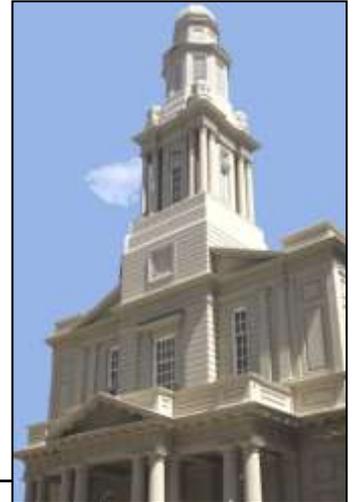


St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

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ORDER OF SERVICE

7th September 2014

Season of Creation River Sunday



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

In the name of the One, the source of life,
the pulse of life, the breath of life. Amen.

Holy! Holy! Holy!

Earth is filled with God's presence.

We gather in your presence
to worship in our Earth sanctuary.

***A planet pulsing with your presence,
which quivers in the forests,
that vibrates in the land.***

A presence shimmering in our rivers.

Holy One come meet us here,
show your face in all creation.

Holy! Holy! Holy!

The whole Earth is filled with your glory.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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As the wind song through the trees,
as the stirring of the breeze,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the heart made strangely warm,
as the voice within the storm,
so it is with the Spirit of God.
Never seen, ever known
where this wind has blown
bringing life, bringing power to the world,

as the dancing tongues of fire,
as the soul's most deep desire,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

As the rainbow after rain,
as the hope that's born again,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the green in the spring,
as a kite on a string,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
making worlds that are new,
making peace come true,
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,
as the rising of the yeast,
as the wine at the feast,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We call to the rivers to worship with us:
***the Clutha, Rakaia, Manawatu, and Waikato,
all rivers that flow to the sea.***

We invite the streams to sing:
***Trout and water crays, inanga whitebait,
Cockabullies and eels sing praise.***

We invite the river birds to praise God.
***Whio, and mallard duck,
Kingfisher and dragonflies call their praise.***

We join with the waters in praising God:
***waterfalls, singing streams,
rushing rapids and still pools,
ripples that dance at the river mouth.***

Sing, river, sing praise to all creation.

WELCOME

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

PRAYER

We remember the rivers across our planet,
rivers that are the lifeblood of Earth
and vital for all forms of life.

***We remember the streams of our past,
the pools and ponds where we played
and the feeling of celebration
as we splashed each other.***

We remember and rejoice.

***Thank you God for rivers,
streams that flow with the water of life.***

We acknowledge and confess
that we have become alienated from Earth
and have polluted the rivers of our garden planet.

***We are sorry.
We have polluted our rivers with poisons.
We have treated our streams as waste dumps.
We have turned living waters into death-traps.
We have wasted precious waters in luxury living.***

Teach us to love Earth
and return to Earth as our home.

***Shalom! Shalom!
We are coming home!***

As we come home to Earth,
As we seek to love our home,
As we seek to care for our kin,
Open our hearts.

***God, our Creator, whose glory fills our planet, help us to discern
your vibrant presence among us and our kin in creation,
especially in the rivers, the streams and waterways of Earth. Help
us empathise with your creatures who are suffering. Lift our
spirits to rejoice with the vibrant world of the rivers.
Amen.***

JESUS PRAYER

on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Down by the River Wendy Matthews

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

We send you to the Rainbow Room to learn about life and God's love for all the people of the world and for the planet earth, our home.

God bless you. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

WORD IN TEXTS

Annemarie Treadwell

Hebrew Bible

"God's promise to earth" Genesis 9:12-17

Prophet

"God's promise to renew the earth" Ezekiel 47:1-12

...as God rejoiced in God's own creation

Future Promise

"God's healing for Earth" Revelation 22:1-2

RESPONSE

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

We give thanks.

ST ANDREWS SINGERS

The River

Words ©Joy Cowley. Music © 2014 Vivien Chiu

Life is like a river
that flows towards the sea.
It has a small beginning,
increasing gradually
until it's in a larger place,
a current deep and wide,
giving its abundance
to the land on either side.

