

St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

Founded 1840

ORDER OF SERVICE

September 4 2011



Season of Creation 1 Forest Sunday



Zealandia: The Sanctuary In Karori

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: stop, drop and hold.

GATHERING

We are one with the trees, one with the earth, the sky and the seas;
we are branches of God, rooted deep in life.

Let us celebrate life on earth, in the presence of the source of life.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O for a thousand trees

Words: N Habel (adapt) Tune: Richmond

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| 1. O for a thousand trees to sing
And join with us this day,
With ferns and frogs and butterflies:
A forest hymn of praise. | 2. Come celebrate with all the land,
Let species rare begin,
With gulls and owls and kereru:
A choir of country kin. |
| 3. How can we hear creation groan,
The bushlands cry in pain?
With flaming rata we rejoice
When Earth is born again. | 4. Let ev'ry stream and river flow
In song toward the sea;
With whale and seal and albatross
We thank God we are free. |
| 5. O for a thousand trees to sing,
And join with us this day,
With ferns and frogs and butterflies:
A forest hymn of praise. | |

OPENING RESPONSES

Norman Habel (adapted)

Fountain of life...
Pulse of life...
Breath of life...

Earth is filled with the presence of God.

A planet filled with the presence of God
quivering in the forests,
vibrating in the land,
pulsating in the wilderness,
shimmering in the rivers.

Together this day, let us sense
the face of God in all creation.

WELCOME

Kia Ora, tatou.
Kia Ora!

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Cam Smart

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

We send you to the Rainbow Room to learn about life and God's love
for all the people of the world and for the planet earth, our home.
God bless you. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

WORD IN TEXTS

Margaret Rushbrook

Contemporary Reading

"Let the trees be consulted..."

By John Wright in *Earth prayers*

Based on the Hebrew tradition

"Creation accounts in Genesis"

By Miriam Therese Winter in *Womanprayer, Womansong*

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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In desert and bushland, mountain and water,
we see the signs that God is with us.
In grass that grows through cities of concrete and brick,
we see the signs that God is with us.
In the faces of people whom God so loves,
we see the signs that God is with us.
In our brokenness,
there is the hope of wholeness.
In our emptiness,
there is the hope of fullness.
In our deaths,
lies the hope of resurrection life.
This is the Word in Christ to us.
The flame of the Holy Spirit
lives in this place
and travels with us.

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 PRAYER

***Valuing God, help us to find a meaning in life,
a purpose, a belonging.
Help us to find pleasure in receiving from life
and satisfaction in enriching life and caring for earth. Amen.***

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

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of El Salvador and the Christian World Service Partner Las Dignas, working to open opportunities for women at every level of Salvadoran life - politics, health, economics and education. In New Zealand, we remember those in parliament, and today we name Grant Robertson and H V Ross Robertson and the people of their electorates of Wellington Central and Manukau East. Here in Wellington we remember the leaders and people of St John's in the City Presbyterian Church.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

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COMMUNION

on card

HYMN

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Dawn heralds this day's journey;
light floods the earth with gold;
we feast on morning's freshness
as peace our world enfolds.
Earth offers us her beauty;
bright blue the sky and sea;
we pause in silent wonder,
at one with all we see.

Trees reach into the sunlight;
bright dewdrops on their leaves;
we wait in joy or sorrow
as life her pattern weaves.
Wind dances in the valleys;
flight takes the birds to air;
we hold these fleeting moments
as signs of sacred care.

Clouds move across the heavens;
light breaks within the storm;
we bless the rain of winter
as night again is born.

Dusk calls the world to slumber;
night draws the Milky Way;
we rest in sacred spaces,
as darkness ends the day.

Creation in completeness,
vitality and grace;
gives warmth and hope and meaning
to all the human race.

Life shares with us her treasures;
our hearts and minds aware;
we give our thanks for living,
as joyful life we share.

BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN

Thanks to Peter Franklin, our organist this morning.

