

St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

Founded 1840

ORDER OF SERVICE

30th October 2011



20th Sunday after Pentecost



Compassion

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 Lighting the candle for compassion

We acknowledge and honour the compassion that is already
within us
And will surely grow between us.
We open ourselves to the invitations to compassion
That we meet in our daily lives

HYMN

Music: WOV 107 Little Cornard

Where does compassion start?
How does compassion grow?
Her seed is at the heart
of every faith we know:
compassion honours others' place,
dethroning self with willing grace.

How does compassion thrive
in worlds of greed and grief?
Her goodness stays alive
through those of strong belief:
compassion, luminous and clear
outshining wastes of war and fear.

Where is compassion's role
in culture, or in creeds?
At centre, with the soul
who feels another's needs:
compassion brings the touch of friend,
a bandage that will bind and mend.

Dynamic is the power
that heals, restores and gives,
connecting at the core
with everyone who lives,
transcending culture, colour, race,
compassion builds the house of peace.

(Shirley Erena Murray)

WELCOME

On February 28, 2008 Karen Armstrong won the TED Prize and made a wish: for help creating, launching and propagating a Charter for Compassion. Since that day, thousands of people contributed to the process so that on November 12, 2009 the Charter was unveiled to the world.

The Charter for Compassion is a document that transcends religious, ideological, and national differences. Supported by leading thinkers from many traditions, the Charter calls on us all to activate the Golden Rule around the world.

The Charter for Compassion is an open and collaborative effort. People of all nations, all faiths, and all backgrounds, submitted their own words for inclusion in the Charter.

Karen Armstrong responded to requests for a practical step-by-step guide to living compassionately with the publication of *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*. To further extend the exploration of Karen's new book, the Charter for Compassion team invited people to create a reading group in their community. This is what the Exploring Faith group here has been reading, discussing and practising this year.

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

OPENING *Video* “The Charter for Compassion”

The principle of compassion lies at the heart of all religious, ethical and spiritual traditions, calling us always to treat all others as we wish to be treated ourselves. Compassion impels us to work tirelessly to alleviate

the suffering of our fellow creatures, to dethrone ourselves from the centre of our world and put another there, and to honour the inviolable sanctity of every single human being, treating everybody, without exception, with absolute justice, equity and respect.

It is also necessary in both public and private life to refrain consistently and empathically from inflicting pain. To act or speak violently out of spite, chauvinism, or self-interest, to impoverish, exploit or deny basic rights to anybody, and to incite hatred by denigrating others—even our enemies—is a denial of our common humanity. We acknowledge that we have failed to live compassionately and that some have even increased the sum of human misery in the name of religion.

We therefore call upon all men and women ~ to restore compassion to the centre of morality and religion ~ to return to the ancient principle that any interpretation of scripture that breeds violence, hatred or disdain is illegitimate ~ to ensure that youth are given accurate and respectful information about other traditions, religions and cultures ~ to encourage a positive appreciation of cultural and religious diversity ~ to cultivate an informed empathy with the suffering of all human beings—even those regarded as enemies.

We urgently need to make compassion a clear, luminous and dynamic force in our polarized world. Rooted in a principled determination to transcend selfishness, compassion can break down political, dogmatic, ideological and religious boundaries. Born of our deep interdependence, compassion is essential to human relationships and to a fulfilled humanity. It is the path to enlightenment, and indispensable to the creation of a just economy and a peaceful global community

LORD'S PRAYER

Bill Wallace

Most compassionate Life-giver,
may we honour and praise you;
may we work with you to establish
your new order of justice, peace and love.

Give us what we need for growth,
and help us, through forgiving others to accept forgiveness.
Strengthen us in the time of testing,
that we may resist all evil.
For all the tenderness, strength and love are yours,
now and forever. Amen

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Frank Cook

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

We send you to the Rainbow Room programme
To have fun and learn to care about each other
God bless you, Amen

PASSING THE PEACE

WORD IN TEXTS

The “good” Samaritan Luke 10:25-37
“A true fairy story” by Mary Woods Tui Moto Sept 2011

Rob Perry
Wendy Matthews

RESPONSE

For words of compassion that heal us,
for signs of compassion among us,
for the impulse to compassion within us,
We give thanks.

HYMN

AA160 Douglas Mews; Misericordia

Will you offer me compassion?
Will you walk the road with me?
Brother, sister, will you feed me
Ripe fruit from the mercy tree?

Will you utter words of comfort?
Will you bless me with your peace?
Mercy is the gift I long for;
Mercy from the mercy tree.

Will you stand with me in conflict?
Will you share your heart with me?
Mercy grows when in community,
Mercy from the mercy tree.

If you offer me your friendship,
If you make your peace with me,
Mercy will most surely touch you:
Mercy from the Mercy Tree.

(John Weir, vs 3 added)

THOUGHTS ABOUT COMPASSION

Frances Porter and Margaret Megwyn

Musical interludes; Mike Wespelrose

HYMN Who sweeps the stable?

Hope is our Song 154 1) Colin Gibson

Who sweeps the floor when the party is over,
Who clears the table, the crumbs of the meal?
Practical people, compassionate people,
People not proud, who take basin and kneel.

Who takes the load for the helpless and hurting,
Who drives the road when the crisis is there?
People of spirit, compassionate people,
People with hands at the ready to care.

Who is the first to bring calm into chaos,
Who tends the worst and restores what is best?
Heart-and-soul people, compassionate people
Helpers and healers, humanity's test.

Shirley Erena Murray (adapted)

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

We bring what we have and who we are.....

