

# St Andrew's on The Terrace

*Hato Anaru o Te Parehua*

Founded 1840

## ORDER OF SERVICE

29 November 2015

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### Advent 1

**Let us follow the signs  
and make our own journeys  
to the birth of the new...**



## 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

Today the ancient journey begins again,  
taking us on into the future.  
Let us keep watch together,  
for in the darkness light is growing  
and into the darkness signs are pointing...

***Advent is here, let us travel together  
towards the new birth, towards the new start  
following the signs which show us the way.***

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### Ch4 273 'O come, O come Emmanuel'

Words: based on the ancient Advent Antiphons (alt)

Music: Plainsong melody, 15<sup>th</sup> Century France

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and to us all your good news tell,  
for you are pitching tent with us here  
and so the Light of God will appear.

*Rejoice ! rejoice ! Emmanuel shall come to you,  
and all things will be well*

O come, O son of David, come  
and open wide the pathway to home;  
draw us into your mystery  
and close the way which leads to misery.

*Rejoice ! rejoice !...*

O come, bright dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by your advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
and all dark shadows put to flight.

*Rejoice ! rejoice ! ...*

## **OPENING RESPONSES** *(please remain standing)*

The journey begins again and we are invited to travel;  
***taking each step will be an adventure.***

The journey begins again let us walk it together;  
***each of us part of the community of seekers.***

The journey begins again, let us trust the new life it brings;  
***new life for you and for me and for all the world.***

## **WELCOME**

Kia ora tatou.

***Kia ora.***

## **ADVENT WREATH - LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE**

### **Partner Story from Gaza, Palestine (see accompanying leaflet)**

At five years old Tarek should not live with such terrible scars. Traumatized by last year's war on Gaza, he has at last found some relief thanks to the professional help provided by the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR) in Gaza. The war affected everyone, but staff are back on the job, providing medical and psychological help to families in need. For Gaza's residents surrounded by rubble and locked into a small piece of land, DSPR is a living sign of hope. "We are looking for Peace" says Dr Wafa, the Health Programme Coordinator.

### **Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope**

Today is the first Sunday in Advent. Advent is a time of waiting and preparing to celebrate Jesus' birth. It is a time to hope for peace between people, and to walk in the light God gives us. Each week between now and Christmas we will light a candle in our Advent wreath. The wreath is round to remind us of God's never-ending love.

The branches are green to remind us of new life. The candles remind us of the light which came into the world with Jesus: light to brighten all of earth's dark places; light that grows stronger when we join in his work of building and rebuilding lives.

## **PRAYER FOR HOPE**

***Today we light the candle of hope with the prayer that the people of Gaza will find hope through the work of The DSPR. AMEN***