And I have a question
to ask you, my friend.
Where does the sea begin?
Where does the river end?

The river has its secrets.
In its depths it knows
the nature of the ocean

where its water flows.
It hears the seabirds singing.
It feels the touch of foam.
The sea is always calling
the river to come home.

Chorus

Life is like a river
and deep inside my mind,
the call of love grows stronger
as I leave each day behind.
We move with the current
of this unseen mystery.
Already we have knowledge
of the presence of the sea.

Chorus

REFLECTION

Wendy and Andrew Matthews

Rivers in our lives

REFLECTIVE READING

"I thought how lovely and how strange a river is. A river is a river, always there, and yet the water flowing through it is never the same water and is never still. It's always changing and is always on the move. And over time the river itself changes too. It widens and deepens as it rubs and scours, gnaws and kneads, eats and bores its way through the land. Even the greatest rivers- the Nile and the Ganges, the Yangtze and the Mississippi, the Amazon and the great grey-green greasy Limpopo all set about with fever trees - must have been no more than trickles and flickering streams before they grew into mighty rivers.

Are people like that? I wondered. Am I like that? Always me, like the river itself, always flowing but always different, like the water flowing in the river, sometimes walking steadily along andante, sometimes surging over rapids furioso, sometimes meandering with hardly any visible movement tranquillo, lento, sometimes gurgling with pleasure, sometimes sparkling in the sun, sometimes appassionato, sometimes misterioso, sometimes staccato, sometimes vivace, and always, I hope, amoroso.

Do I change like a river, widening and deepening, eddying back on myself sometimes, bursting my banks sometimes when there's too much water, too much life in me, and sometimes dried up from lack of rain? Will the I that is me grow and widen and deepen? Or will I stagnate and become an arid riverbed? Will I allow people to dam me up and confine me so that I flow only where they want? Will I allow them to turn me into a canal to use for they own purposes? Or will I make sure I flow freely, coursing my way through the land and ploughing a valley of my own?"

This is All: The Pillow Book of Cordelia Kenn by Aidan Chambers

RIVER SONG

Led by St Andrews Singers

Old Man River

(Lyrics: Oscar Hammerstein II, Music: Jerome Kern, 1927)

St Andrews Singers

There's an old man called the Mississippi
That's the old man that I'd like to be
What does he care if the Worlds got troubles
What does he care if the land ain't free

(Congregation join in)

Old man river,
That old man river
He must know something
But don't say nothing,
He just keeps rolling
He keeps on rolling along.

He don't plant taters
He don't plant cotton,
And them that plant them
are soon forgotten,
But old man river,
He just keeps rolling along.

You and me, we sweat and strain,
Body all aching and racked with pain,
Tote that barge!
Lift that bale!
Get a little drunk
And you land in jail.

I get weary
And sick of trying
I'm tired of living
And scared of dying,
But old man river,
He just keeps rolling along.

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.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

We listen to an excerpt from Smetana's 'Vltava' or in German, 'Die Moldau'

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. We give you thanks. These gifts are a sign of our love for those in need, and for all our fellow creatures on Earth.

With all creation, we bless our Creator.

Amen.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sue McRae

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Canada and the Presbyterian Church in Canada. In New Zealand, we remember with thanks those who seek to serve our country as elected representatives. Here in Wellington, we pray for the leaders and people of Central Baptist Church, Wellington.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

COMMUNION

Mauve Order of Service card

COMMISSION

Christ calls us to be disciples,
to serve with love and compassion,
to serve Earth by caring for creation,
honouring the rivers God has created
so that all creatures have the water of life.

***We are partners in healing our planet,
We join the procession of the Wounded Healer.***

HYMN

Let justice roll down like a river,
let justice flow down to the sea;
let justice roll down like a river
let justice begin through me.

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Justice for all who go hungry,
crying to God to be fed,
left in a world of abundance
to beg for a morsel of bread.

(Chorus)

Justice for those who are homeless,
victims of warfare or need,
trapped on the borders of nowhere,
lost in the canyons of greed.

