

St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

Founded 1840



ORDER OF SERVICE

28th December 2014

The First Sunday after Christmas



JOSEPH IS WARNED BY AN ANGEL, IN A DREAM,
TO FLEE EGYPT.
REMBRANDT, 1645.

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

Each new day is a gift.

Each new phase of life brings generous possibilities.

Each new question brings learning and growth

F. Macnab

Let there be joy in our coming together this day.

Let there be truth heard in the words we speak

and the songs we sing.

Let there be help and healing for our disharmony and despair.

Let there be silence for the voice within us and beyond us.

C Seaburg

So let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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Carol our Christmas, an upside down Christmas;

snow is not falling and trees are not bare.

Carol the summer, and welcome the Christ-Child,

warm in our sunshine and sweetness of air.

Sing of the gold and the green and the sparkle,

water and river and lure of the beach.

Sing in the happiness of open spaces,

sing a nativity summer can reach.

Shepherds and musterers move over hillsides,
finding, not angels, but sheep to be shorn;
wise ones make journeys whatever the season,
searching for signs of the truth to be born.

Right side up Christmas belongs to the universe,
made in the moment a woman gives birth;
hope is the Jesus gift, love is the offering,
everywhere, anywhere, here on the earth.

WELCOME

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

OPENING RESPONSES

Our God is a God who longs to be with us
who reaches into our deepest places
who weeps within our tears.

Our God is a God who holds us in the womb space of compassion
labouring to bring us to birth in the new life of freedom,
tasting the blood of our pain.

Our God is like a rock
unmoved from love,
unshaken by the depth of our sorrow and lament,
firm beneath our feet when our world rocks beneath us.

PRAYER

JESUS' PRAYER (Prayer to the Eternal Spirit—Jim Cotter)

on the card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

*Rainbow Room is in recess for the school holidays. Children are welcome to
use the books and toys at the back of the church.*

SHARING THE PEACE

WISDOM IN TEXTS

Linda Wilkins

Hebrew Scripture

Exodus 1: 8-22

The Israelites are oppressed

Gospel

Matthew 2: 13-18

The Escape to Egypt and Massacre of the Infants

Contemporary Reading

An Informed Anger by Joy Mead

People who are angry at injustice are compassionate people:
they are filled with passion and they do not make docile citizens:
angry people (slaves and free people) forced the end of slavery in the
British Empire; angry people (men and women) won the vote for
women; angry people (black and white) brought an end to Apartheid in
South Africa.
Angry people can change the rules.....
Compassion enlivens and empowers the heart and mind so that with an
informed anger we ask questions.

RESPONSE

For Word of God in scripture and story
for contemporary insights in story and song
for Word made flesh in a baby—and in us
We give thanks.

REFLECTION

Jim Cunningham

WAKE UP!!

ORGAN MUSIC

A CELEBRATION OF FAITH

Let us stand and share together a celebration of faith.

We celebrate our God
who is not afraid of our minds
with all their questions,
and all their doubting searchings
for the truth.

We celebrate our God
*who knows and loves our deepest hearts,
whose compassion is always greater than ours
so that the measure of our kindness
is always less than that of God.*

We celebrate our God
*who engages with our souls,
linking us with the mystery of the universe,
the endlessness of eternity,
yet is as close to us in our beings
as a parent with a child.*

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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

For the gifts we receive and the gifts we share
we give thanks.

For the abundant universe, with resources enough and to spare
we give thanks.

May our offerings of money and food, compassion and goodwill,
be multiplied to those who receive them
blessing them, as we are blessed to give. 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

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

CAROL

Words: Isaac Watts; Music: G F Handel. Antioch WOV 224

Joy to the world! The Promised One
has come shalom to bring.
Let ev'ry heart prepare a room,
and heav'n and nature sing,

and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns:
let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

Graceful and true, the Saviour rules,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of the way of peace,
and wonders of God's love,
and wonders of God's love,
and wonders, wonders of God's love.

BENEDICTION & SUNG THREEFOLD AMEN

*Thanks to Rosemary Collier, our organist this morning,
and to Peter Cowley on the AV system.*

*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>

On duty This Sunday <i>thank you</i>	
Welcoming	Jon Schrader
Sound	Peter Cowley
Reader	Linda Wilkins
Offering	
Prayers of the People	Annemarie Treadwell
Morning Tea	Sonia Groes-Petire
Musician	Rosemary Collier

On duty next Sunday 4 January	
Welcoming	Rosemary Lawrence
Sound	
Reader	Joan Tyler
Offering	Jon Schrader, Kath Kerr
Prayers of the People	Norman Wilkins
Morning Tea	Nick Walshe
Musician	Rosemary Collier

SUNDAY ROSTER FOR 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.

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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