

St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

Founded 1840

ORDER OF SERVICE

6th December 2015



2nd Sunday in Advent - Peace



Shared Celebration Feast

Led by Chris Carey-Smith with The Rainbow Room

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.
AA is the NZ hymnbook Alleluia Aotearoa. 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

All are welcome to the stable, to encounter the gift of God
All are welcome to the crib, to greet the Prince of peace
All are welcome to meet the child,
the one who is the Word, wisdom incarnate
All are welcome to join the family,
the holy family where we are all inter-related by God's Spirit
Invite everyone you know to welcome the Christ,
to experience the joy and peace of Christmas.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

COC7 'Carol our Christmas'

Words: © Shirley Murray. Music: © Colin Gibson

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.
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.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE AND THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

Partner Story from Nicaragua

Read by Angus

At 15 years, Giselle is determined to help. Drugs, alcohol and unemployment are a fact of life in her rural village in Nicaragua. She worried about her brother and other young people sinking further into depression and despair. When CEPAD (Council of Protestant Churches of Nicaragua) offered her and two others training as a Peaceful Community Mentor, she leapt at the chance. There is no other help in her community and with training from CEPAD she will be able to confront some of the violence, mediate conflicts and build self-esteem among her peers.

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

Today is the second 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 the work of building and rebuilding lives.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

We light the candle of Peace, with prayer for the strengthening of rural communities in Nicaragua AMEN

JESUS' PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.
Kia ora.

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!

THE NIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS - *Sung as the Nativity Scene is built up*

On the first night of Christmas,
the Lord God sent to me, a dear little baby to see.

On the second night of Christmas, the Lord God sent to me,
Christ Emmanuel, as a dear little baby to see.

On the third night of Christmas, the Lord God sent to me,
the Prince of Peace, Christ Emmanuel,
as a dear little baby to see.

On the fourth night of Christmas, the Lord God sent to me,
a donkey waiting there, the Prince of Peace,
Christ Emmanuel, as a dear little baby to see.

On the fifth night of Christmas,
the Lord God sent to me, animals ... standing near,
a donkey waiting there, the Prince of Peace,
Christ Emmanuel, as a dear little baby to see.

On the sixth night of Christmas, the Lord God sent to me,
Mary holding Jesus, animals ... standing near,
a donkey waiting there, the Prince of Peace,
Christ Emmanuel, as a dear little baby to see.

On the seventh night of Christmas, the Lord God sent to me,
Joseph watching over, Mary holding Jesus,
animals ... standing near, a donkey waiting there,
the Prince of Peace, Christ Emmanuel,
as a dear little baby to see.

On the eighth night of Christmas, the Lord God sent to me,
Shepherds with their sheep, Joseph watching over,
Mary holding Jesus, animals ... standing near,
a donkey waiting there, the Prince of Peace,
Christ Emmanuel, as a dear little baby to see.

On the ninth night of Christmas, the Lord God sent to me,
Angels singing praises, Shepherds with their sheep,
Joseph watching over, Mary holding Jesus,
animals ... standing near, a donkey waiting there,
the Prince of Peace, Christ Emmanuel,
as a dear little baby to see.

On the tenth night of Christmas, the Lord God sent to me,
Wise men of old, Angels singing praises,
Shepherds with their sheep, Joseph watching over,
Mary holding Jesus, animals ... standing near,
a donkey waiting there, the Prince of Peace,
Christ Emmanuel, as a dear little baby to see.

On the eleventh night of Christmas,
the Lord God sent to me, gifts for our king,
Wise men of old, Angels singing praises,
Shepherds with their sheep, Joseph watching over,
Mary holding Jesus, animals ... standing near,
a donkey waiting there, the Prince of Peace,
Christ Emmanuel, as a dear little baby to see.

On the twelfth night of Christmas, the Lord God sent to me,
a bright shining star, gifts for our king,
Wise men of old, Angels singing praises,
Shepherds with their sheep, Joseph watching over,
Mary holding Jesus, animals ... standing near,
a donkey waiting there, the Prince of Peace,
Christ Emmanuel, as a dear little baby to see.

'Nativity' by Joy Cowley

Read by Klara

Look now!
It is happening again
Love like a high spring tide
is swelling to fullness and overflowing
the banks of our small concerns

And here again is the star
that white flame of truth
blazing the way for us
through a desert of tired words

Once more comes the music
angel song that lifts our hearts
and tunes our ears
to the harmony of the universe,
making us wonder how
we ever could have forgotten
And now the magi within us

gathers up gifts of gold and myrrh,
while that other part of ourselves,
the impulsive, reckless shepherd
runs helter skelter with arms outstretched
to embrace the wonder of it all

We have no words
to contain our praise
We ache with awe,
we tremble with miracle,
as once again,
in the small rough stable of our lives
Christ is born

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Joan Tyler

Gospel

Luke 14:15-24

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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

COC45 'There's straw in the manger'

Words and music: Colin Gibson
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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, the 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 and pudding in summer, the folly of love.

