

# St Andrew's on The Terrace

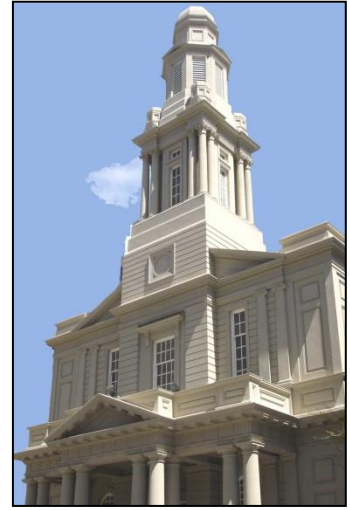
*Hato Anaru o Te Parehua*

Founded 1840

## ORDER OF SERVICE

23 August 2015

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### Hildegard and Feathers



**Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1176)  
receiving inspiration**

## 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

Hildegard

Good People, most royal greening ones, rooted in the sun,  
you shine with radiant light.

No creature has meaning without the Word of God.

God's Word is in all creation, visible and invisible.

The Word is living, being, spirit, all greening, all creativity.

This Word flashes out in every creature.

This is how the spirit is in the flesh – the Word is indivisible from God.

***Let us celebrate life, love and greening in the Presence we name God.***

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**'Let all the creation sing'**

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Let all the creation sing forth with elation

to Ruah the Spirit who gives birth to all.

She nurtures and feeds us

while gently she leads us

on pathways of freedom to follow our call.

The mountains and rivers proclaim her the Giver

of beauty and blessings o'er-flowing each day.

The keas and kiwis, the fantails and tuis

all join her creative exuberant play.

The forests and oceans declare their devotion

to Ruah the Spirit of Wisdom and power.

The trees clap their branches,

and all heaven dances;

the breath of great Ruah makes everything flower.

All creatures adore her and gather before her,

with praises that ring from the depths of the earth.

As we join in the singing, our gifts gladly bringing

we help her to bring new creation to birth.

## WELCOME

E te whanau a Te Karaiti nga mihi aroha ki a tatou katoa  
*Kia ora.*

## OPENING RESPONSES

At this moment in my life -

Am I learning?

*Can I open my mind?*

Am I growing?

*Can I strengthen my commitment?*

Am I greening?

*Am I willing to be renewed?*

How am I responding to the urgings of God-ness, of Love?

*Am I willing to discover how deeply I am loved?*

*To receive new gifts for service?*

Are there areas of resistance, of reluctance to follow the heart calls?

*Can I say a deeper 'Yes'?*

## SILENCE

## PRAYER

Hildegard

God, what greater praise can I give you than to call you green?

Green, rooted in light, shining like the sun that pours riches on the wheeling earth; incomprehensible green, divinely mysterious green, comforting arms of divine green protecting us in their powerful circle. And yet, you are more than even the noblest green, for you glow red as breaking dawn, you shine white as the incandescent sun.

Splendid One, none of our physical senses can explain or comprehend you.

## LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

## TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Sue McRae

## BLESSING THE CHILDREN (All stand)

We send you to the Rainbow Room programme to hear stories, ask questions and have fun together.

*God bless you. Amen.*

## PASSING THE PEACE

*Feel free to pass the peace with those nearby or move to greet others further away. Passing the peace consists of shaking hands and saying "Peace be with you." The response is "Peace be with you" or just "And with you." Or, simply saying 'Hello' is a good idea. Also feel free to simply observe if you wish!*

## HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Wisdom of Solomon 7:16-30 (NJB)

## GOSPEL

Matthew 23:37

**'Not quite contemporary' reading**

Hildegard

Divine Love speaks (from one of the plays)

I am the supreme and fiery force who kindled every living spark, and I breathed forth no deadly thing – yet I permit them to be. As I circled the whirling sphere with my upper wings (that is with wisdom) rightly I ordained it. And I am the fiery life of the essence of God: I flame above the beauty of the fields; I shine in the waters; I burn in the sun, the moon and the stars. And with the airy wind I quicken all things vitally by an unseen all-sustaining life. For the air is alive in the greenness and the flowers; the waters flow as if they lived; the sun too lives in its light; and when the moon wanes it is rekindled by the light of the sun as if it lived anew. Even the stars glisten in its light as if alive.

**And another quote:**

The earth is mother of all that is natural, mother of all that is human. She is the mother of all, for contained in her are the seeds of all. The earth of humankind contains all moistness, all greenness, all germinating power. It is in so many ways fruitful. All creation comes from it. Yet it forms not only the basic raw material for humankind, but also the substance of the incarnation of God's son.

