

St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

Founded 1840

ORDER OF SERVICE

13 December 2015



Third Sunday in Advent



Happy Gifting

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

We move from vaguely welcoming the season
to definite plans, lists and deadlines,
the pace accelerates ...
concerts celebrate the season ...
break ups mark end of year.

***We carve out this space in which to be thoughtful, reflective
to contemplate the meaning of it all
and ponder these things in our hearts.***

PROCESSIONAL 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

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

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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

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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.

OPENING RESPONSES *(please remain standing)*

In our land the sun shines brightly on our 'journey to Bethlehem'

The days are long and filled with light

Let us find the joy inherent in this journeying

Let us enjoy and rejoice!

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

JESUS PRAYER

Jim Cotter Version on card

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH AND THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

Partner Story from India

At the day's end, Indian fisherwomen are proud of the money they have earned. New to the business of working for themselves, they have taken fish in a new ice box further inland to sell or sold fish snacks for day workers. Training from Neythal has helped the determined women replace lost incomes from processing fish. As part of local women's groups they are confronting the violence caused by despair and the loss of cultural traditions, as well as challenging large-scale industry that is destroying their livelihoods through the legal system.

Lighting the Candle of Joy

Today is the third Sunday in Advent.

The first Advent candle reminds us to hope for a better world.

The second Advent candle reminds us

that we can be part of bringing God's dream of peace to our world.

Today, we light the third candle – the candle of joy.

It reminds us

that God wants us to be part of the world's healing,

bringing real joy to the people around us

by helping to rebuild lives.

We light a candle for joy.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Fiona McDougal

HYMN

AA 159 'Who is the child?'

Words: ©1992 Shirley Murray

Music: ©1992 Colin Gibson Hope Publishing Company

Who is the child that is to be born,

Who is the child?

Less than a wisp of straw

in a stable,

brighter than sun, the light

from his candle,

this is the Christ!

Who is to sing the song of his birth,

who is to sing?

All whom the story touches

and changes,

hopeful and healed,

whom love rearranges,

these know the song.

Who is to dance the dance of his birth,

who is to dance?

Limbs that are leased

a life into freedom,

hands that will hold the world

in a welcome,

these know the dance.

Who are to be the bearers of Christ?
Who are they now?
All who give birth
to lively compassion,
carrying peace
as dearest possession,
these bear the Christ.

BLESSING THE CHILDREN *(All stand)*

We are glad you are here and hope you enjoy the toys and books at the back of the church.

God bless you. Amen.

Rainbow Room is in recess for the school holidays.

Children are welcome to use the books and toys at the back of the church.

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 WORD IN TEXTS

Valerie Rhodes

Hebrew Bible

Zephaniah 3: 14-20

Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

Contemporary reading

'Pohutukawa Christmas'

By Barbara Sampson

In this southern place
pohutukawa stands all year
green and murmuring
wind-whipped
clinging to rocky shorelines.
But when pohutukawa breaks
glorious red
against a clear blue sky
to the roar of rolling surf
we know Christmas has come!
Time to light the barbeque
slap on sunscreen
and celebrate.

Pohutukawa Christ,
You stand in our midst all year
singing your ever-green song of love.
But at Christmas you break out
blood-red, flesh-soft
to the sound of a baby breathing.

Gift beyond description
we kneel to welcome you.

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

'Happy Gifting'

Susan Jones

HYMN

CH4 334 'On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry'

Words: Charles Coffin Translated John Chandler, adapted Susan Jones
Music: © adapted from a chorale in Georg Wittwe's arr William Henry Havergal

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh.
Awake and harken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!

On Wellington's harbour, wind is high
the seabird wheels, with shrill, short cry;
this advent, may our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.

Pohutukawas grace our shore
flowering, blood red, above surf's roar,
his life was not a peaceful green,
his wounds blood red, his pain was keen.

We hail our model, mentor, guide,
our refuge in whom we confide;
without his grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.

