

# St Andrew's on The Terrace

*Hato Anaru o Te Parehua*

Founded 1840



## ORDER OF SERVICE

21st December 2014

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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**



**CAROLS AND READING  
FOR A NEW ZEALAND CHRISTMAS**

## 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 announce that love is about to be born.

We hear the ancient word

looking forward to this announcement.

We proclaim that light is about to overcome darkness.

Peace and justice shall be possible for all humanity.

The heralding is for us.

We prepare so we can participate in this rebirth of Love.

Our worship together separates the wilderness from the wasteland.

We affirm the hand of God in the movement of life

***Let us celebrate life in the presence we name God.***

### PROCESSIONAL CAROL

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Come to this Christmas singing!

Come to a birthday bringing

gifts from our country's treasure,

beauty of shell and stone:

wisdom the old have taught us,

laughter the young have brought us,

love to surround a manger,

making this child our own.

Wealth of our land and water,

riches of race and culture –

these are our gold and incense

offered for Christmas day:

where we make peace, declare it,

where we have much, let's share it,

aroa warm our hearts, and

aroa be our way.

Here where the sheep are grazing,  
where summer sun is blazing  
harvests for others ripen –  
food for the world can grow:  
Christ of a cold December,  
quicken us to remember  
poverty in a stable,  
need, like the sting of snow.

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Ann Weems

The Christmas spirit is the hope  
which tenaciously clings to the hearts of the faithful  
***And announces in the face of any Herod  
the world can produce  
and all the inn doors slammed in our faces  
and all the dark nights of the soul***  
That with God all things still are possible  
***That even now: Unto us a child is born!***

## PRAYER

Source of Life - who called the rich to travel toward poverty,  
the powerful to know their own frailty;  
who gave to strangers a sense of homecoming in an alien land  
and to stargazers true light and vision as they bowed to earth –  
***We lay ourselves open to your signs for us.***

Stir us with holy discontent  
over a world which gives its gifts to those  
who have plenty already,  
whose talents are obvious,  
whose power is recognized;  
***And help us both to share our resources  
with those who have little,  
and to receive with humility  
the gifts they bring to us.***

*(Silence)*

Rise within us, like a star,  
*and make us restless*  
*till we journey forth to seek our rest in you.*

**LORD'S PRAYER** (Prayer to the Eternal Spirit—Jim Cotter)

on the card

## **LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE**

## **MEETING A CWS PARTNER**

### **Meet A Partner - Equipping Teachers in Haiti**

In distant Haiti a small group of highly experienced development workers help rural people to keep hunger at bay. ICKL works with isolated communities to find out what they need and how to make it happen. In a country regularly rocked by natural and political disasters, ingenuity is only one part of the equation. Strong analysis, hard work and outside support are the others. More than anything the community of Dauphine wants a new school so their children can have the education they did not have. With the grain mill to help fund its operations on the way, they need help to rebuild their school and train local teachers. Our donations to CWS will help them achieve this.

**Reading:** The Advent Journey is constructed of Love.

God's Love is a home which offers us the confidence to move forward and take new risks. There is room in God's world for all people to have the means to live a good life and for the earth to be respected. Like Mary, we can be confident God is with us all. The secret is out – the baby will be born very soon!

### **Lighting the Candle of Love:**

On the First Sunday we lit the **Candle of Hope.**

On the Second Sunday we lit the **Candle of Peace.**

On the Third Sunday we lit the **Candle of Joy.**

Today we light the **Candle of Love**

We say together:

*As we light the fourth candle our hearts are full of anticipation. Our vigil, our waiting, is almost over and its silence is full with the promise of love. Love born of Mary, be born in our lives too, be cradled in our work of justice, grow to fullness in our lives and in our choices.*

## HYMN

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Christ of darkness, Christ of light,  
burning undiminished, bright;  
high above, a million stars  
shine down on the 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 the heavens rang,  
truth and peace and love you bring,  
and yours the song we too would sing.*

