St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua Founded 1840

ORDER OF SERVICE

6th January 2013



Season of Epiphany



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.

During the building of the Welcome Centre, the only toilets available are upstairs in the Conference Centre. Access is via the external stairway at the back of the car park. We apologise for lack of disability access until July 2013.

GATHERING

It is God, in the dawning, in the renewal, in the arrival, in the new day.

Let us celebrate life in the presence we name God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

As with gladness

As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold, As with joy they hailed its light Leading onward, beaming bright: So most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before
Thee, whom heaven and earth adore:
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare At thy cradle rude and bare: So may we with holy joy, Pure, and free from sin's alloy All our costliest treasures bring Christ, to thee, our heavenly King. In the heavenly country bright Need they no created light, Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down, There for ever may we sing Hallelujahs to our King.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We pause on the journey of life, in the summer of hope and light. Come to the living God.

We come to stand alongside the poor. We come to struggle with those who seek freedom. We come to resist all that offends God's justice.

Come to the living, disturbing, empowering God.

WELCOME

E te whānau a Te Karaiti ngā mihi aroha ki a tātou katoa.

Kia ora tātou.

PRAYER

Loving God,
who creates the yearning
that brings wise ones from the East,
who kindles the hope
that brings captives home from exile,
and who inspires the love
that brings strangers together,
let the light that shone in the darkness
shine upon us.
Let it shine within us,
that it might show us clearly
who and what we are.
Let it shine around us,
that it might show the way

that leads to our neighbours.

Let is shine beyond us
that peace may come
for all the earth.
And let it shine above us,
that it might reveal the Christ anew.

LORD'S PRAYER on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rainbow Room will resume on Sunday 3 February. There are toys and activities for children at the back of the church.

PASSING THE PEACE

WORD IN TEXTS

Hebrew Bible Isaiah 6: 1-6

Gospel Matthew 2: 1-12

RESPONSE

For the word of God in story, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us, *We give thanks.*

HYMN AA 26 Come to our land

CONTEMPORARY REFLECTION

Margaret Mayman

HYMN AA 114 Out of such sun and air

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 AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, this is our moment of recommitment symbolised in these gifts brought here for blessing and dedicated to your love for all people. Amen.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

Come in, come in New Year Words: Shirley Murray. Music: lan Render.

- Come in, come in New Year
 with shining summer day!
 Your promise calls us here
 to celebrate and pray,
 through January's open door
 to stride with hopeful step once more.
- 2. Come in New Year, and sell your wares of chance and change: engage us with your spell to risk and re-arrange, to feel the Spirit's impulse beat, to follow down a different street.
- 3. For though December dies, still Christmas keeps the light, the hope in children's eyes, the star that shatters night; now Simeon and Anna see the child who rules all time to be.

4. The calendar of Christ will mark the seasons' turn, this story claim our trust, this love be ours to learn. For all the world, for young and old, we pray a year of peace unfold

BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN

As the koru unfurls in the sunlight, from a tight spiral to an arching frond, let your spirit expand into the God of life.

As the pohutukawa and the rata bloom, showering seeds on any wind that blows, be so moved by the Spirit of Life.

And may the love of the Holy One be as starlight for you, For it is love that surrounds us As we go in the name of Christ.

Thanks to Peter Franklin, our organist this morning.

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 might like 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.

MORNING TEA/COFFEE

Because of access issues, we have decided to resume serving morning tea/coffee in the church. If you are on the roster for tea/coffee, you will be sent the door codes to the hall via email. The filled water urns can be brought through the south vestry into the church. We are investigating installing a cold water tap in the church foyer to simplify this.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED AND STAFF HOLIDAYS

The church office re-open on Monday 7 January. Peter is back on 28 December for urgent building matters. Margaret will be away until 3 January, but will be contactable for pastoral care emergencies on her cell phone or by email. David is back on Monday 7 January.

The staff team at St Andrew's wish you and your friends and family a blessed Christmas and a restful, restorative New Year!

SUNDAY SERVICES ROSTER

There is a sign up sheet on the back table for Sunday services from Christmas Eve to Waitangi Day. Please enter your details to be included in the team on these days. Thank you for volunteering. The difference you make is much appreciated.

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	Sonia Petrie
Parish Council Clerk	Maxine Cunningham
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 Commissioner	
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Monika Demuth-Barber
Parish Manager	David Medland
Custodian	Peter Cowley

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