All of creation God gives to humankind to use. If this privilege is misused, God's justice permits creation to punish humanity.

**RESPONSE**

For the word of God in scripture,  
for the word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us,  
***we give thanks***

**HYMN****HIOS 7 'As the wind song through the trees'**

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As the wind song through the trees,  
as the stirring of the breeze,  
so it is with the Spirit of God,  
as the heart made strangely warm,  
as the voice within the storm,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.

Never seen, ever known  
where this wind has blown  
bringing life, bringing power to the world,  
as the dancing tongues of fire,  
as the soul's most deep desire,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.

As the rainbow after rain,  
as the hope that is born again,  
so it is with the Spirit of God,  
as the green in the spring,  
as a kite on a string,  
so it is with the Spirit of God,  
making worlds that are new,  
making peace come true,  
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,  
as the rising of the yeast,  
as the wine at the feast,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.

#### **MUSIC**

**Hildegard**

**REFLECTION 'Hildegard and Feathers' Trish McBride & Margaret Megwyn**

#### **DANCE**

**Margaret Megwyn**

#### **HYMN**

**'Nothing is lost on the breath of God'**

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Nothing is lost on the breath of God,  
nothing is lost forever;  
God's breath is love, and that love will remain,  
holding the world forever.  
No feather too light, no hair too fine,  
no flower too brief in its glory,  
no drop in the ocean, no dust in the air,  
but is counted and told in God's story.

Nothing is lost to the eyes of God,  
nothing is lost forever;  
God sees with love, and that love will remain,  
holding the world forever.  
No journey too far, no distance too great,  
no valley of darkness too blinding,  
no creature too humble, no child too small

for God to be seeking and finding.  
Nothing is lost to the heart of God,  
nothing is lost forever;  
God's heart is love, and that love will remain,  
holding the world forever.  
No impulse of love, no office of care,  
no moment of life in its fullness,  
no beginning too late, no ending too soon,  
but is gathered and known in its goodness.

## OFFERING

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 recognised.

***Help us share our resources with those who have little, and to receive with true appreciation and humility the gifts they give us.***

*We recognise and bless the gifts brought to the table and those given to support the mission of the church through automatic payment.*

## JESUS PRAYER

Miriam Therese Winter version

Our Mother, who is within us,  
we celebrate your many names.  
Your wisdom come, your will be done,  
unfolding from the depths within us.  
Each day you give us all that we need.  
You remind us of our limits and we let go.  
You support us in our power and we act with courage.  
For you are the empowerment within us,  
the dwelling place around us,  
and the celebration among us.  
Now and forever. Amen

## 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. **For the benefit of newcomers, please introduce yourself before you begin.***

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lynne Dovey

## CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Ireland and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Mark Mitchell and Todd Muller, and the people of their electorates of Rodney and Bay of Plenty. Here in Wellington, we pray for the leaders and people of Plimmerton Presbyterian Church.



PRAYER

Let us give thanks for the continuity and greening of the universe; for the sun rising day by day, and the moon rising night by night; for all the life with which we share this planet; for the interactions and connections that bind us to it and the elements of which it is composed.

***We give thanks and seek to live in harmony with our planet.***

Let us give thanks for the ones like Hildegard, who have provided inspiration and hope; for prophets, musicians and poets; thinkers and preachers and healers; for the ones who linked thought and action; for reformers and rebels.

***We give thanks and join with them in the quest for insight and justice.***

SILENCE

HYMN

**'Seeds of Change'**

Words & Music: Carolyn McDade

This is a time we honour and name  
those who gathered before us  
This is a time we hear God's word  
in the voices seldom heard  
who shatter all myths of pretension.

Out of the truth of those turned away,  
blamed, oppressed and discarded  
Who shall reap and who shall sow?  
Who decides what seeds will grow,  
and who lays a claim to the harvest?

*Fire of passion, light of vision  
into the ashes we sow, seeds of change  
rooting a wisdom, dark and fertile  
yielding a harvest of hope  
good for all people, who live in the land*

Cycles move; people can change,  
turning fresh in the morning  
Blossoms of joy amidst the pain  
Love that died is born again  
and sacred all lands and all people.

