

# St Andrew's on The Terrace

*Hato Anaru o Te Parehua*

Founded 1840

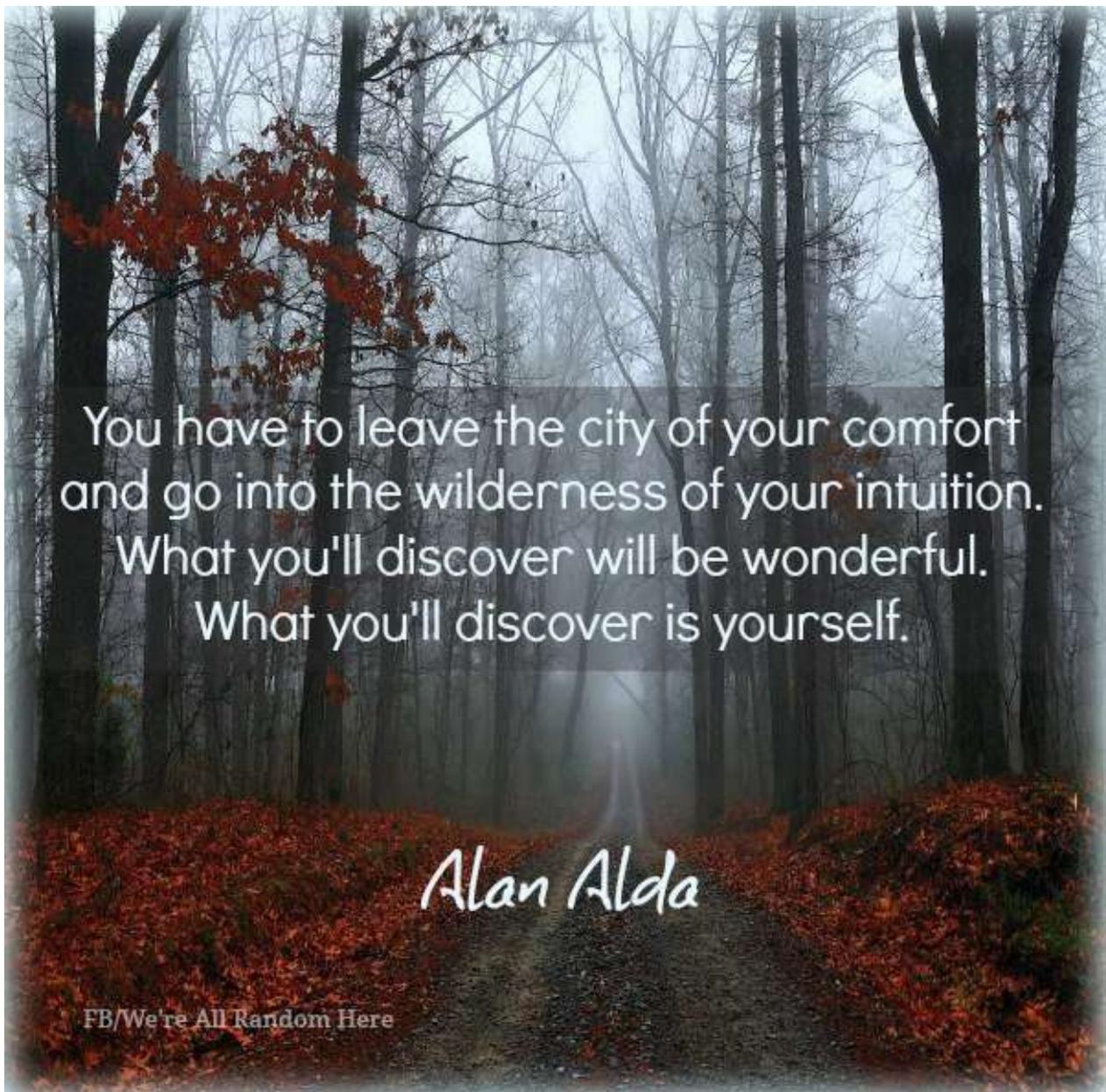
## ORDER OF SERVICE

28<sup>th</sup> September 2014

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### Season of Creation - Wilderness



## 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 gather to celebrate all that is of great worth to us.

We acknowledge that honesty and truth are of great worth to our minds.

***Let us celebrate honest thinking and the pursuit of truth.***

We acknowledge that beauty is of great worth to our eyes and ears.

