# St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua Founded 1840

# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2014



## **PENTECOST 24**



THE LITURGICAL YEAR

### 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 to be opened by visions that can enlist us in larger causes and more caring actions. We come to hear stories that might takes us into a deeper kind of integrity, and reconnect us with our better selves. So may the warmer fullness that we seek fill our hearts, our minds and our spirits.

Let us worship the One we name God

#### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

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God is here! As we his people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share: here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of his Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit, here the cross has central place; here in honesty of preaching, here in silence as in speech, here in newness and renewal God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old: here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the Gospel, help us work your purpose out: here in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we who cannot live without you, we adore you! we believe!

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

God of the Cosmos attune our ears to hear you today in the great symphony of creation.

God of Community open our eyes to see you today in the drama of nature's connectedness.

God of our hearts touch our lives so we sense you today in both the *beauty and agony of the world.* 

#### **WELCOME**

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

Kia ora tatou.

#### **PRAYER**

God of outstretched arms, you welcome us to this place. You invite us to experience forgiveness, community, reconciliation, and an overwhelming sense of love.

May we feel that love in this time of worship, may we share it with one another, and may we leave this place committed to sharing your love in our world. Amen.

silence

**JESUS PRAYER** 

(Prayer to the Eternal Spirit—Jim Cotter)

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#### LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

#### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Frank Cook

#### **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 Ross Young

**Gospel**Matthew 25:31-46 *The Parable of the Last Judgment* 

**Contemporary Expression** 

from "The Quest for the Historical Jesus" by Albert Schweitzer

"He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside, He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same words: "Follow thou me!" and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience Who He is."

#### **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.* 

Jesus comes to me as a springtime tree and I receive him as a springtime tree. Fragrant the blossoming of the child, fresh with laughter, free and wild and carrying the green of summer

Jesus comes to me as a summer tree and I receive him as a summer tree.
Warm in the sun and richly laid with patterns of growth through light and shade, and carrying the fire of autumn.

Jesus comes to me as an autumn tree And I receive him as an autumn tree. Season of ripeness, brightly ablaze Like a torch in the quietness of closing days And carrying the wood of winter.

Jesus comes to me as a winter tree and I receive him as a winter tree. Gentle the cross and gentle the snow, gentle the path where he and I go, carrying the buds of spring.

REFLECTION Jim Cunningham

## Liturgy as Life Journey

**HYMN** 

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Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side, and foe with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfil God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to serve and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth; men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of prophets, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us partners, free and fair.

So, God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that's found in strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

#### A RESPONSIVE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God of grace and generosity; a God not content to exist in isolation from the common experiences of life but who in Jesus of Nazareth showed us what true human love is.

We will live God's purpose and passion in the world!

We believe in a God of justice and lasting peace; a God not content with religious platitudes or passive responses to the great questions and human struggles of our times.

We will live God's purpose and passion in the world!

And we believe in a God of truth and liberty; a God not content with belief, rite or ritual if they do not lead to sight for the blind, freedom for the captive, and food for the hungry.

We will live God's purpose and passion in the world!

#### 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

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 to create a better world.
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

Sue McRae

#### **CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

We think today of the people of Cuba and the Council of Churches of Cuba. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Chester Borrows and Simon Bridges and the people of their electorates of Whanganui and Tauranga. Here in Wellington, we pray for the leaders and people of the Wellington Korean Church.

#### PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

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# **CALL TO SERVICE** (standing)

Spirit of God, brooding over the waters of our chaos, inspire us to generous living.
Wind of God, dancing over the desert of our reluctance, lead us to the oasis of celebration.
Breath of God, inspiring communication among strangers, make us channels of your peace.

#### **HYMN**

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Our life has its seasons, and God has the reasons why spring follows winter, and new leaves grow, for there's a connection with our resurrection that flowers will bud after frost and snow,

> so there's never a time to stop believing, there's never a time for hope to die, there's never a time to stop loving, these three things go on.

There's a time to be planting, a time to be plucking, a time to be laughing, a time to weep, a time to be building, a time to be breaking, a time to be waking, a time to sleep,

but there's never a time...

There's a time to be hurting, a time to be healing, a time to be saving, a time to spend, a time to be grieving, a time to be dancing, a time for beginning, a time to end,

but there's never a time....

#### **BLESSING & SUNG AMEN**

May God who dances in creation, who embraces us with human love, and who shakes our lives like thunder, bless you and empower you to fill the world with justice.

May God the star-maker cradle and circle you.

May God the story-teller beckon and encourage you.

May God the life-changer challenge you and cherish you.

May you walk in the light of God's love and laughter all the moments of your nights and your days.

Thanks to Jane Keller, 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

On duty This Sunday thank you	
Welcoming	Henry Boidya, Duane McKibben
Sound	Sarah Jobson
Time with the Children	Frank Cook
Reader	Ross Young
Offering	Paul Satherley, Jon Schrader
Prayers of the People	Sue McRae
Morning Tea	James Cone, Pam Fuller, Peter Cowley
Rainbow Room Assistant	
Musician	Jane Keller
On duty next Sunday 30 November	
Welcoming	Frank & Nola Hanson
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Time with the Children	Chris Carey-Smith
Reader	Wendy Matthews
Offering	Henry Boidya, Kath Kerr
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Morning Tea	Sarah Jobson, Fiona McDougal,
	Paul Barber
Rainbow Room Assistant	
Musician	Rosemary Collier
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# This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

**Sunday 23 November 10am** Sunday gathering led by Jim Cunningham

**Tuesday 25 November 12.15pm** SATRS Lecture *Islam and the West* –

Democracy and Conservative Religion: The Case for Islam. Dr Zainal Abidin Bagir

**Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 November 9 – 2pm** NZ Blood Service collection in the hall

**Wednesday 26 November 12.15pm** Lunchtime concert *Start of Advent concert. Jonathan Berkhan & friends* 

**Saturday 29 November 6pm** *St Andrew's Day Potluck Dinner and Entertainment* **Sunday 30 November 10am** Sunday gathering led by Jim Cunningham

**SEASON OF LIGHT CELEBRATION | SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2014 6 – 7.30pm** Newtown Community Centre Theatre. Koha entry. A Wellington Inter-Faith Council event.

