

St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

Founded 1840

ORDER OF SERVICE

14th September 2014



Season of Creation Land



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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.

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 together in the presence of the Holy One

To honour Mother Earth, Papatuanuku

And all she supports;

To acknowledge our utter dependence

On her well-being;

And to ponder our place in the web of life.

From her we come and to her we return.

***We honour the Land of our Earth in the Creative Presence we
name God.***

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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Come to our land, come to our hearts,

Spirit of peace, Spirit of truth,

bring in the spring, the hope and the green,

Spirit of growth and Spirit of youth.

Refrain: And all our people will sing together:

Wairua Tapu, holy your name,

there's one great Spirit in all creation,

one great Spirit of God!

Come to our land, come to our hearts,

Spirit of life, breath of new birth,

teach us to care for water and air,

nourish the seed and cherish the earth,

Refrain

Come to our land, come to our hearts,
Spirit of bush, Spirit of bird,
speak to the soul of Aotearoa
joy in your world and joy in your Word,
Refrain

OPENING RESPONSES: Land Pictures

Anne Powell

The land is power
Pulling our souls
In under hills
Deep into caves of no light
And glimmers of light like glow-worms.

***RHS: The land is mother
Holding our grief
In tears of rivers
And our cries
In open arms of bays.***

***LHS: The land is grandparent
Rocking our childhood
In hollows of hiding
and hillsides for sliding
And plains as open as pikelets***

WELCOME

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

PRAYER

Fire-filled rock orbiting a star
Deluged with stardust
Wet, green, growing, expanding
Life appearing
Learning to breathe
- your history is our history

Gondawanaland

Gaia

Papatuanuku

Maui's canoe and fish

Body of God

Aotearoa New Zealand

- your stories are our stories

Land for forest and food

Maori first-comers

Missionaries and colonisers

Immigrants from many lands

Peace and justice still elusive

But perhaps some healing

- your well-being is our well-being

Land of inner fire

Land that shakes and re-forms

Mountains, plains and coasts

Ground of our being

Source of our food

Land that loves and supports us

- your life is our life

Sacred gift of Land, we bless you and honour you.

JESUS PRAYER

Miriam Therese Winter

Our Mother, who is within us,
we celebrate your many names.

Your wisdom come, your will be done,
unfolding from the depths within us.

Each day you give us all that we need.

You remind us of our limits and we let go.

You support us in our power and we act with courage.

For you are the empowerment within us,
the dwelling place around us,
and the celebration among us.

Now and forever. Amen

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW 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

Duncan Graham

Gospel

Matthew 25: 35-40

Contemporary Readings

This earth is precious

Chief Seattle, 1854

You must teach your children the ground beneath their feet is the ashes of your grandparents. So that they will respect the land, tell your children that the earth is rich with the lives of our kin.

Teach your children what we have taught our children, that the earth is our mother.

Whatever befalls the earth befalls human dwellers on the earth. If anyone spits on the earth, they spit upon themselves.

This we know: The earth does not belong to human beings, human beings belong to the earth.

This we know.

All things are connected like the blood which unites one family. All things are connected.

Whatever befalls the earth befalls human dwellers on the earth.

Humans did not weave the web of life: they are merely a strand in it.

Whatever they do to the web, they do to themselves.

A question

Te Whiti, to land purchasing agent, 1879

My blanket is mine. Think you it would be right for you to try to drag it from my body, and clothe yourself with it? If I attempted to tear your coat from your back, you would resist and would not be to blame... I do not go on your land disturbing you... why do you interfere with me in the occupation of mine?

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.

HYMN

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These hills where the hawk flies lonely,
beaches where the long surf rolls,
mountains where the snows reach heaven,
these are our care.

Pastures where the sheep graze calmly,
orchards where the apples grow,
gardens where the roses cluster,
these are our prayer.

Forests where the tree ferns tower,
rivers running strong and clear,
oceans where the great whales wander,
these are our care.

Race meeting race as equals,
justice for age-old wrong,
worth for every man and woman,
these are our prayer.

Cities where the young roam restless,
lives brought to deep despair,
homeless and powerless people,
these are our care.

Places where the Word is spoken,
hands held in serving love,
faiths of our many cultures,
these are our prayer.

All that the old world gave us,
all that the new world brings,
language, ideas and customs,
these are our care.
Life finding joy and value,
faith seeking truth and light,
God heard and seen in all things,
this be our prayer.

REFLECTIONS

Revering our soils

Covenants

Legacy

Sonia Groes-Petrie

Pat Booth

Margaret Megwyn

HYMN/DANCE:

Chris Skinner

God of our island home
Your love is like the sea
surrounding us completely, surrounding us completely
completely,
surrounding us completely.

Repeat

*Listen: God of Aotearoa, we can see your face
The face of our people, the face of our land
God of Aotearoa, thank you for the gift
The gift of our people, the gift of our land*

God of our island home
The mountains speak of you
Their beauty is compelling, their beauty is compelling
Compelling
Their beauty is compelling.
God of our island home
The lakes reflect your eyes
The depth of your expression, the depth of your expression
Expression
The depth of your expression.