## **JESUS PRAYER**

**Jim Cotter version on card**

## **LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE**

**BLESSING THE CHILDREN** (*all stand*)

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

***Our blessings go with you. Amen.***

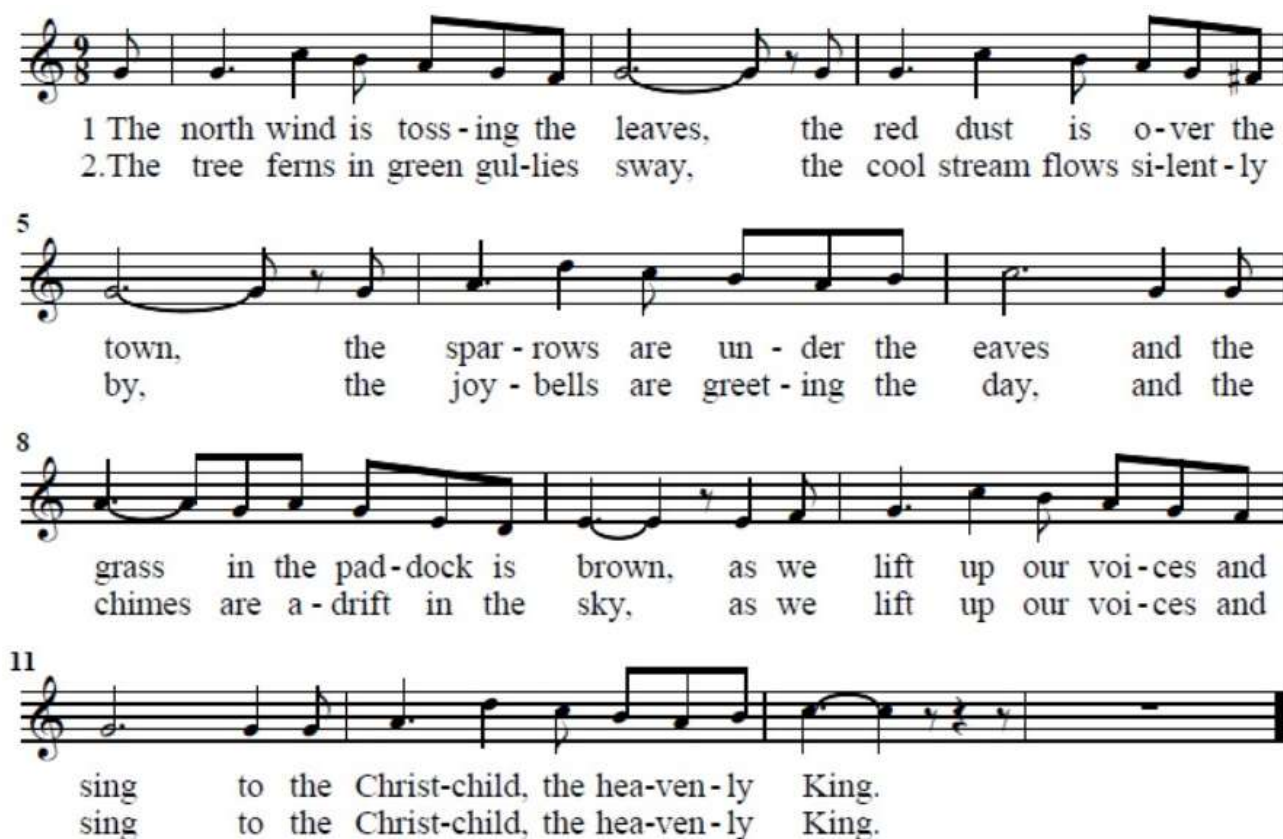
**PASSING THE PEACE**

*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!*

**HYMN****WOV 246 'The North Wind is tossing the leaves'**

Words: John Wheeler

Music: William G James



1 The north wind is toss - ing the leaves, the red dust is o - ver the  
 2. The tree ferns in green gul - lies sway, the cool stream flows si - lent - ly

5 town, the spar - rows are un - der the eaves and the  
 by, the joy - bells are greet - ing the day, and the

8 grass in the pad - dock is brown, as we lift up our voi - ces and  
 chimes are a - drift in the sky, as we lift up our voi - ces and

11 sing to the Christ - child, the hea - ven - ly King.  
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The north wind is tossing the leaves.  
 The red dust is over the town;  
 The sparrows are under the eaves,  
 and the grass in the paddock is brown;  
 As we lift up our voices and sing,  
 to the Christ-child the heavenly King.

The tree ferns in green gullies sway;  
The cool stream flows silently by;  
The joy bells are greeting the day,  
and the chimes are adrift in the sky,  
as we lift up our voices and sing,  
to the Christ-child the heavenly King.

## THE WORD IN TEXTS

Margaret Rushbrook

Hebrew Bible

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Gospel

Luke 21: 25-28

Other biblical or contemporary reading

From 'The Bright Cloud of Unknowing'  
A sermon for Transfiguration Sunday 2014  
By Barbara Brown Taylor

But what if the point is not to decode the cloud but to enter into it? What if the whole Bible is less a book of certainties than it is a book of encounters, in which a staggeringly long parade of people run into God, each other, *life*--and are never the same again? I mean, what *don't* people run into in the Bible? Not just terrifying clouds and hair-raising voices but also crazy relatives, persistent infertility, armed enemies, and deep depression, along with life-saving strangers, miraculous children, food in the wilderness, and knee-wobbling love.

Whether such biblical encounters come disguised as "good" or "bad," they have a way of breaking biblical people open, of rearranging what they think they know for sure so that there is room for more divine movement in their lives. Sometimes the movement involves travelling from one place to another. Sometimes it means changing their angle on what is true and why. Sometimes it involves the almost invisible movement of one heart toward another.

Certainties can become casualties in these encounters, or at least those certainties that involve clinging to static notions of who's who and what's what, where you are going in your life and why. Those things can shift pretty dramatically inside the cloud of unknowing, where faith has more to do with staying fully present to what is happening right in front of you than with being certain of what it all means. The *meeting--that's* the thing.

