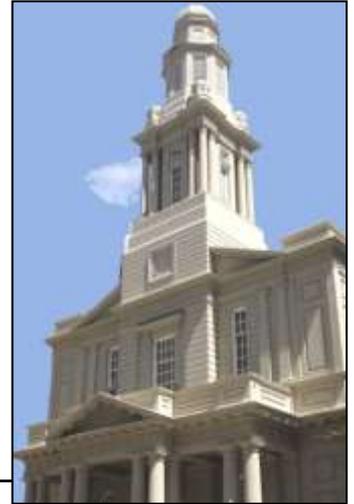


St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua
Founded 1840



ORDER OF SERVICE

14th December 2014

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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.

TIME FOR REFLECTION

The Other Jesus Glenn Coloquhon

What he [Mickey] found even more difficult to understand though was how something in the seeing of a person made that person into the person that was seen. That was the most frightening thing of all. And the most holy. It made him think that a way of looking was a very powerful thing...

He [Jesus] said he had finally figured out where he belonged and that Mickey got his great feeling for sorrow out of a great feeling for joy. He was one of the few people who knew there wasn't much difference between the two. And anyone who knew that was worth spending time with. At the end of the day Jesus needed people in pretty much the same way that people needed Jesus. Maybe he was a way of looking at things himself.

GATHERING

The season of Advent
challenges us today to reacquaint ourselves with Joy.
The other side of the coin of sorrow,
joy reaches deep within us
calling on all our resources of resilience and strength;
For to be beacons of joy
in a world often rent with sadness and torn by war
is to perform an act of countercultural courage;
Yet, particularly at Advent
we are reminded of God's stubborn vision
that hope, peace and joy will reign in a kin_dom of love
and are invited to enact that kin_dom in the world.

Let us truly rejoice this day in the presence of God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O come O come Emmanuel

Adapted by Susan Jones December 2014

with acknowledgement to Isaiah 61:1-3 and Julian of Norwich

O come, O come, Emmanuel
bring good news to all minds which are unwell
bring comfort to the broken of heart
so they can once again take up their part.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall strengthen you, and all things shall be well

O come, our Day-Spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by your advent here;
Dissolve addiction's dark prison cell
and of release from bondage tell.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall set you free, and all things shall be well

O come, O come, O God of light
lift our depression, bring us to delight;
though grief and loss both threaten to bend
the staunchest spirit, bring pain to an end.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall lighten loads, and all things shall be well.

O come, O come Emmanuel
And help us to love truly and love well;
so every one and couple are blessed
with faithfulness and courage and with zest.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall unite you and all things shall be well.

O come, the Key of David, come,
and show us how to journey on to home;
make plain your protest to which we're led
the bruised to heal, the hungry to be fed.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall walk with you, and all things shall be well

WELCOME

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

Kia ora tatou.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The advent carol calls us to rejoice;
May our souls be open to the mystery of joy,
May our minds ponder how joy may be found,
May our hearts be open to receive joy offered us,
***May we, open handed, offer joy to others
and celebrate joy in the presence of God***

PRAYER

God of Christmas, at this season
we're offered happiness in new cars, computers, trampolines and
turkeys.

***the red and green of Christmas obliterates "the green and the gold
and the sparkle" of creation.***

the rush to end year's activity, of break ups and parties, graduations
and final reports exhausts, and robs us of joy.

today, we face an important encounter in our lives as church.

Show us we can be busy yet still,

we can schedule and yet take time to notice the other,

we can organise yet still be reflective.

Remind us we are whole people,

made to reflect your love to the world.

May we find space and time

to celebrate the joy of being loved, with no conditions, no limits.

So we offer in the silence the pressure, our busyness, our high
expectations. We ask for the healing or forgiveness we need to clear
the way to be fully present right here, right now
for this hour of reflection and contemplation.

Silence

God of joy, we give thanks for healing of shame and forgiveness of
wrong.