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

It's fam'lies 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 come to earth in the folly of love.

DRAMATISED STORY - THE SHARED STABLE FEAST

HOSPITALITY PRAYER

Brigit the fifth-century Irish saint, was famed for her hospitality. The following prayer is attributed to her. As we recite it let us consider our own need to be God's hospitality to others

*I should like a great lake of finest ale, for the King of Kings
I should like a table of the choicest food, for the family of heaven.
Let the ale be made from the fruits of faith,
and the food be forgiving love.*

*I should welcome the poor to my feast, for they are God's children.
I should welcome the sick to my feast, for they are God's joy.
Let the poor sit with Jesus at the highest place,
and the sick dance with the angels*

*God bless the poor, God bless the sick, and bless our human race.
God bless our food, God bless our drink, all homes, O God, embrace.*

HOLY COMMUNION – THE FEAST FOR ALL

St Andrew's is an open community and all are invited to Christ's table.

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 to participate in the communion. This is God's meal for all people.

COMMUNION LITURGY (adapted from *Liturgies for High Days* by Dorothy McRae McMahon)

We place on this table our offerings:
The bread from Joseph's hoard,
wine brought by those considered outcast;

Made from the wheat of the field and the grape of the vine,
ingredients of the feast of life.

***We gather around this table, the Table of Christ,
We claim our place here,
by right of invitation
by virtue of being human
by the grace of being loved without condition or limit.***

Christ be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up!

Let us give thanks

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give thanks that Jesus

includes children, boys and girls

includes adults, men, women, intersex and transgendered,

gay and straight, those of every colour, and personality.

We give thanks that we can approach this table,

no matter who we are or who we have been,

no matter what our confusions or how deep our doubts.

We thank you that Mary and Joseph and Jesus Christ,
in the way they lived on earth,

revealed God as one who calls us on

to a life greater than we have ever known

or could have imagined.

And so we add our praises

to those of the faithful of every time and place,

joining with the whole of creation in the eternal hymn;

Holy, holy, holy God of power and vulnerability

All the universe is full

of the glory of the power of love.

Blessed are those who walk

in the name of all that is holy.

Hosanna in the highest!

At his last supper with his friends,

(people who were much like us,)

Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said:

***'This represents the new covenant,
eat this in remembrance of me'***

And also after supper the cup saying:

***'This is the cup of new life also
Drink this in remembrance of me'***

Spirit of all, bless these elements,
this bread and this wine, gifts of the earth,

***That as we eat and drink together
in this feast for all,
we may be drawn to you afresh
and nourished for the journey of life.***

Come, eat and drink for all is ready

Communion is served by intinction. You are invited to come to the front of the church and receive the bread, or a gluten-free cracker, taking a piece large enough to dip into the wine (silver cup) or grape juice (pottery cup). Then eat the bread dipped in wine or juice.

Or, you are welcome to remain in your seat to be served.

If you don't wish to receive communion, you may remain in your seat or you are welcome come and receive a blessing (hold your hands crossed in front to signal this).

PRAYER

We thank you that
we have been able to be guests at your feast, O God.

***We pray that one day no one will be left out,
that all will share equally in the resources of the planet.
We pray that gratitude for what we have received
will make us part of the changing of our world. 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.

OFFERING PRAYER

As your money is received, you will be given small pieces of paper and something to write with

ACTIVITY - Contributions to a Shared Christmas Celebration

On the sheets of paper given out during the offering, draw or write your favourite food or what you would like for Christmas dinner. On the other side you might like to draw or write the names of those you will share Christmas dinner with this or have shared it with in the past.

Bring your paper up and place it on the communion table as a way of giving thanks for the food we have and those who share it with us.

Please remain at the front for the offering prayer.

We come with an attitude of gratitude.
 May the abundance we have to share
 remind us of others less fortunate than ourselves.
 We offer our gifts of money, food and time to serve others
 We bring our reflections with thanks for our shared Christmas
 celebrations.

For all these things, we give thanks. Amen

*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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Colma Froggatt

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We pray for those involved in the UN Climate Change Conference in Paris. We think today of the people of Libya and the All Africa Conference of Churches. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Stuart Smith and Lindsay Tisch and the people of their electorates of Kaikoura and Waikato. Here in Wellington, we pray for the leaders and people of Johnsonville Uniting Church.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

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



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



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



sing to the Christ-child, the hea-ven-ly King.
 sing to the Christ-child, the hea-ven-ly King.

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.