## 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.*

## REFLECTION

‘Reading the Signs of the Times’

Susan Jones

## HYMN

**COC 48 ‘Where is the room?’**

Words: © Shirley Murray. Music: © David Dell

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

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

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

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

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We trust that patient waiting  
through times of gestation brings newness of life;  
That the transformation of our lives  
is made up of many small (and sometimes larger) advents,  
periods of waiting followed by a birth,  
our own lives becoming the ‘rough stable’  
in which Christ can be born again and again.*

*We have experienced that many  
can then be attracted by that indefinable mystery  
by the numinosity of the moment  
by its irresistible appeal;  
Captivated by pregnant promise,  
by just a baby of an idea  
or the childlike vulnerability of the moment  
which reassures us we are understood  
at the deepest depths of our being -  
the depths where this new life gestates  
and from where it is birthed.  
We trust, we experience, but it is all still a mystery!*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

*We recognise and bless the gifts brought to the table, and those which wing  
their way electronically from our banks to the church's account.*

## **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**

**Bronwyn White**

## **CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

Today we pray for all churches named for St Andrew, here in New Zealand and overseas. May the congregations of those churches find hope in following The Way which Andrew's own leader, Jesus, taught us. We think today of the people of Liberia and Sierra Leone and the Liberian Council of Churches and the Council of Churches in Sierra Leone. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name David Shearer and Su'a William Sio and their Electorates of Mt Albert and Mangere. Here in Wellington, we pray for the leaders and people of Island Bay Presbyterian Church.

## **PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S**

*on card*

## **HYMN**

### **COC 30 (i) 'Look towards Christmas!'**

Words: © Shirley Murray. Music: © Julian Bray.

Look towards Christmas! Advent is here:  
welcome December, changing the year.  
Whistle up, shepherds! Saddle up, kings!  
Chorus up angels, flexing your wings.

*Sing, sing, alleluia!  
Sing, sing alleluia!  
Sing, sing, out the story,  
sing about hope and peace.*

Set the world singing, make the world glad;  
now is good reason not to feel sad!  
Hear John the Baptist shout to prepare:  
Good News is coming, earth be aware.  
*Sing, sing, alleluia! ...*

Mary and Joseph, soon is the day:  
ready the donkey, start on your way.  
You are the chosen, willing to trust,  
joyful your burden, carrying Christ  
*Sing, sing, alleluia! ...*

## SENDING OUT



This week we continue to follow in the footsteps of Andrew, whose name we proudly bear as a community of faith, who brought his brother to Jesus, following with devotion and persistence to a difficult end.

***May we, like Andrew, include sisters and brothers in the good news;  
May we follow with devotion  
and persist in carrying hope into this city this week.***

## SUNG AMEN

## THANK YOU

**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, 02-0534-0004022-02

### 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.*

#### Thanks to this week's volunteers

Welcoming	David & Pauline Patchett
Sound	Peter Cowley
Offering	Kunal Goel, Graham Howell
Coffee/tea	Norman & Linda Wilkins, Janet Horncy
Time with the Children	Fionnaigh McKenzie
Readings	Margaret Rushbrook
Prayers of the People	Bronwyn White
Musician	Vivien Chiu
Rainbow Room Helper	Lois Robertson (Christmas Service Rehearsal)

#### On duty Sunday 6 December

Welcoming	Jeni Bryant, Pam Fuller
Sound	Norman Wilkins
Communion	Henry Boidya, Margaret Rushbrook, Ross Scott, Sandra Kirby
Offering	Jon Schrader, Margaret Pannett
Coffee/tea	Frank & Sue Cook, tbc, Roger Jones
Time with the Children	Chris Carey-Smith
Readings	Joan Tyler
Prayers of the People	To be confirmed
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Fionnaigh McKenzie

#### This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

**Sunday 29 November 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones followed by St Andrew's Day cake with morning tea.

**Wednesday 2 December** Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre with an Advent moment of reflection at 11.45am. Finish by 12noon.

**Wednesday 2 December 12.15pm** Lunchtime Concert – William McElwee (Baritenor), Jamie Henare (Bass-baritone), Heather Easting (Organ/pianoforte)

**Thursday 3 December 12.30pm** Centering Prayer in the Centre

**Sunday 6 November 10am Rainbow Room service led by Chris Carey Smith** with Communion led by Susan Jones. Followed by our Christmas Congregational Brunch in the Hall

**2.30pm** Wellington Chamber Orchestra Concert

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

### **CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS**

The Christmas tree is here today. On any Sunday of Advent, you are invited to bring decorations which you are happy to give away and hang them on the tree. At the end of Christmas 2015 we will pack up the decorations and then give them away before Christmas 2016 to homes where decorations are a luxury.

### **RAINBOW ROOM HELPERS**

Training and discussion of protocols when working with children

**This Sunday 29th November** after morning tea about 11:45am - in the Rainbow Room

As a Kid's Friendly Presbyterian Church and because we value our children it is important that we discuss appropriate protocols when working with children.

Therefore all volunteer helpers who are available are invited to this brief discussion to ensure we are all on the same page. In addition I will outline my rationale and resources for the program and how it is run. Peace, Chris

### **CUPPA AND CHAT**

On December 2, 9, 16, and 23, Cuppa and Chat will include a brief Advent reflection beginning at 11.45. We will still begin at 10.30am to arrive, get our cuppa sorted and settle in, then begin our discussion at 11am. All are welcome.

