an' we watched with one last look
Spellbound an' swallowed 'til the tolling ended
Tolling for the aching ones whose wounds cannot be nursed
For the countless confused, accused, misused, strung-out ones an'
worse
An' for every hung-up person in the whole wide universe
An' we gazed upon the chimes of freedom flashing

HYMN

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This love, this life, this enterprise
is that by which we will arise
affirmed, up-raised, to live again
when we have suffered death or pain.

Our practical adventure here
involves both urgency and care;
compelled by shared humanity
to offer love, set people free.

And if the task enlarges sight
to wider visions, greater height
than those which we can reach on earth,
then know that God has come to birth.

A CELEBRATION OF FAITH

J Shea (adapted)

We celebrate that where people
are gathered together in love
***God is present and good things happen
and life is full.***

We celebrate that we are immersed in mystery
that our lives are more than they seem
***that we belong to each other
and to a universe of great creative energies,
whose source and destiny is God.***

We celebrate that the spirit of God
beat in the heart of Jesus of Nazareth
***and God's good news was heard
by the broken and wounded.***

We are glad that the spirit of peace
is present with us, the church,
***as we gather to celebrate our common existence,
and the fidelity of God.***

And most deeply we believe
that in our struggle to love,
we incarnate God in the world.

And so aware of mystery and wonder,
caught in friendship and laughter,
***we become speechless before the joy in our hearts
as we celebrate the sacredness of life.***

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 PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Faithful God, you ask us to be faithful people.
***In this community, you ask us to be people of justice.
In this community, you ask us to be people of mercy.
In this community, you ask us to be people of peace.
Be with us as we try to be faithful
in large ways and in small ways
so your eternal community may come in every way.
Amen.***

We recognise and bless the gifts brought to the table and those given to support the mission of the church through automatic payments.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Cameroon and the Council of Protestant Churches in Cameroon. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Andrew Williams and Michael Woodhouse, List MPs. Here in Wellington, we pray for the leaders and people of St Timothy's Presbyterian Church, Titahi Bay.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

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CALL TO SERVICE (*standing*)

Our worship is ending and the work of the world lies before us.
Many who work for change suffer resistance.

So make us strong.

Many who do new things feel afraid.

So make us brave.

Many who challenge the world as it is, arouse anger.

So grant us inner peace.

Many who live joyful lives are envied.

So make us generous.

Many who try to love encounter hate.

So we trust in you O God of gracious love. Amen.

HYMN

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Draw the circle wide.
Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song,
no-one stands alone,
standing side by side,
draw the circle wide.

God the still-point of the circle,
'Round whom all creation turns;
Nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms.

Chorus

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
So encompass great and small;
Let our loving know no borders,
Faithful to God's call.

Chorus

Let the dreams we dream be larger,
Than we've ever dreamed before;
Let the dream of Christ be in us,
Open every door...

Chorus twice

BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN

Thank you 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>

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

On duty This Sunday	
Welcoming	Jon Schrader, Sonia Groes-Petrie
Sound	Peter Cowley
Offering	Paul Satherley, Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Maxine Cunningham, James Cone, Bronwyn White
Time with the Children	Jenny Simpson
Readings	Frances Porter
Prayers of the People	Graham Howell
Rainbow Room Assistant	Sandra Kirby
Musician	Rosemary Collier

On duty Sunday September 7	
Welcoming	Duncan & Erlin Graham
Sound	Frank Cook
Time with the Children	Chris Carey-Smith
Reader	Annemarie Treadwell
Offering	Paul Barber, Joan Tyler
Prayers of the People	Sue McRae
Morning tea	Dawn Cowdry, Peter Cowley, Nick Walshe
Communion	Sonia Groes-Petrie, Heather Macfarlane, Kath Kerr
Rainbow Room Assistant	Ellen Murray
Musician	Peter Franklin

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's
<p>Sunday 31 August 10am Sunday gathering led by Jim Cunningham and Jenny Simpson</p> <p>3pm Wellington Chamber Music Trust Concert <i>Faust Quartet</i></p> <p>Monday 1 September 12.15pm Progressive Spirituality <i>Still Doubting Boldly</i> Lecture by Dr Val Webb</p> <p>7pm Spirited Conversation. <i>Ethical Perspectives on PHARMAC's decision making</i> Guest speaker Dr Dilky Rasiah. The Thistle. Join for a meal from 5.30pm</p> <p>Wednesday 3 September 12.15pm Lunchtime concert <i>Nikau Trio</i></p> <p>Saturday 6 September 1 - 4pm Handmade Heaven+Spring Fair</p> <p>Sunday 7 September 10am Sunday gathering led by Jim Cunningham</p>

PROGRESSIVE SPIRITUALITY – STILL DOUBTING BOLDLY
MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 12.15pm
DR VAL WEBB



This lecture is based on Val's latest book *In Defence of Doubt: an invitation to adventure*, second edition (Mosaic Press), released in November 2012. It is an updated and expanded edition of one of Val's most popular books, written seventeen years ago, which includes some of her personal journey from conservative religion where doubt was the enemy. In summary: While doubt is encouraged in most disciplines, somehow in religion we have been expected to abandon all creative thinking and "just believe", blaming ourselves for our doubts. This is more about authorities and belief systems than about faith and certainly not the experience of that "great cloud of witnesses," courageously lurching from one religious doubt to the next. Doubts are not preying forces of evil but tantalizing carrots enticing us to richer experiences, as in all other disciplines. They are not the enemies of dogma but the harbingers of hope. This book invites readers to doubt boldly, just as a scientist anticipates new discoveries with each doubt investigated.