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,  
Christ for whom the heavens rang,  
truth and peace and love you bring,  
and yours the song we too would sing.  
(Repeat Chorus twice)*

## THE PEACE

## A NEW ZEALAND CHRISTMAS

### INTRODUCTION

**READING** Isaiah: 9: 2-7 *A Great Light* Read by Lloyd Geering (Lloyd Geering translation)

Light of lights beholden  
 we from days of olden  
 sang this song  
 for to understand  
 that peace upon this planet  
 was pledged to come.  
 Each to other, sister, brother,  
 born for life and song,  
*Look towards the light and carry on:  
 let the simple heart and hope among us  
 keep our family strong,  
 let the simple heart and hope among us  
 keep our family strong.*

Darkness all around us,  
 light has always found us,  
 light will come  
 where the dark is deepest,  
 greatest light will keep us  
 safe from harm.  
 Troubled times will always find  
 a voice of troubled doom  
*Look towards the light and carry on:  
 let the simple heart and hope among us  
 keep our family strong,  
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 keep our family strong.*

**READING** Luke 2: 1-7 *The Birth* read by Chris Carey-Smith (James Veitch translation)

**POEM** *A New Zealand Christmas* read by Pam Ormsby (written by Eileen Duggan)

**CAROL**

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Child of Christmas story, stable straw and star,  
 small and sweet and gentle: tell us who you are.

Child whose baby finger round our own is curled,  
 come and melt our hearts, and come to change the world.

Child of Jew and Gentile, child of white and black –  
teach us how to love you, teach us what we lack.

Child of Mary's courage, birthed in human pain,  
tell us what your name is – be our hope again.

**READING** Luke 2: 8-14 *The Angels* read by Sandra Kirby (James Veitch translation)

**ST ANDREW'S SINGERS** *Angels' Carol* by John Rutter

**POEM** *Christmas* read by Anne-Marie Treadwell (written by Janet Frame)

**READING** Luke 2: 15-20 *The Shepherds* read by Peter Cowley (James Veitch translation)

**ST ANDREW'S SINGERS** *You are the New Day*

**POEM** *Advent* read by Linda Wilkins (written by Joy Cowley)

**READING** Matthew 2: 1-12 *The Wise Men* read by Ben Gray (James Veitch translation)

**HYMN**

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Who are these who ride by starlight  
from the corners of the earth,  
leaving home, forsaking comfort,  
drawn to one mysterious birth?  
These are wise men seeking wisdom,  
disciplined to watch and pray;  
we will read the signs and follow,  
see where Christ is born today.

Who is this who hears the wise men,  
trembling while their tale is told,  
sending troops to slaughter blindly,  
crush what cannot be controlled?  
This is Herod, every Herod  
building power by others' pain;  
we will mourn the murdered children  
while their blood is shed again.

Who is this, a homeless exile,  
destined from his earliest hour  
for rejection, conflict danger,  
marked for death by worldly power?  
Jesus, born to show God's glory  
shining through despair and loss,  
we will know you when we meet you  
by the shadow of your cross.

**POEM**      *Nativity* read by Tony Kirby

(written by Peter Cape)

## **MUSIC**

**POEM**      *24 December* read by Ellen Murray

(written by Joy Cowley)

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There's straw in the manger  
and babies in danger,  
some shepherds possessed by the folly of love.  
The register's ringing  
and shop choirs are singing;  
it's bargains galore in the folly of love.

It's midsummer madness,  
and everyday badness:  
the usual scene for the coming of Christ.  
It's parcels and wrapping,  
It's father caught napping,  
and children awake in the folly of love.

It's suntan and lotion,  
it's surf and commotion,  
it's sand in the sandwiches: folly of love.  
It's crackers and candles,  
it's shorts and it's sandals,  
plum pudding in summer: the folly of love.