Out of the ash, a cauldron of green  
fresh, eager and faithful.  
Hope long scorned by 'powers that be'  
lives now as people free  
their dreams for tomorrow reviving  
*Fire of passion, light of vision...*

## **BLESSING**

Good People, most royal greening ones, rooted in the sun,  
you shine with radiant light. Go into the wider world with renewed  
reverence for yourself, for each other, for our God-given power for good,  
as human participants in this sacred planet.

***Amen.***

## **SUNG AMEN**

## **THANK YOU**

This service was prepared by  
**Margaret, Pat, Pam, Joy and Trish**

**Thanks to Vivien Chiu**  
our musician today

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*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 blue "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 Qy, 02-0534-0004022-0



Thanks to this week's volunteers	
Welcoming	Joy Bostock & Pam Fuller
Sound	Sarah Jobson
Offering	Keith Rimmer & Henry Boidya
Coffee/tea	Jennifer Bush-Daumec, Kath Kerr & Frank Cook
Time with the Children	Sue McRae
Readings	Pat Booth
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Musician	Vivien Chiu
Rainbow Room Helper	Rosemary Lawrence

On duty Sunday 30 August	
Welcoming	Norman & Linda Wilkins
Sound	Paul Satherley
Offering	James Cone & Jon Schrader
Coffee/tea	Peter Cowley, Richard Keller & Rosemary Lawrence
Time with the Children	Cameron Smart
Readings	Lois Robertson
Prayers of the People	Linda Wilkins
Musician	Rosemary Collier
Rainbow Room Helper	Volunteer Required

### **SUNDAY ROSTERS**

*A folder with an outline of each duty is now kept on the back table. If you are unable to do your rostered duty please arrange a swap/substitute and inform the office. Thank you.*

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's
<b>Sunday 23 August 10am</b> Sunday Gathering led by Trish McBride followed by Roster Training Sessions and Parish Council Planning
<b>Wednesday 26 August</b> Cuppa and a Chat from 11am in the Centre
<b>Wednesday 26 August 12.15pm</b> Lunchtime Concert - The Kugels   Klezmer music
<b>Sunday 30 August 10am</b> Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones followed by Roster Training Sessions and discussion on the Moderator's White Paper.

### **ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES**

#### **THEME FOR AUGUST: TAKING A STAND.**

Four August Sunday Gatherings are themed 'Taking a Stand' On 30<sup>th</sup> August: 'Taking a Stand: Including even the 'Enemy''.

#### **SUNDAY DUTY ROSTERS and TRAINING**

A reminder that on **SUNDAYS 23 and 30 AUGUST** after morning tea, you have the opportunity (seize it) to be upskilled or trained in or to practise, the duties of your choice. Ask where your talents lie. Are you using them? Let's not be hiding our lights under bushels! Join in!

#### **MODERATOR'S WHITE PAPER: 'IT'S ALL A MATTER OF FAITH'**

Rt Rev Andrew Norton's produced a white paper for discussion, available from Susan or visit the Moderator's blog where it is available on-line here: [http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/sites/public\\_files/for\\_parishes/03.06.15\\_FINAL\\_Its\\_a\\_matter\\_of\\_faith\\_formatted\\_final1.pdf](http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/sites/public_files/for_parishes/03.06.15_FINAL_Its_a_matter_of_faith_formatted_final1.pdf). Discussion after training sessions **Sunday August 30th**

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

This will be held after church on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September** to approve Insurance policy decisions.

## **CUPPA AND CHAT**

Wednesdays, coffee, etc., happens in the Centre for an hour from 11am. There's an introductory 'round', then we share the remaining time. It's fun! Do come!

## **SOMETHING TO READ WITH YOUR CUPPA**

If you are in a cafe and see the August copy of Fishhead magazine there is an interview with Frances Porter in it. Max Rushbrook has captured the Frances we know - the title is "On writing well and behaving badly"

## **ST ANDREW'S MYSTERY DINNERS 2015**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August.** Diary this date and sign up at the back of the church.

## **SPIRITED CONVERSATION MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH**

Conference Rooms 1 & 2, 1st floor of the Welcome Centre. Soup and Bread at 6pm (cost \$5.00). Speaker at 7pm. Climate Change – what can we believe? – Dr Andrew Matthews. **A spirited conversation on the process and the issues for NZ.**

Andrew Matthews will give a brief backgrounder to Climate Change – can humans really have an effect on the planet - how does it work - and why the path to getting Governments to agree on doing something about the causes are so difficult?