***Let us rejoice in the presence of beauty wherever we find it.***

We acknowledge that love is of great worth to our hearts.

***Let us celebrate the wonder of loving and being loved.***

But of greatest worth to us all is simply life itself.

***Let us celebrate the mystery of life in all of its diversity.***

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Words: June Boyce-Tillman; 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.

#### **OPENING RESPONSES:**

In the name of the Creator, the fountain of life,  
the name of Christ, the pulse of life,  
and the name of the Spirit, the breath of life.

***Earth is filled with God's presence.***

We come into the presence of the sacred today  
to celebrate in this sanctuary called Earth,

***A planet filled with your presence,  
quivering in the forests,  
vibrating in the land,  
pulsating in the wilderness,  
shimmering in the rivers.***

Together this day, let us sense  
the face of God in all creation

***Earth is filled with God's presence.***

#### **WELCOME**

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

***Kia ora.***

#### **PRAYER**

We live in an awe-inspiring universe.  
The earth on which we live has been kind to us.  
May we grow in insight and understanding

***So that we see our place in the Web of Life.***

May we grow in wisdom and gratitude

***So that we may acknowledge ourselves to be creatures of the  
earth.***

May it continue to provide us with pure air,  
clean water and good soil,

***So that we may enjoy the life it has given us.***

May it continue to provide us with our daily bread

***So that we, in turn, may care for the earth.***

We acknowledge our past carelessness and lack of gratitude.

With genuine sorrow we confess our greed and wastefulness.

We promise to abide by what the earth requires of us

***Which is to share its bounty and avoid waste.***

We promise to be caring and thoughtful of others

***And not trample over or ignore those weaker than we are.***

We promise to live at peace with all people

***And treat humans of all nations as members of one family.***

We promise to treat all of earth's creatures compassionately

***And thus acknowledge the unity of all creation.***

***Let us all help one another so to do!***

**JESUS PRAYER**

**on card**

**LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**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**

**Bronwyn White**

**Hebrew Scripture**

**Exodus 3: 1-12**

*Moses at the Burning Bush*

**Gospel**

**Matthew 3:13 – 4:11**

*The Baptism and Temptations of Jesus*

## Contemporary Reading

Author Unknown

The desert, like all wilderness areas of the earth  
Is part of the “geography of hope”.  
We need that wild country available to us –  
these areas need to be preserved and cherished.

There is a birth of awe and spiritual renewal  
when we recognise our own identity  
in the lonely and terrible places  
that seem less friendly to human life.

In an acute awareness of the living world,  
we discover something about ourselves  
in relation to the Creator, Preserver, and Redeemer  
of all Creation.

We have all experienced the desert in our own lives –  
that place of wilderness  
that forces us to discover more about ourselves  
and the mysterious, loving Creator,  
who meets us at that revelation point.

## 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

Words: Mary Pearson. Tune: WOV 526ii O Perfect Love

Word of God's love,  
With longing hearts we listen,  
Eager to hear of grace when grace is spent,  
Seeking to understand in all our being,  
The truth in which Christ's life for all was sent.

Word of God's hope,  
When life seems dark and empty,  
Bruised by the powerlessness which clouds our days,  
Help us to see with ever clearer vision,  
The light and wisdom of the Christ trod way.

Word of God's joy,  
We yearn to hear your music  
Through storms of anger, fear and silent pain,  
Knowing that though there is no easy answer  
In Christ life finds its harmony again.

Word of our God,  
You call us to each other,  
Breaking down walls of pride and selfish gain,  
And, as we reach to bear each other's burdens,  
We find love, hope and joy alive again.

## REFLECTIONS

Jim Cunningham

**Wilderness:**  
a place of geographical, theological and personal experience

## MUSICAL DUET

Mike Wespel-Rose – guitar  
Fiona McDougal – flute

*Some Bartok Miniatures*

## 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

**Music:**           Some more Bartok Miniatures

**Prayer:**

*Creator God, you call us to follow in many ways.  
You call some of us to witness  
with public deeds of justice,  
and you call some of us  
to do the quiet work of companionship.*

*You call some of us to proclaim your truth  
in stirring speeches,  
and some to sing your love  
in gentle lullabies.  
We bring these gifts of money and food  
as tokens of our willingness*

*to use all the other gifts you give us.  
We offer our hearts and souls  
and minds and strength.  
We offer our faith and love;  
our hopes and dreams.  
Take them, bless them, and use them  
for the good of your world - and ours. 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**

**Duncan Graham**

### **CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

We think today of the people of Chad, and the organisations working for justice and development in Chad. We pray for all those who have been elected to serve in our government, and for those who are experiencing disappointment that they were not successful. Here in Wellington, we pray for the leaders and people of the Wadestown Presbyterian Church.