It's friends and relations,  
it's neighbours and nations,  
enjoying a moment of peace and good will.  
it's crowds at the local,  
old aunties gone vocal,  
and "house full" signs out: O the folly of love.

It's families united,  
it's grandmas delighted,  
it's long distance calls, in the folly of love.  
It's caravans, camels,  
and fellows in flannels;  
three kings chasing stars for the folly of love.

It's postcard madonnas  
receiving full honours,  
Saint Nicholas wearing a cotton wool beard.  
It's trees hung with baubles,  
angelical warbles,  
and God comes to earth in the folly of love!

**POEM**      Pohutukawa Christ read by Frances Porter

**SONG**      Pohutukawa Promise Soloist: Jane Keller  
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## **THE OFFERINGS ARE GATHERED**

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Where is the room,  
where is the house of Christmas?  
Where shall we welcome Jesus,  
where are the signs of home?

Let Christ have space,  
place at the heart of living,  
center for birth's new breathing,  
cradle for hope and peace.

Let there be room,  
room for the friend and stranger,  
room without hurt or anger,  
room for whoever come.

Let love be here,  
love for the Christmas stable,  
love at our open table,  
love to be shared all year.

## PRAYER FOR ST ANDREWS

### THE SENDING OUT *(standing)*

*(Poem by Shirley Murray)*

This year, this year, who comes  
in form of God's befriending?  
What voice to cry for peace?  
A child with human face will plead compassions case,  
entreat our conflicts' ending.

Bless this child, O bless this child!  
Make way, make way for signs of angel visitation!  
What daughter or what son may be the coming One,  
new Christ, in love begun, new light of revelation?  
Bless this child, O bless this child.

Make room, make room!  
The time is near to be awaking,  
for in creation's womb the Word has made a home –  
the seed for summer bloom within the earth is breaking.  
Bless this child, O bless this child.

### HYMN

Words: Bill Wallace: Music "Cranham" Gustav Holst

Christmas in the summer?  
Heat instead of cold?  
Flowers instead of freezing?  
Skies that shine like gold?  
This is Southern Christmas,  
Seasons in reverse!  
Can the Northern pictures  
Speak in Southern verse?

Inner space is timeless  
God is everywhere  
Cries of newborn infants  
Reach for Mary's care.  
When we nurture wonder  
'Till its grace abounds  
We create new pictures  
Outside Northern bounds.

Sing the Christmas story  
Carol South and North  
Sing of pregnant seasons,  
Nature's songs of birth.  
Raise the Christ child's praises  
Lift both joy and pain  
Touch the realms of oneness  
Live the birth again.

## **BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN**

Go safely towards Christmas Day  
Trusting that love is moving towards you.  
And may the God of love go with you  
The child of Bethlehem touch your life  
And gifts of grace lie around you as you journey on.

*Thanks 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

<b>On duty This Sunday <i>thank you</i></b>	
Welcoming	Linda & Norman Wilkins
Sound	Sarah Jobson
Readers	As arranged
Offering	Frank Cook, Joan Tyler
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Morning Tea	Tony & Sandra Kirby, James Cone
Musician	Peter Franklin
<b>On duty next Sunday 28 December</b>	
Welcoming	Jon Schrader
Sound	Peter Cowley
Reader	Linda Wilkins
Offering	
Prayers of the People	Annemarie Treadwell
Morning Tea	
Musician	Rosemary Collier
<b>This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's</b>	
<p><b>Sunday 21st December 10am</b> Advent 4. <i>A New Zealand Christmas – Reading and Carols by New Zealanders.</i> 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!!</p> <p><b>Wednesday 24th December – Christmas Eve.</b> “CAKE, CAROLS AND COMMUNION” 7.30pm for cake and sherry/fruit juice. 8pm for the Service – conducted by Jim Cunningham</p> <p><b>Thursday 25th December 9.30am</b> (NOTE TIME) Christmas Day Service conducted by Bronwyn White.</p> <p><b>Sunday 28 November 10am</b> Sunday gathering</p>	

## **FINAL TOTAL RAISED FROM MUSICATHON FOR CWS WATER FOR WEST BANK PROJECT**

Rev Allister Lane from St John's in the City, has passed on the wonderful news that the final total raised by the combined St Andrew's and St John's musicathon in August reached \$23,240. The final cheque was delivered to CWS last week. Thanks to everyone who was involved and those who supported the project.