### **ADVENT 2015**

**Nov 29 10am** Advent Sunday (Hope) led by Susan. 'Signs of the Times.'  
St Andrew's cake for morning tea.

**Dec 6 10am** Advent Two (Peace) Rainbow Room service led by Chris Carey Smith and Communion led by Susan, followed by Christmas brunch in the Hall.

**Dec 13 10am** Advent Three (Joy) Gathering led by Susan. 'Happy Gifting'.  
Followed by Congregational Conversation.

**Dec 20 10am** Advent Four (Love) Christmas Carol Service led by Susan with the St Andrew's Singers and a flock of flutes and other musicians.

### **CHRISTMAS 2015**

**Christmas Eve 7.30pm** for refreshments prior to the Candlelight Gathering led by Susan with the St Andrew's Singers, Jamie Young (tenor) and a flock of flutes and other musicians.

**Christmas Day 10am** led by Susan.

**Dec 27 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Fiona McDougal.

**Jan 3, 10 & 17 10am** Sunday Gatherings led by Susan.

### **CENTERING PRAYER**

Centering Prayer is available on Thursdays at 12.30pm in the St Andrew's Centre. It happens right up to and including Christmas Eve, and will resume Thursday Jan 7.

### **HERBS FOR SALE**

Funds to go to St Andrew's Building Fund. Please see Margaret Pannett.

## **CONFUSED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE TPPA?**

The TPPA has been negotiated but it has not yet been signed by our or other governments involved. Between now and the 5th of February is a key time for those who wish to oppose it to remain active. Websites which give information include: "Its Our Future" <http://itsourfuture.org.nz/what-is-the-tppa/> which is resourced by Prof Jane Kelsey and others, or the Greenpeace website: [www.greenpeace.org/new-zealand/en/take.../Say-no-to-the-TPPA/](http://www.greenpeace.org/new-zealand/en/take.../Say-no-to-the-TPPA/) You can read what the government says about it at: <http://mfat.govt.nz/Trade-and-Economic-Relations/2-Trade.../index.php> Also, TV3 news has this information: [www.3news.co.nz/nznews/at-a-glance-what-is-the-tppa-2014100712](http://www.3news.co.nz/nznews/at-a-glance-what-is-the-tppa-2014100712) . The Combined Trade Unions also have TPPA information on their website. [www.union.org.nz/](http://www.union.org.nz/) Go to [www.itsourfuture.org.nz](http://www.itsourfuture.org.nz) for details of ways you can be involved. There are plans to keep strategizing over the Christmas New Year period so that action can be taken early in the new year prior to February 5<sup>th</sup>

## **ROSTER FOR DECEMBER-FEBRUARY**

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their absences for the coming roster period of December-February. The roster is nearing completion and will be sent out next week. Once published please arrange your own swap if you are not available for a duty. There will be a sign up sheet available at Church for the services on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Ash Wednesday as these are special services with additional duties.

## ***WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES***

### **DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY MINISTRY FOODBANK**

Here are the items they're most in need of at the moment:

Tinned fish, instant noodles, ready-made meals or soups, biscuits or crackers, spreads of any kind (e.g. jam, peanut butter). Thanks for your help!

### **MUSICIANS FOR DCM**

This is a musical event featuring some of Wellington's top musicians who are lining up to raise funds for DCM Wellington. To be held at the San Francisco Bath House, 171 Cuba Street on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** at 8pm. Tickets are now on sale at Eventfinda: <http://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2015/musicians-for-dcm/wellington>

Givealittle: Can't be there but still want to give? Please see our Givealittle page: <https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/musicians4dcm>

### **BLLENHEIM175**

Come to the a picnic to celebrate Wellington's Scottish heritage on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December** from 11am, in the grounds of Onslow College, Burma Road, Johnsonville, free entry. Mark the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of 200 Scottish emigrants on the barque *Blenheim* at Kaiwharawhara on 27 December 1840. Bring your picnic, wear your tartan, enjoy Scottish dancing and music, traditional children's games, and view the displays. For further information see the poster at church or email [blenheim175@gmail.com](mailto:blenheim175@gmail.com)

# 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>Minister</b>	Susan Jones
<b>Parish Council Convenor</b>	Sandra Kirby
<b>Parish Council Clerk</b>	Maxine Cunningham
<b>Treasurer</b>	Paul Barber
<b>Facilities Management Group</b>	Douglas Wood
<b>Pastoral Convenors</b>	Fiona McDougal, Brian Burrell, Linda Wilkins
<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>Office Assistant</b>	Karyn Bishop
<b>Custodian, SATRS Administrator</b>	Peter Cowley
<b>Roster Coordinator</b>	Rosemary Lawrence

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