### **PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S**

*on card*

### **HYMN**

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Wounded world that cries for healing-  
here we hold each other's pain,  
wounded systems, bruised and bleeding  
bear the load, 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 symptoms 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 AND SUNG AMEN**

May God bless you  
with a restless discomfort about easy answers,  
half-truths and superficial relationships,  
so that you may seek truth boldly  
and love deep within your heart.

May God bless you  
with holy anger at injustice, oppression,  
and exploitation of people,  
so that you may tirelessly work for justice,  
freedom, and peace among all people.

May God bless you  
with the gift of tears to shed  
with those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation,  
or the loss of all that they cherish,  
so that you may reach out your hand  
to comfort them and transform their pain into joy.

May God bless you  
with enough foolishness to believe  
that you really CAN make a difference in this world,  
so that you are able, with God's grace,  
to do what others claim cannot be done.

*(Sr Ruth Fox)*

*Thanks to Vivien Chiu, our pianist 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 to 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

<b>On duty This Sunday</b>	
Welcoming	David & Pauline Patchett
Sound	Peter Cowley
Time with the Children	Dawn Cowdry
Reader	Bronwyn White
Offering	Margaret Pannett, Jon Schrader
Prayers of the People	Duncan Graham
Morning Tea	Maxine Cunningham, Fiona McDougal, Graham Howell
Rainbow Room Assistant	Dawn Cowdry
Musician	Vivien Chiu

<b>On duty Sunday October 5</b>	Roster to be confirmed
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## This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

**Sunday 28 September 10am** Sunday gathering led by Jim Cunningham

**3pm** Wellington Chamber Music Trust concert *Ludwig Treviranus*

**Wednesday 1 October 12.15pm** Lunchtime concert *NZSM Cello students*

**Sunday 5 October 10am** Sunday gathering led by Jim Cunningham

**11.30am** Congregational Brunch

### TODAY IS THE UN DAY OF PEACE.

In Wellington, we will be celebrating the Day of Peace and Nuclear Weapons Free with a Peace Walk, starting at 2pm outside the Railway Station by the Ghandi statue.

(If raining, meet at City Council Committee Room 2, Ground Floor, 101 Wakefield Street at 2.45pm.)

We will walk along the waterfront to Civic Square, where at 3pm there will be entertainment, children's activities, and words from Wellington's peace and disarmament groups and the Mayor Celia Wade Brown.

### ST ANDREW'S MOVIE FUNDRAISER | MONDAY 20 OCTOBER 6PM,

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

The movie theatre have advised that it is not possible to see the movie before the release date of 15 October.

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\\_hwll@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:graham_hwll@yahoo.co.nz) Tickets \$20



## **HANDMADE HEAVEN RESULTS AND PHOTOS**

Congratulations to the team who organised and ran the Handmade Heaven+Spring Fair on 6 September. \$1260.30 has been raised for Saving Andrew's. A hearty well done!!!!

## **GAELFORCE | THIS AFTERNOON AT 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](http://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**

Next weekend is the biennial meeting of the General Assembly.

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.

## **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS | 1 OCTOBER 2014**

**10 - 11.30am** Wellington Central Library, Mezzanine Floor

Time to celebrate where we come from.

Join us for a morning of recollections going back in Wellington's history. Please bring your favourite keepsakes from the time with you for a 'show and tell'.

For more information and to RSVP please email [anna-marie.miller@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:anna-marie.miller@wcc.govt.nz) or phone 803-8330

Wellington commemorating UN International Day of Peace and  
First International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons.

*Celebrate United Nations International*

# Day of Peace and Nuclear Weapons Free

**28**  
SEPTEMBER '14



SUNDAY

2pm

3pm

Join us for part of the Peace  
Heritage Walk from outside the  
Wellington Railway Station (by the  
Gandhi statue) to Civic Square.

(If raining, meet at City Council  
Committee Room 2, Ground Floor,  
101 Wakefield Street from 2.45pm)

Followed by a commemoration  
at Civic Square. Entertainment,  
children's activities and words  
from Wellington's peace and  
disarmament groups and Mayor  
of Wellington Celia Wade-Brown.