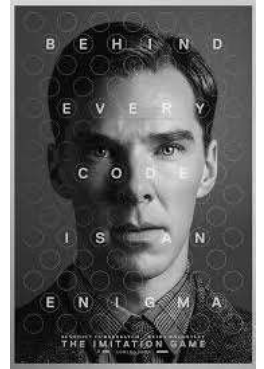
## **SUNDAY ROSTER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE, CHRISTMAS DAY AND JANUARY**

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.

## **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.*



## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **REMEMBERING WAR / ENDING WAR: CHALLENGING MILITARISM AND BUILDING PEACE**

**NATIONAL PEACE WORKSHOPS, 17 - 19 April 2015**

**St Andrew's on The Terrace**

An exciting and thought provoking programme is being developed for the Peace Workshops, which will take the form of a peace conference with a mix of speaker and presentation plenary sessions, workshops, films, performance, poetry, displays and more.

The overall theme is remembering war / ending war: challenging militarism and building peace, reflecting the key themes of the World War One Centenary Peace Project - remembrance of all of the casualties of war and of war resisters, ending war as a response to conflict, and promoting peace.

The programme will focus mainly on Aotearoa New Zealand and include sessions on:

- militarism, nationalism and national identity, and the privileging of military 'heroism' and 'sacrifice';
- the treatment of Maori, conscientious objectors, war resisters, and women during and after World War One;
- indigenous perspectives on militarism, war and peace;
- faith perspectives on militarism, war and peace;
- women, peace and security;
- diverting military expenditure to socially useful spending;
- climate change and militarisation;

- state surveillance and counter terrorism legislation;
- NZ involvement in the 'war on terrorism';
- humanitarian disarmament and the elimination of weapons old and new, from nuclear weapons to 'killer robots', aka fully autonomous weapons systems; and more.

The Peace Workshops will also include the launch of new resources challenging militarism and promoting peace, the sign-on statement rejecting a militarised national identity, and 'sowing peace', a new initiative from White Poppies for Peace.

The programme for the Peace Workshops will be available in February, along with registration details. Further information is available on the World War One Centenary Peace Project site [www.ww1.org.nz](http://www.ww1.org.nz) on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/972037769491199> or from Peace Movement Aotearoa email [pma@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pma@xtra.co.nz)

## Children and Families Ministry Worker St John's in the City, Presbyterian Church

We are seeking someone to join with our Assistant worker and volunteer leaders, within a supportive ministry team at St John's in the City.


As we inspire a passion in people for mission to families within St John's and in our community, we are looking for someone with a commitment to the mission of St John's in the City, enthusiasm for children's mission, and the ability to inspire this in others.

The hours are negotiable, between 20-35 hours per week.

A full position description is available from  
[enquiries@stjohnsinthecity.org.nz](mailto:enquiries@stjohnsinthecity.org.nz)  
or by phoning +64 4 385 1546

**Closing date 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015**





***Come join us this year***  
**Christmas Services at**  
**St Andrew's on The Terrace**



**Sunday 21 December**

10am Fourth Sunday in Advent

*'A New Zealand Christmas'*

**Christmas Eve service**

7.30pm Sherry, juice & Christmas cake

8pm Carols, candles & communion

*'The 2 sons of David'*

**Christmas Day service**

9.30am Christmas Day celebration

*'But where are the others?'*



# 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>	To be advised
<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>	Heather Macfarlane
<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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