## ST ANDREW'S DAY CELEBRATIONS | SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER 6PM

To celebrate St Andrew's Day this year, we are planning to have a pot luck dinner and quiz in the hall from 6pm. If you are able to help out in the kitchen or with setting up and decorating the hall please let Sonia know.

# **ADVENT CONTEMPLATIONS | WEDNESDAYS 3<sup>RD</sup>, 10<sup>TH</sup> & 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 6PM** These will be held in the church.

#### **VACANCY – PART TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT**

We are seeking a part-time Office Assistant to give support to the Parish Manager and community of St Andrew's on The Terrace in the day to day running of the church and conference centre. This is a part-time position of 20 hours per week with extra hours available from time to time.

We need an experienced person who has excellent computer literacy; reception and phone skills and is self-motivated. A full position description is available from office@standrews.org.nz or by phoning 04 4729211.

Closing date for applications is 9am Monday 8 December.

#### **CHRISTMAS CAKES**

Maxine writes "We are not planning a cake stall to fund raise this year, but if people would like to buy a cake (3 different sizes, also gluten free available) for a gift or for their own Christmas goodies, there are order forms at the back of the Church. Any Cake Bakers or ingredient donators, please talk with Maxine."

#### TWO REFUGEE FAMILIES

Linda writes "We have just found out that we will be looking after two refugee families from Syria. One family is mum and dad with three sons, aged 15, 11 and 4. The other is mum who is a widow with her son, aged 8 years. We have two other volunteers in our team, one of whom speaks Arabic. They arrive on 5 December which is a week later than we first thought so gives us a bit more time to prepare. Thank you everyone for your generous donations."

#### RAINBOW ROOM CHRISTMAS

If anyone has alternative Christmas stories or picture books that might be used during advent or for the Christmas drama please let Chris know. chris@careysmith.net

### WALK A MIKE IN HER SHOES | TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 12NOON

Wellington Men's Walk Against Violence. Midland Park, Lambton Quay to Plimmers Steps and back. www.whiteribbon.org.nz

**AUDITIONS FOR JESUS THE CHRIST – AN EASTER CANTATA | SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29** to be performed in the lead up to Easter 2015 on March 28<sup>th</sup>. See notice in foyer for more information.

### A NEIGHBOURLY CHRISTMAS | SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER 6PM

The youth group at Island Bay Presbyterian are putting on an Regional Youth Service. The theme is 'A Neighbourly Christmas,' and we will be exploring Advent and Christmas in light of the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Come at 6.00pm for dinner, with a plate to share if possible, or 7.00pm for the service. All welcome. We hope to see you there. For more information, you can go to the facebook event page at: https://www.facebook.com/events/1488065648130666, or email youth@ibpc.org.nz"

#### **CHOICES - SATRS EVENTS**

### Tuesday 25 November 12.15pm at St Andrew's

Islam and the West – Democracy and Conservative Religion: The Case for Islam with Dr Zainal Bagir

## Tuesday 2 December 12.15pm at St Andrew's

Islamic Sacred Art with Chris Longhurst

## Tuesday 9 December 12.15pm at St Andrew's

Samuel Marsden *Our Earliest 'Religion and Society'* with The Rt Rev Richard Randerson

#### **AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

# ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY BREAKFAST | SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER 9.15 – 10.45AM

This year the speaker is photographer Vlad Sokhin.

http://www.amnesty.org.nz/category/event-region/wellington-and-manawatu/crying-meri-launch

Contact Joanne Looyen on 027 293 1827 or email wrt@amnesty.org.nz to rsvp.

## WRITE FOR RIGHTS | SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER 10-2PM

We are hoping to have a letter writing session for Write for Rights. Please check out the AI events page for confirmation or contact me but the details are likely to be http://www.amnesty.org.nz/category/event-region/wellington-and-manawatu Clark's cafe, Wellington City Library

Amnesty International Aotearoa NZ and its members will be taking part in the global Write for Rights from 3-17 December this year, writing messages of solidarity and support to those unfairly detained or at risk. This year we will be taking action on behalf of US military whistleblower Chelsea (formerly Bradley) Manning, Demanding corporate accountability on behalf of Bhopal Community, India, Stop Torture Campaign cases - Jerryme Corre, Philippines, and Moses Akatugba, Nigeria, Women's rights defender Liu Ping, China

While we will have some pens and paper but please feel free to bring your own Clark's would appreciate it if you bought a cuppa, but it is not a pre requisite There is no need to rsvp just turn up

## **BOOK STALL AT KARORI KARNIVAL | SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY**

Ben Burn Park, Campbell St, Karori.

Every year we have a book stall at the Karori Karnival. Please come and support our stall. While we generally have a lot of books to sell if you have any to donate please email wrt@amnesty.org.nz.

## STALL AT NEWTOWN FESTIVAL | SUNDAY 8 MARCH

For the last few years we have held an information stall at the Newtown Festival. We will have a few items to sell, letters to sign and information to share. Please come and visit

## 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	To be advised
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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