BLESSING

We give thanks for our children, for our celebration this morning

May the abundant God be our inspiration for sharing this Christmas

We give thanks for our shared communion, the eucharist feast, the great
thanksgiving

May Emmanuel, God with us, remind us of our shared humanity

We give thanks for the Christmas story and the reminder of God coming
among us

May the source of peace journey with us all

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in G Major by Henry Heron (1730-1795)

THANK YOU

Thank you to Peter Franklin

our musician today

Unless otherwise specified all our music is used by permission CCLI Licence 3341550

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 to 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

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	Jeni Bryant, Pam Fuller
Sound	Peter Cowley
Offering	Jon Schrader, Margaret Pannett
Coffee/tea	Frank & Sue Cook, Roger Jones, Graham Howell
Time with the Children	Not required
Readings	Joan Tyler
Prayers of the People	Colma Froggatt
Communion	Henry Boidya, Margaret Rushbrook, Norman Wilkins, Sandra Kirby
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Not required

On duty Sunday 13 December

Welcoming	Frank & Nola Hanson
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Offering	Norman & Linda Wilkins
Coffee/tea	Katrina Harper, Caroline Glass, Graham Howell
Time with the Children	Fiona McDougal
Readings	Valarie Rhodes
Prayers of the People	Bronwyn White
Musician	Bruce Corkill
Rainbow Room Helper	Not required

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 6 December 10am Sunday Gathering with Chris Carey-Smith and the Rainbow Room Communion led by Susan Jones followed by Christmas Brunch in the Hall

Tuesday 8 December Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 9 December Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre, reflection at 11.45am

Wednesday 9 December 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert - Palliser Viols with Pepe Becker, Soprano. Music by Gibbons and Jenkins

Thursday 10 December 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre

Sunday 13 December 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones 'Happy Gifting' followed by Congregational Conversation

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.

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

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.

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: "It's 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/ 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 . The Combined Trade Unions also have TPPA information on their website. www.union.org.nz/ Go to 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 5th

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

UN HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

There will be a series of lectures and talks held on **Thursday 10th December** in Lecture Theatre 2, Rutherford House, Victoria University, Pipitea Campus. For details of the topics, speakers and how to register please see the poster at the back of the order of service. Or contact programme.coordinator@unanz.org.nz

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!

BLLENHEIM175

Come to the a picnic to celebrate Wellington's Scottish heritage on **Sunday 27th December** from 11am, in the grounds of Onslow College, Burma Road, Johnsonville, free entry. Mark the 175th 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

THANK YOU FROM SUE MCRAE AND SOCKADOODLE

Special thanks to all Sockadoodle customers for your support over the past 2 years. The fundraising focus is now shifting a little from "Saving St Andrews" to helping others in need. A parcel of socks and hats made with donated wool was sent to Sweden this week to help Syrian refugees survive the harsh European winter. Sockadoodle is now taking orders for socks, hats, fingerless mitts, coin purses, hottie covers and tea cosies. These make great Christmas presents. For the next 3 months, all proceeds from Sockadoodle sales will go to ChangeMakers Refugee Forum, an NGO based in Wellington. If you would like to place an order, or would be interested in helping Sue McRae and Lois Robertson with the "Hats for Homeless" project planned for Feb-April next year, please contact Sue McRae on Ph 475 7899, visit the Sockadoodle Facebook page: www.facebook.com/sockadoodleSue for ideas and inspiration or send her an email: sue.mcrae.nz@gmail.com





The United Nations Association of New Zealand

Te Roopu Whakakotahi Whenua o Aotearoa

United Nations Human Rights Day

December 10th, 2015 - Victoria University of Wellington

UN Human Rights Day

The business/human rights nexus, sustainability
and the United Nations Global Compact

- 08:30 am: Welcome**
Graham Hassall
UNANZ President
- 08:40am: The UN Global Compact and sustainability, a human right**
John Morgan
Special Officer of Human Rights, UNANZ
- 09:00am: Sustainability, a new trend in New Zealand business**
Phil O'Reilly,
CEO BusinessNZ
- 09:30am: Human rights & sustainability in New Zealand business**
Richard Wagstaff,
President of the NZ Council of Trade Unions
- 10:00am - 10:30 am: Break**
- 10:30am: Rotorua Lakes District Council**
Janet Wepa,
Rotorua Lakes DC council sustainability committee chair,
and Rosemary Viskovic,
RLDC staff member
- 11:00am: The HRC's programme on human rights; what the HRC is doing with NZ business**
David Rutherford,
Chief Human Rights Commissioner, NZ Human Rights Commission
- 11:30am: IT and sustainability**
Paddy Payne,
UNANZ National Council representative for the Baha'i community
- 11:50am: The business/human rights nexus, sustainability and the UN Global Compact**
Olivia Lévy,
Intern with UNANZ
- 12:00-12:15pm: Concluding discussion**

Place: Lecture Theatre 2,

Rutherford House,

Victoria University - Pipitea Campus.

Registration:

- www.eventbrite.com/

If you have any problems registering please contact programme.coordinator@unanz.org.nz

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
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