**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.

Thanks to this week's volunteers

Welcoming:	Jon Schrader, Linda Wilkins
Sound:	Sarah Jobson
Offering:	Frank Cook, Lyn Burrell
Coffee/tea:	Fiona McDougal, James Cone
Communion:	Sandra Kirby, Lynn Dovey, Paul Barber

On duty next week

Welcoming:	Jon Schrader
Sound:	Jeremy Naylor
Offering:	Graham Howell, Margaret Pannett
Coffee/tea:	Sandra and Tony Kirby
Time with the children:	Graham Howell
Readings:	Marilyn Wallace
Prayers of the People:	Cam Smart
Musician:	Bruce Corkill

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sun 4 Sept	10 am 11:30 am	Creation 1: Margaret preaching. Astoria brunch.
Mon 5 Sept	6 pm 7 pm	Thistle Inn dinner. 3 Mulgrave St. Spirited Conversation.
Wed 7 Sept	12.15 pm	Lunchtime Concert: The Undergraduate String Students of the NZSM
Sun 11 Sept	10 am 11:30 am	Creation 2 Land: Margaret preaching Congregational Conversation
Tues 13 Sept	12:15 pm	SATRS Lecture



'LIKE' ST ANDREW'S ON FACEBOOK

Information about events and services. Sharing news, resources and pictures. If you don't want to join facebook, you can still look at the St Andrew's page by typing the address below in your browser.

<https://www.facebook.com/standrewsontheterrace>

9/11 TEN YEARS ON

A service of prayer, vigil and candle lighting will be held in Wellington Cathedral of St Paul on today at 12noon. Likely to last about 30 minutes it will give opportunity for people to reflect on the shock of the events of 9/11 in 2001 and the subsequent loss of life and disruption to life.

SATRS IN SEPTEMBER

The Study Trust has taken over administration of Spirited Conversations. Tomorrow, **Monday 5 September**, Margaret will be speaking about her study leave project on **Faith Communities and Community Politics**. Dinner 6 pm. Conversation 7 pm, at the Thistle Inn, Mulgrave St.

Margaret is also doing two lunchtime lectures in September.

Tuesday 13 September— Liberation and Compassionate Action.

Margaret Mayman 12:15 to 1pm in the Church

Christianity has moved beyond liberalism and secular Christianity in its recovery of spiritual practices which empower the living out of the ethic of Jesus. If progressive theology is to be made more than “right thinking” or a new theological orthodoxy, it needs to engage deeply with the spiritual practice and thought of liberation theology and to take seriously the claim that another world is possible through active compassion.

Tuesday 20 September — Liberation and Safer Spirituality.

Margaret Mayman 12:15 to 1pm in the Church

The institutional church is both obsessed with sex and terrified by it. Almost everything the church has to say about sex is framed by as a list of rules. This lecture will explore how we got into this situation by examining biblical and historical sources of sex-negative Christianity. It will develop a way of surviving and thriving within a sex-negative church for progressive Christians.

BOOKS FOR FIJI

The Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints is collecting children's books to establish school libraries in outlying areas in Eastern and Northern Fiji. Age range 5-12 years. Early readers, chapter books, school journals, reference books. Not text books please. A collection box is located in the church foyer.

BIBLES ON DISPLAY IN CATHEDRAL

View an authentic 1611 King James (Authorised) Bible - on loan from Dunedin Public Library. Displayed in the Wellington Cathedral of St Paul 27th August - 11th September. 10am - 4.00pm daily.

Also a number of other bibles, including a range of contemporary language translations.