We give thanks we can go free. In Christ we pray, Amen.

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

INTRODUCING A CWS PARTNER

Educating South Sudanese: In South Sudan, the people celebrated their newly won independence in July 2011. Three and a half years later political conflict has pushed the country to the brink of disaster. In the township of Maridi, the Maridi Service Agency is building something new. Decades of war and poverty deprived most South Sudanese of education. MSA runs the secondary school with a special focus on girls' education and three pre-schools. It runs health education programmes and the only radio station in the region, Maridi FM. Helping locals and newly displaced persons set up small businesses, hold community celebrations and grow the food they need, brings opportunities where there were none. Our gifts to Christian World Service contributes to these opportunities.

Reading: There is time for joy in the Advent journey. The oppressed, the broken-hearted, the captive and the prisoner will be freed from their burdens, and those who mourn shall find gladness. Joy is not for the few but to be shared by everyone. Once again righteousness points the direction not for its own sake but as a 'planting of the Lord' (Is 61:3d.). John the Baptist points the way to the One who is to come as the true light. Look ahead for the One who is to come.

Lighting the Candle of Joy:

The first Sunday we lit **the Candle of Hope**

Last Sunday we lit the **Candle of Peace**

Today we light the **Candle of Joy**

the candle is lit

Prayer:

With our third light, we see light overcoming darkness and we discover the power of joy.

We rejoice in the One who fills the poor with good things and brings newness to a world grown tired.

We sense his coming and we are moved by joy. Amen.

HYMN

Words: Colin Gibson; Music: Vivien Chiu COC 10

Christ of darkness, Christ of light,
burning undiminished, bright;
high above, a million stars
shine down on this king of night.

*Christ to whom the angels sang,
Christ for whom the heavens rang,
truth and peace and love you bring,
and yours the song we too would sing.*

Christ of poverty and need,
thrust aside by human greed,
dare we leave you in a stall,
O Son of God who made us all

Christ to whom the angels sang.....

Christ for whom a mother lay
in the shadows, on the hay,
all creation comes to birth
in this travail here on earth

Christ to whom the angels sang.....

Final chorus twice

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN

Who Is the Child That Is to Be Born?

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Who is the child that is to be born, who is the child?

Less than a wisp of straw in a stable,
brighter than the sun, the light from his candle,
this is the Christ, this is the Christ, this is the Christ!

Who is to sing the song of his birth, who is to sing?
All whom the story touches and changes,
hopeful and healed, whom love rearranges,
these know the song, these know the song, these know the song.

Who is to dance the dance of his birth, who is to dance?
Limbs that are leased a life into freedom,
hands that will hold the world in a welcome,
these know the dance, these know the dance, these know the dance.

Who are to be the bearers of Christ, who are they now?
All who give birth to lively compassion,
carrying peace as dearest possession,
these bear the Christ, these bear the Christ, these bear the Christ.

WORD IN TEXTS

Hebrew Scripture

Gospel

Contemporary Reading

Roger Jones

Isaiah 61: 1-3a

John 1: 6-8

'Blessed are the Meek' by Les Barker

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.

REFLECTION

Susan Jones

Holy Looking

HYMN

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*Refrain: 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.*

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.
Refrain

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

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

Refrain

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.***

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mike Wespel-Rose

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

CALL TO SERVICE (standing)

God who mothers us as Mary mothered Jesus
God who comes as vulnerable as a baby
God who leads the outcast and the wise

*send us out to make space
for the advent of Christ in our world
by looking at each other in a new way
creating a new holy reality, the kin_dom of God.*

HYMN

Susan Jones (c) 2000; this version 2014. Tune: Jerusalem

And did those feet in former times
walk upon scree and tussock brown
and did the man, Jesus the Christ
cross mountains high and rolling downs?
and did he know the morning mist?
and did he know the harbour's sheen?
and did he love this cityscape
its terraced streets, the urban scene?