(Chorus)

Justice for all who are powerless,
yearning for freedom in vain,
plundered and robbed of their birth-right,
silently bearing their pain.

(Chorus)

BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN

As the Koru unfurls
From tight ball to arching frond
Let your Spirit expand into the God of Life.
As the pohutukawa and rata blooms red
Showering seeds on any wind that blows
So is the Spirit of Life.
May the love of the Christ be the
Solid Rock in your life,
For it is love that that surrounds us.
For Love lies at the heart of the Universe.

Go in peace, serving the earth and its rivers.

We go in peace, to serve the Christ and love the Earth.

Thank you to Peter Franklin, 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	Duncan & Erlin Graham
Sound	Frank Cook
Time with the Children	Wendy Matthews
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, Fiona McDougal
Rainbow Room Assistant	Ellen Murray
Musician	Peter Franklin

On duty Sunday September 14	
Welcoming	Pauline Woolley, Pam Fuller
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Time with the Children	Fiona McDougal
Reader	Duncan Graham
Offering	James Cone, Kath Kerr
Prayers of the People	Wendy Matthews
Morning tea	Linda & Norman Wilkins, Janet Horncy
Rainbow Room Assistant	Fionnaigh McKenzie
Musician	Vivien Chiu

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's	
<p>Sunday 7 September 10am Sunday gathering led by Jim Cunningham 11.30am Cafe Brunch</p> <p>Wednesday 10 September 12.15pm Lunchtime concert <i>Music for flute and piano</i> / Nick & Christy Hunter</p> <p>Thursday 11 September 9 – 2pm NZ Blood Collection</p> <p>Sunday 14 September 10am Sunday gathering led by Jim Cunningham 11.30am Congregational Conversation 4.30pm Nota Bene's 10th Anniversary concert</p>	

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".) If interested, please contact Graham Howell graham_hwll@yahoo.co.nz



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

CHILD POVERTY ACTION GROUP

Child Poverty Action Group have been holding discussion meetings launching chapters of a report to be brought out before the election. Previous meetings held were on health, education and most recently housing.

The next chapter *Incomes* plus the whole report is to be launched on Tuesday 9 September 5.30 -7pm at St John's Willis St. (The major launch will be in Auckland on the same day).

Claire Dale, one of the report's authors will be speaking on the total publication and Brian Easton on the incomes report.

Music Futures

FREE EVENT FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS

Supporting Tomorrow's Musicians Today

WEIRD INSTRUMENT DAY 2014 - Meet the lesser loved siblings!
Sunday, 28th September 2014 from 12 - 4pm

Venue: Adam Concert Room at the New Zealand School of Music, Victoria University. Entrance is via Gate 7 off Kelburn Parade, Kelburn.

See poster on back of the church for more information.

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.svdp@gmail.com
See brochures on the back table.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

An opportunity to meet the candidates of the Wellington Central Electorate.
Tuesday 9 September 6pm at Central Baptist Church, 46 Boulcott St, Wellington.

Wellington Central Candidates will introduce themselves and respond to questions on public issues and policy. Hosted by Wesley Church and Central Baptist Church.

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IT'S IN OUR BLOOD.**



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Thurs 11 September

9:00am until 2:00pm

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WHERE DO THE PARTIES STAND ON **INEQUALITY?**

Inequality has become a defining issue for this election. But what are the political parties planning to do about it? This is your chance to hear from the candidates and ask them the tough questions.

Ngairé Button (Maori Party)

Gordon Copeland (Conservatives)

Chris Finlayson (National)

Mataroa Paroro (NZ First)

Grant Robertson (Labour)

James Shaw (Greens)

Dave Stonyer (United Future)

Candidates meeting

Tuesday 16 September, 6.30pm

Connolly Hall, Guildford Tce, Wellington

Notes | Thoughts | Questions

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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Parish Council Clerk	Maxine Cunningham
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Saving St Andrew's Convenor	Lynne Dovey
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Presbytery Representative	Sandra Kirby
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Chris Carey-Smith
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