Andrew worked as an atmospheric scientist and then science research manager here in NZ as well as Germany, France and Japan. He has had an active involvement in the politics of atmospheric science for the last 40 years starting with atmospheric ozone depletion and now with atmospheric greenhouse gasses.

## **ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE - FUNDRAISING QUIZ**

Come along and join in with our Fundraising Quiz on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September**, 6.30pm for a 7pm start in Conference Room 1&2 of the St Andrew's Centre.

Form a team—family, friends and colleagues—or turn up on the evening and join a table of others to make a team. A team is 5-6 people per team.

Entry is \$5.00 per person (this is the fundraising part).

Think of a great team name— prize for wittiest/funniest/cleverest!

Quiz questions are a mixture of multiple choice, True/False, Q&A and match the answer to the subject, with a couple of picture rounds—and maybe some music!

Tea and coffee available, and supper for gold coins donation.

For catering and seating, please let us know that you'll be joining the quiz: email

Bronwyn [bronz99@live.com](mailto:bronz99@live.com) or talk with Rosemary. **RSVP by Sunday 5 September.**

## **ST ANDREW'S CHOIR**

The choir will rehearse John Rutter's "For the beauty of the earth" from 9.15am in the Hall, every Sunday up to 6 September. If you would like to join in, please email Vivien Chiu, Church Music Coordinator on [music@standrews.org.nz](mailto:music@standrews.org.nz),

## ST ANDREW'S TRUST FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION AND SOCIETY

### Coming up in September 2015

8, 10, 17 & 19 12:15 - 1pm at St Andrew's on The Terrace

"Reformation, Resurrection, Eternity, Destiny" - The Articles by Lloyd Geering that sparked the 1969 "Heresy" trial.

Format: Lloyd Geering will read one of the articles listed (about 25 minutes) then Noel Cheer will conduct a 20 minute interview with Lloyd, teasing out some of the ideas in the lecture. More details soon, but for now put this series in your diary!



### ADVANCE NOTICE: EXPLORING FAITH - LIVING THE QUESTIONS

Discussions (from disc 3) will resume on fourth Sundays monthly from **October 25th**

### *WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES*

#### WELLINGTON INTERFAITH COUNCIL AGM

**Sunday 23 August** at 2pm at Soka Gakai Buddhist Centre, 8 Gilmer Street (off Boulcott St). Enquiries to Wendy Matthews Ph 4791741

#### PEACE MOVEMENT AOTEAROA

Banning nuclear weapons, killer robots, and the use of explosive weapons in populated areas, **Monday, 24 August 2015**, from 12.30pm to 1.30pm. A humanitarian disarmament forum with: Thomas Nash, Director, Article 36 - Marnie Lloyd, International Humanitarian Law and Policy Manager, New Zealand Red Cross - Edwina Hughes, Coordinator, Peace Movement Aotearoa

Venue: Conference Room 1, Third Floor, St Andrew's, 30 The Terrace, Wellington. BYO lunch, tea / coffee will be provided. Organised by Peace Movement Aotearoa, contact [pma@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pma@xtra.co.nz) RSVP: [www.facebook.com/PeaceMovementAotearoa/events](https://www.facebook.com/PeaceMovementAotearoa/events)

#### WELLINGTON STUDY GROUP - TURNERS DAY

For those who couldn't attend the previous occasion to be with the Turners (Whirling Dervishes), there is another opportunity: the Wellington Study Group would welcome anyone to their Turners Day on **Sunday 30th August**. The afternoon will begin at 1.30pm with poetry reading - mainly from Rumi - and a short period of slow turning which anyone can join in - they will teach the simple method. After a short break at 2.15 when the Turners robe, there will be an explanation of the Turning Ceremony which will begin at 2.30. The ceremony ends at 3.30pm. 31 Hobson Crescent. Parking available in school grounds next door. RSVP to [gillianharris@michaeljharris.co.nz](mailto:gillianharris@michaeljharris.co.nz)

#### SUNDAY CONCERTS

The next Wellington Chamber Music Sunday Concert at St Andrew's on The Terrace will take place on **Sunday 6th September** at 3pm. The concert will feature the Te Koki Trio.

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# 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

Minister	Susan Jones
Parish Council Convenor	Sandra Kirby
Parish Council Clerk	Maxine Cunningham (leave of absence)
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Facilities Management Group	Douglas Wood
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
Office Assistant	Karyn Bishop
Custodian, SATRS Administrator	Peter Cowley
Roster Coordinator	Rosemary Lawrence

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