Our grateful thanks sing now with glee,
advent reminds us we are free;
on harbour or on river shore
love will surround us evermore.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We affirm the prophets
men like John the Baptist, women like Anna
who spoke out against injustice and greed,
calling the nation on its hypocrisy;
foretelling a better future.*

*We affirm the word of prophets like Zephaniah,
the words attributed to Mary in the Gospels,
stubbornly believing deliverance would come
that people now bound would be freed,
outcasts would be brought in
and those on the margin would become the centre.*

*In the light of their courage we look within for strength
to be prophets in our own time;
speaking out about trade
which doesn't seem as fair as its title,
homes as scarce as ever,
poverty which does not seem to be
becoming history any time soon,
abuse and violence as rampant as ever,
diseases of our easy civilized lives
which cripple bodies and minds.
abuse of our planet
leaving future generations in debt.*

*We affirm that we need help
from beyond ourselves
from amongst us
and from within.*

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

We think today of the people of Serbia, Montenegro and the Republic of Macedonia and the Ecumenical Council of Churches in Serbia and Montenegro. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Rino Tirikatene and Phil Twyford and the people of their electorates of Te Tai Tonga and Te Atatu. Here in Wellington, we pray for the leaders and people of St Ninian's Uniting Parish, Karori.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

CAROL

'Joy to the World!'

Words: Isaac Watts (alt). Music G F Handel
Antioch WOV 224

Joy to the world! A new age dawns
It comes, 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! Delight in good;
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

Joy to the world! Let justice come,
To all who need release;
For prisoners held in chains,
the damaged and the anxious,
let them find freedom now,
let them find freedom now
let them, let them find freedom now.

Graceful and true, the Saviour brings
 compassion all may share
 for poor and homeless,
 so may they find
 their life becomes more fair
 their life becomes more fair
 their life, their life becomes more fair.

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

Bruce Corkill

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 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

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| 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 | Valerie Rhodes |
| Prayers of the People | Bronwyn White |
| Musician | Bruce Corkill |
| Rainbow Room Helper | Not required |

| On duty Sunday 20Dec15 | |
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| Welcoming | Richard Keller, Jon Schrader |
| Sound | Peter Cowley |
| Offering | Paul Barber, Colma Froggatt |
| Coffee/tea | Janet Horncy, Peter Bacos, James Cone |
| Time with the Adults | |
| Readings | Lois Robertson |
| Prayers of the People | Sandra Kirby |
| Musician | Peter Franklin |
| Rainbow Room Helper | Not Required |

| This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's | |
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| Sunday 13 December 10am | Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones 'Happy Gifting' followed by Congregational Conversation |
| Wednesday 16 December | Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre, Reflection at 11.45am |
| Wednesday 16 December 12.15pm | Lunchtime Concert – The final concert of the year will have a special Christmas theme with Jonathan Berkahn and guests. |
| Thursday 17 December 12.30pm | Centering Prayer in the Centre |
| Sunday 20 December 10am | Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones followed by a Social Justice meeting |

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS

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 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.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

CAROLS FOR OUR CLEANERS

Living Wage Wellington invites you to join us for Christmas carols at Wellington City Council, to support Council cleaners and call for them all to be paid a Living Wage. Some of the St Andrews Singers will lead us in song, and Deputy Mayor Justin Lester will host us and take our message back to Wellington City Council. Wear a Living Wage T Shirt (or red, if you don't have one). **Thursday 15 December**, 12.30-1pm, Wellington city Council foyer, Wakefield St. For further information visit www.livingwage.org.nz

PEACE FORUM

Banning nuclear weapons, killer robots, and the use of explosive weapons in populated areas. On Monday, 21 December 2015

A humanitarian disarmament forum with: Thomas Nash, Director, Article 36
Marnie Lloyd, IHL and Policy Manager, New Zealand Red Cross, Edwina Hughes, Coordinator, Peace Movement Aotearoa

Providing an update on international and national developments & report back from the recent International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement Conference in Geneva. From 1pm to 2pm, Conference Room 1, St Andrew's, 30 The Terrace, Wellington. BYO lunch, tea / coffee will be provided

Organised by Peace Movement Aotearoa, contact pma@xtra.co.nz

CHRISTMAS BLOOD DRIVE

Come and help save lives at St Andrew's on The Terrace Church Hall on **Thursday 24th December**, 8.30am-12.30pm. NZBlood need to get plenty of blood to stock up the blood bank over the holiday period. Blood lasts 35 days, so all donations this month will go towards this critical period. Please spread the word and make sure you come along if you can. SAVE A LIFE THIS CHRISTMAS – the best gift you could give! Please contact Ph 0800 448 325 for more information and to make an appointment. You will need to bring ID or a Donor Card if you have one. Thank you.

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

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!

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

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| Minister | Susan Jones |
| Parish Council Convenor | Sandra Kirby |
| Parish Council Clerk | Maxine Cunningham |
| Treasurer | Paul Barber |
| Facilities Management Group | Douglas Wood |
| Pastoral Convenors | Fiona McDougal, Brian Burrell, Linda Wilkins |
| 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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