## **The SATRS Dialogues**

# **ARE WE MIS-READING ISLAM?**

**Dr. Zainal Abidin Bagir**  
**In Conversation with Noel Cheer**

**St Andrew's on The Terrace,  
Tuesday 14 October, 12:15pm – 1pm**

The West is not well-served by its news media when it sees Islam only as war-mongering, fanatical and dangerous. Certainly there are Muslims as individuals and as groups who fit these categories, but we can also point to Christians, Buddhists, Hindus – and atheists.



In an attempt to offer a balanced view, we have invited Dr. Zainal Abidin Bagir, the director of the Center for Religious and Cross-cultural Studies at Gadjah Mada University in Indonesia to discuss this subject. Dr. Bagir is presently a Visiting Lecturer at Victoria University of Wellington, teaching "Islam in the Contemporary World" in the Religious Studies Department.

*The interviewer, Noel Cheer, is a long-term member of the Board of The St Andrew's Trust for the Study of Religion and Society with experience in television interviewing.*

*For enquiries about this event call him on 0274 483 805.*

***Entry free – donation welcomed.***

*"SATRS" is the St Andrew's Trust for  
the Study of Religion and Society at [www.satrs.org.nz](http://www.satrs.org.nz)*

PROF LLOYD GEERING BOOK LAUNCH | 7 NOVEMBER 6.45PM  
ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE

# Reimagining God

The Faith Journey of a Modern Heretic

*Lloyd Geering*

Described by the BBC as "the last living heretic," Lloyd Geering has spent much of his life wrestling with God. Of late, however, he finds himself struggling with the absence of God. The rise of nonreligious, secular culture around the world testifies that he is not alone, that the concept of God has become problematical.

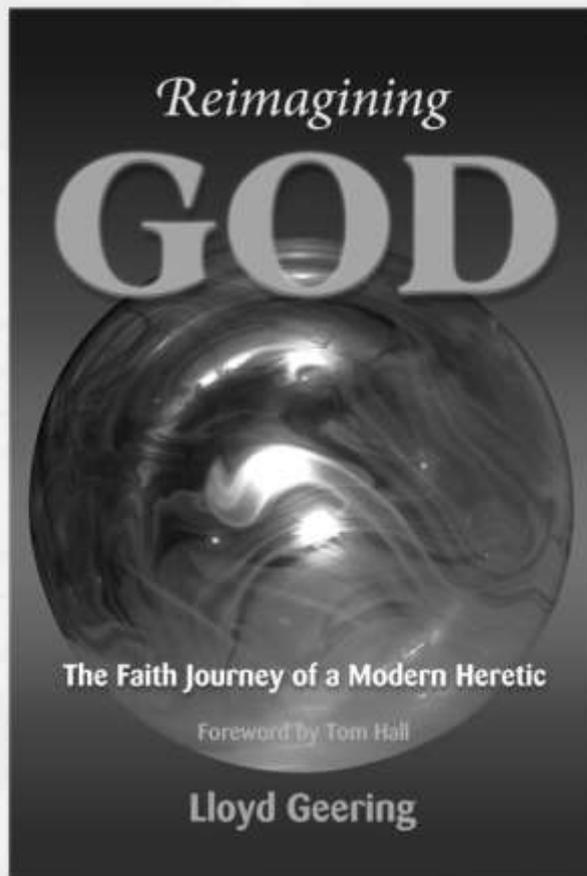
In this engaging collection of essays, Geering retraces key developments in the Western understanding of God. He offers a new vision of spirituality that blends our relationship to the natural world with the rich inheritance of human culture.

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—John Shelby Spong

**"Lloyd Geering is a man of remarkable fortitude and vision."**

—Don Cupitt, *Emmanuel College, Cambridge*



Sir Lloyd Geering is a Minister Emeritus of the Presbyterian Church, Emeritus Professor of Victoria University of Wellington where he established the Department of Religious Studies, and former Principal of Knox Theological College in Dunedin. A three time honoree of the NZ government, Geering is the author of many books including *From the Big Bang to God: Our Awe-Inspiring Journey of Evolution* (2013), winner of the prestigious Ashton Wylie Charitable Trust book award, August 2014.

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**notes – thoughts – comments - prayers**

# 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 Groes-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>	Chris Carey-Smith
<b>Church, Conference and Arts Manager</b>	David Medland
<b>Custodian, SATRS Administrator</b>	Peter Cowley
<b>Sunday Roster Coordinator</b>	Henry Boidya

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