And does he still walk this our land,
talking and laughing with us yet?
And does he know that stab of need
when all our other friends forget?
And is he there when wine is poured?
And is he there when bread's prepared?
and does he laugh when life's alright?
and does he weep when it is not?

Be with us Christ, as we step out.
Come with us on our lifelong quest.
Be our true guide, on our right hand,
be with us, walking and at rest.
So we will know life to the full.
be there to see us through the night
For we would be your followers
pursue your Way with all our might.

BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN

May God who scattered us, human stardust, over this planet
and laughs with joy at the beauty we have made;
May God who created joy of a cruel cross
May God who breathes joy into us each moment
be with us, morning and evening, night and day
as we too bring that joy to the world.

Amen

Thanks to Bruce Corkill, 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 <i>thank you</i>	
Welcoming	Norman & Linda Wilkins
Sound	Peter Cowley
Reader	Roger Jones
Offering	Henry Boidya, Margaret Pannett
Prayers of the People	Mike Wespel-Rose
Morning Tea	Maxine Cunningham, Sonia Groes-Petrie, Graham Howell
Musician	Bruce Corkill

On duty next Sunday 21 December	
Welcoming	David & Pauline Patchett
Sound	Sarah Jobson
Reader	Frances Porter
Offering	Cameron Smart, Joan Tyler
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Morning Tea	Tony & Sandra Kirby, James Cone
Musician	Peter Franklin

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 14 November 10am Sunday gathering led by visiting preacher

11.30am Congregational Lunch

Tuesday 16 December 12.15pm & 5.30pm Counsel in Concert concerts *Summer Proms*

Wednesday 17 December 12.15pm Christmas Lunchtime concert *Carols and memories of the WW1 Christmas Day Truce*

Wednesday 17 December 6pm Advent Contemplation

Sunday 21st December 10am Advent 4. A New Zealand Christmas – Reading and Carols by New Zealanders. The St Andrew's Singers and Musicians. Followed by Morning Tea – you are welcome to bring some “tasty morsels” to share at morning tea time!!

Wednesday 24th December – Christmas Eve. “CAKE, CAROLS AND COMMUNION” 7.30pm for cake and sherry/fruit juice. 8pm for the Service – conducted by Jim Cunningham

Thursday 25th December 9.30am (NOTE TIME) Christmas Day Service conducted by Bronwyn White.

ADVENT CONTEMPLATIONS | WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 6PM

This is being held in the church.

CHRISTMAS CAKES

Maxine writes *The Christmas cakes you ordered are available this Sunday at the back of the Church. All orders are now complete. There are a few cakes left for sale, some gluten free. No more orders please.*

SUNDAY ROSTER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE, CHRISTMAS DAY AND JANUARY

The roster for Sunday services over the next few Sundays is now on the back table. If you are able to take part in the service, please write your name alongside one of the duties. That would be most excellent. Thank you for your contribution.

RUBBISH NEEDING A RIDE TO THE DUMP

We have some items that are looking at moving house to the landfill, and are needing a ride to get there as it is too far to walk. Is anyone available and willing who has a trailer and able to take them?

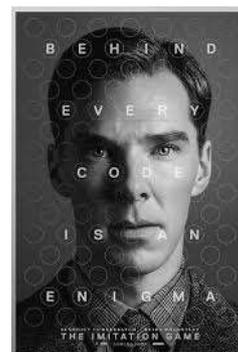
We can help load it.

If you can help, please contact David in the office.

SAVING ST ANDREW'S BI-ANNUAL MOVIE FUNDRAISER SAVE THE DATE

Our next movie is *The Imitation Game* on Monday 2nd March.

A mathematician leads the charge to crack the German Enigma Code that helped the Allies win WWII. He then goes on to assist with the development of computers at the University of Manchester after the war, but was prosecuted by the UK government in 1952 for homosexual acts which the country deemed illegal.



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	Heather Macfarlane
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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