**DOWNTOWN
COMMUNITY
MINISTRY**

"LOVE STORY" – A DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

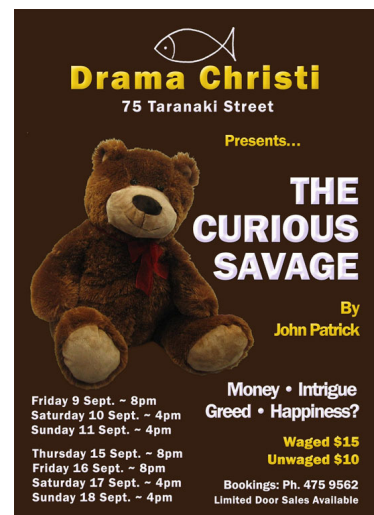
It is described as a delightfully idiosyncratic film, a love letter to New York and its people as well as a clever deconstruction of the filmmaking process.

Tuesday 13 September, at Paramount Theatre. The event begins at 6.30pm, for a 7pm movie start. Bubbles can be purchased by gold coin donation, and there will be lucky seat prizes. Tickets are just \$20 each. You can book over the phone by credit card, and the tickets will be sent to you in the post. You can contact Nicola 04 384 6076, or email her at nic@ambienceplants.co.nz.

See noticeboard for more information.

THE CURIOUS SAVAGE

When Mrs. Savage is left with ten million dollars by her late husband, she sets up a fund to enable others to realise their hopes and dreams – frivolous or foolish depending on how you see it. Her step-children do not approve and have her committed to a sanatorium. Mrs. Savage quickly makes friends with other guests and when her step-children turn up they find their materialistic views turned upside down.



*Please check the back table for booking information and
Newsletter August '11.*



THE MIGRATING KITCHEN

Celebrating the Colourful Cultural Diversity of
Aotearoa New Zealand

Check out the noticeboard or

www.migratingkitchen.org for the Events

Programme. They also have a facebook page.

Jennifer Bush Daumec is one of the co-ordinators
of the Migrating Kitchen.

WEST PAPUA: HUMAN RIGHTS, ENVIRONMENT, AND PEACE.



Public meeting with Paula Makabory, human rights defender. Wednesday 14 September, 12.15pm to 1.30pm. First floor conference room, St Andrew's. Bring your own lunch ~ tea and coffee provided. Paula is from West Papua where she worked in peace building, mediation and documenting human right violations in Timika, a town near the massive Freeport McMoran

mine. Since 2006, Paula has been living in exile in Australia where she is working with the Institute for Papuan Advocacy and Human Rights.

See the noticeboard for detailed information.

VOLUNTEER HELPERS

A note from Sandra Kirby ... A huge thanks to all those who helped yesterday at Ellen and Fionnaigh's love and union celebration. Well done. You are very much appreciated.

We as the church community wish them the very best.

As well as celebrating Ellen and Fi's union your assistance was a fundraiser for the church- thanks Ellen and Fi.

EPWORTH BOOKS

The September brochure is now available on the back table.

Book of the Month is Celtic Christian Spirituality: *Essential Writings – Annotated and Explained*.

Epworth is now at 338 Karori Rd – where Mud Cycles used to be.

THE BIG DEBATE

'Full Employment: Did it work, will it work?'

St John's in the City, 14 September 2011 at 6pm.

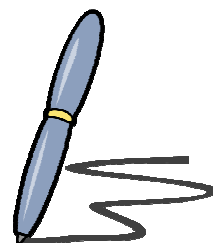
Celebrities - Chris Laidlaw, Susan Guthrie, Mayor Celia Wade-Brown.

Centre all stars – Noel Ellis, Graham Howell, Regina Tito.

Organised by the Wellington People's Centre.

Notice on noticeboard

My thoughts, reflections, questions, notes



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

Senior Minister	Margaret Mayman
Parish Council Convenor	Sandra Kirby
Parish Council Clerk	Heather Macfarlane
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Saving St Andrew's Convenor	Lynne Dovey
Pastoral Convenors	Colma Froggatt, Fiona McDougal
Music Coordinator	Jane Keller
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Helen Beaumont
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Monika Demuth
Parish Manager	David Medland
Custodian	Peter Cowley

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