Listen: God of Aotearoa.....

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

***We are part of the earth, sharing with all life both riches and needs.
As we acknowledge our place in this web of life,
And the constant interdependent flow of energy,
May our giving contribute to ease the needs of others.
And may our own needs be eased by the gifts of others
And our willingness to receive.
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

Wendy Matthews

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Gambia and Mauritania and the Gambia Christian Council. 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 Upper Hutt Uniting Parish.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

CALL TO SERVICE:

Joanna Macey (adapted)

Are we willing -

To commit ourselves daily to the healing of our world and the welfare of all being?

To live on earth more lightly and less violently in the food, products and energy we consume?

To draw strength and guidance from the living earth, the ancestors, the future generations and all our sisters and brothers of all species?

To support each other in our work for the world and ask for help when we need it?

To pursue a daily practice that clarifies our minds, strengthens our hearts, and supports us in our commitment?

HYMN:

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Where mountains rise to open skies
your name, O God, is echoed far,
from island beach to kauri's reach,
in water's light, in lake and star.

Your people's heart, your people's part
be in our caring for this land,
for faith to flower, for aroha
to let each other's mana stand.

From broken word, from conflict stirred,
from lack of vision, set us free
to see the line of your design,
to feel creation's energy.

Your love be known, compassion shown,
that every child have equal scope:
in justice done, in trust begun
shall be our heritage and hope.

Where mountains rise to open skies
your way of peace distill the air,
your spirit bind all humankind,
one covenant of life to share!

BLESSING:

*We bless and encourage each other
To do Creative Spirit's work in our land
In large ways and small,
To move God's evolutionary process forward,
As we cherish with gratitude
Our whole planet, our own land
All life and each other.*

SUNG AMEN

*Thanks to Margaret, Sonia, Pat and our pianist Vivien Chiu.
This service was prepared by Trish McBride and Margaret Megwyn.*

*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	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

On duty Sunday September 21	
Welcoming	Lynette & Brian Burrell
Sound	Frank Cook
Time with the Adults	
Reader	Sandra Kirby
Offering	Graham Howell, Sonia Groes-Petrie
Prayers of the People	Mike Wespel-Rose
Morning tea	Jon Schrader, Douglas Wood, Pam Fuller
Rainbow Room Assistant	Colma Froggatt
Musician	Margaret Ogilvie

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 7 September 10am Sunday gathering led by Trish McBride

11.30am Congregational Conversation

4.30pm Nota Bene's 10th Anniversary concert

Wednesday 17 September 12.15pm Lunchtime concert *Duo Tapas*.

Rupa Maitra (violin) and Owen Moriarty (guitar)

Saturday 20 September Election Day. St Andrew's is a polling booth

Sunday 21 September 10am Sunday gathering led by Jim Cunningham

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION will follow this morning's service

ST ANDREW'S MOVIE FUNDRAISER | MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 6PM,

Venue: Light House Cuba, 29 Wiggins St, Te Aro

The movie is called ***Pride*** starring *Bill Nighy*, 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.

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

Interested? Contact Graham Howell graham_hwill@yahoo.co.nz Tickets \$20

BLUE FORM CLARIFICATION

The current St Andrew's E-news contains some information about formal membership at St Andrew's on the Terrace.

If you are unsure of your current status please talk to Maxine or Colma.

We have recently discovered that several people thought they were members but are currently listed differently.

The categories are: member, associate member and wider community

Some folk receive the "E-news" but are not listed on the parish roll at all. This means that their email address is the only means of making contact which is also fine.

Please let us know if you need further information or would like to change your status in any way.

The blue forms are kept at the back of the church and may also be used to notify us of any change of contact details. These details may be marked as "confidential" if you so wish.

WHERE DO THE PARTIES STAND ON INEQUALITY? | TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

6.30PM Connolly Hall, Guildford Tce, Wellington

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 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).

GAELFORCE | SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 3PM

Manawatu Scottish and Scots College Pipe Bands are proud to present GAELFORCE, an afternoon of Pipe Band entertainment from world class and aspiring musicians with special guests. It is a fundraising concert for Pipe Band uniforms. Sunday 28 September : 3pm : Scots College Hall, Monorgan Road.

TICKETS: Adults \$10: Students \$5: FAMILY (2 Adults & 2 students) \$20

Book tickets online at www.scotscollege.school.nz or call Ana Frka 8025574, if you have any question. *Concerts like this are rare, so please come along and support us.*

ASSEMBLY WEEK

With only three weeks to go, excitement about Assembly Week is building. Highlights from the latest update (on the back noticeboard) include:

- The Assembly Week Prayer Resource is available for download from 3 October.
- We are encouraged to welcome those we don't know at Assembly Week.
- Introduction to Assembly's international guests.
- The Moderator-designate shares some observations from his recent opinion poll.

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 Groes-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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