AUTHOR PROFILE VAL WEBB, B.A., B. Sc. (Honors), Ph.D.
(Religious Studies).

"Val Webb is one of the most exciting Christian voices in the 21st Century," says Bishop John Shelby Spong, author of "Jesus for the Non-Religious."

Val Webb writes for those who call themselves spiritual rather than religious, those disenchanted with organized religion and those simply fascinated with the human search for meaning.



She has written ten books, including *Like Catching Water in a Net: Human Attempts to Describe the Divine* (Continuum New York & London, 2007) which won the general religion category of the USA Best Books 2007 Awards. The sequel, *Stepping out with the Sacred: Human Attempts to Engage the Divine* (Continuum, 2010) was featured on ABC Radio National's "The Spirit of Things" with Rachael Kohn in January, 2011. In the days following, Val's website received over 700 hits www.valwebb.com.au Val is a sought-after speaker both in Australia and overseas.

SPIRITED CONVERSATION | MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 7pm

The Thistle (upstairs) Mulgrave St.

Join us for a meal from 5.30pm



Title: Ethical perspectives on PHARMAC's decision-making

Summary/Overview: PHARMAC makes pharmaceutical funding decisions that affect millions of New Zealanders every day. Deputy medical director Dilky Rasiah will outline how PHARMAC goes about making these decisions and the ethical framework the agency operates within.

Bio: Dr Dilky Rasiah is a deputy medical director at PHARMAC, the New Zealand government pharmaceutical funding agency. In her role Dilky works to ensure clinical views are fully considered and part of all of PHARMAC's decisions, both for Pharmaceutical Schedule listings, and for decisions for individual patients through the Named Patient Pharmaceutical Assessment process.



Dilky was raised in New Zealand and Sri Lanka and gained her doctor's qualifications before joining PHARMAC in the late 1990s. She lives in Wellington with her husband and two children.

HANDMADE HEAVEN + SPRING FAIR ON SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 1 - 4pm

SALE GOODS & HELPERS WELCOME



Sign-up sheet, information for contributors (please read) and suggested things to donate and do before and at the Fair are at the back of the church, along with posters and flyers – or via email from bronz99@live.com.

If you have items for sale and you've already signed a sheet, please check it and any further info, especially contact details. By Sunday 31 August we'll need details of all goods to be sold, including baking, confectionary and preserves for sale and for afternoon tea.

Posters and flyers are at the back of the church for you to share on community and workplace noticeboards.

Hall decorations – Bronwyn's happy to collect paper and knitted flowers, bunting etc after church on Sunday 24 August, and can give or email you patterns and examples.

MOVIE FUNDRAISER | MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER, AT THE CUBA LIGHTHOUSE.

Tickets \$20 - see Graham

The movie is called ***Pride*** starring *Bill Nighly*, and is set in 1984 during the Miners' strike in Thatcher's UK. A group of GLBT activists want to raise money for miner's families. The conservative (small-c)) National Miners Union are reluctant to be publicly linked to such a group, but not to be deterred they travel to a Welsh village.

(If the 22nd is not suitable we can have the 15th. The screening is before it will be shown publicly, so it is a "premiere".)



To watch the trailer, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vsFY0wHpR5o>

PCANZ OPINION POLL ON LEADERSHIP AND SEXUALITY

The PCANZ moderator-designate, Andrew Norton, has set up an opinion poll with options on ways to move forward on the issues of leadership and sexuality in the Presbyterian church. The poll closes very soon, on 31 Aug. If you wish to take part in the poll you can find it at: <http://tinyurl.com/l6573tb>

Andrew's letter that outlines the background and options to the poll is at: http://media.wix.com/ugd/b89bc5_dc82836e45904f27a18dce2507dfb6b5.pdf

You may wish instead, or as well, to write to Andrew Norton with more effective ways to seek a just and inclusive way forward for our national church. Andrew's address is: PO Box 64 136, Botany Downs, Auckland 2163 or email: andrew.norton@stcolumba.org.nz

PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE

Do you know someone who may need clothing, bedding, cloth nappies or a bassinet for a baby? Pregnancy Assistance gives out FREE baby items to pregnant women and new parents on low wages or in need. They would also love any donations of (excellent condition) baby clothes – up to six months, baby cot and bassinet bedding, and pure wool (for knitting) that you are able to donate. Phone 387-7122 for more information or email Annette on pa.svd@gmail.com See brochures on the back table.

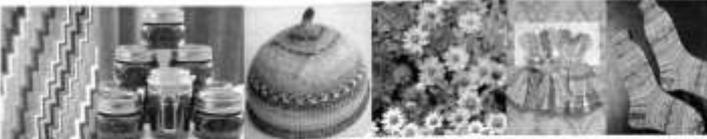
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Handmade Heaven & Spring Fair

Saturday 6 September 2014
from 1.00 – 4.00 pm
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art and craft
quality items & plants looking for new homes
original paintings donated by artists
food sales & afternoon tea



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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
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Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Sandra Kirby
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Chris Carey-Smith
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