Lord make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy. (Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi)

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

Mike Wespel-Rose

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Gabon and the Evangelical Church of Gabon. In New Zealand, we remember with thanks those who seek to serve our country as elected representatives. Here in Wellington we remember the leaders and people of the congregation of the Island Bay Presbyterian Church.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

AA 155, vs1,4 and 5 Where mountains rise

BLESSING

We are all interconnected.
As we become aware of the needs
Of the world around us,
Let us be rooted and grounded in love.
So may our compassion grow strong and vibrant,
Life-giving
To ourselves and
To those we encounter.

SUNG AMEN

Thanks to Jane Keller, our pianist 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:	Marilyn Wallace, Susan Cook
Sound:	Peter Cowley
Offering:	Jon Schrader, Paul Barber
Coffee/tea:	Mark Jones, Ann Barrie

On duty next week 6 Nov

Welcoming:	Tony and Sandra Kirby
Sound:	Jeremy Naylor
Offering:	Kath Kerr, Margaret Rushbrook
Coffee/tea:	Sarah Jobson, Bronwyn White
Time with the Children:	Ellen Murray
Readings:	Annie Barrie
Prayers of the People:	Linda Wilkins
Musician:	Peter Franklin
Communion:	Sonia Petrie, Thom Houtman and Frank Hanson

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sun 30 Oct	10 am	Fiona McDougal and Margaret Megwyn leading the service
	11:30 am	Compassion Group followed by lunch
Wed 26 Oct	12.15 pm	Lunchtime Concert: <i>Flowers of the Sea</i>
Wed 2 Nov and Thu 3 Nov	9 am - 2.30 pm	NZ Blood Service
Sat 4 Nov	????????	Pelorus Brass Band Concert
Sun 6 Nov	10 am	Fionnaigh McKenzie and Ellen Murray will be leading this service
	11.30 am	Astoria Brunch

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.

MARGARET WILL BE IN AUSTRALIA UNTIL 5 NOVEMBER. She is giving lectures on Progressive Christianity in Melbourne, Adelaide, Canberra and Sydney and taking some annual leave. Sunday services will be taken by members of the community. For pastoral care, contact Fiona McDougal or Colma Froggatt. Rev Ross Scott is available to assist in urgent pastoral situations.

Following today's service. The last meeting this year for the Compassion Group will be at 11:30am and take the form of a "Celebration of Compassion" in dance, music and words, with lunch to follow.



Charter for **Compassion**

ANNUAL MEETING

The church Annual Meeting for the 2010/11 year will be held following the service on Sunday 20 November. We have vacancies on the Parish Council for people who want to share their talents in this area. Please talk with any member of the Parish Council or to the Convenor Sandra Kirby – ph 027-4198946 or e-mail kirby5@slingshot.co.nz for more information.

BACH CANTATA VESPERS



Singing the faith: Exploring the heritage of Lutheran Music.
St Paul's Lutheran Church, 12 King St, Mt Cook. 5pm. Sunday 6 November. Admission by Koha. *See noticeboard for more details.*

DCM FOOD DAY APPEAL

Shock, the DCM Food Day Appeal is coming up fast, with volunteers needed for the afternoon of Saturday 19 November at Chaffers Street New World. Pairs needed for hour long shifts from 12.30-5.30pm. Please see Graham Howell, or email him, graham_hwill@yahoo.co.nz

MARGARET SILF WORKSHOPS IN WELLINGTON

Margaret Silf is a wife and mother and a skilled international retreat director and spiritual director in the Ignatian tradition.

Margaret, describes herself as "an ecumenical Christian committed to working across and beyond the denominational boundaries." She is an author and regular columnist for "America" magazine, a contributor to the "New Daylight" series and BBC local radio. Born in 1945, Margaret currently lives in Cheshire, in England. Margaret's approach to spirituality is experiential, drawing connections between the Christian vision and the moment-by-moment events and choices of everyday living. She has a B.A. in English from the University of London and an M.A. from the University of Keele.

Margaret is well known for her many books including "Landmarks", "Sacred Spaces", "At Sea with God" and "Close to the Heart".

Saturday 19th November 9:30am - 4:30pm

'Finding a true course in a changing world'

We live in times of immense change and uncertainty. How can we find solid ground, and learn to sift the authentic from the illusory? How can we live true to the Christian vision amid all this flux? How can we learn to make wiser choices and apply the tools of discernment to our daily lives? How can we begin to let go of the baggage that is impeding our journey, and learn to travel more lightly, following the One who is the Way?

Sunday 20th November 11:30am - 5:30pm

'The growing edge'

Many people today feel they are 'on the edge' or even 'over the edge' of institutional religion. This can be a lonely and a risky place to be. But it can also be a 'growing edge'. An opportunity to explore how we can live creatively on this growing edge, in the tension of our many questions, but in fidelity to the core of our being, in God.

The day will provide a 'safe space' for people to explore their possibly problematic relationship with 'the church' and hopefully, discover their living relationship with the dynamic and ever-growing reality of 'the Kingdom' coming to birth on earth.

Both events held at St Joseph's Church, Ellice Street, Mount Victoria (opposite Basin Reserve). Registration for each \$20 waged, \$15 unwaged. Email marcellinrsm@xtra.co.nz or phone (04) 3837271 (evenings only)

ACCOMMODATION REQUESTED

A family from Palmerston North are moving to Wellington and keen to house-sit or rent.

We are a professional, married NZ couple in our late 20s-early 30s looking to house-sit anywhere in

Wellington, preferably close to train or bus transport into the city. We are available from November 5th until at least mid-January.

See noticeboard for further details.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Do you have useable baby clothing (premature to six months), cloth nappies and pins, cot and bassinet bedding, toys or wool to assist new

mothers and their babies? Donations can be dropped off at a St Vincent de Paul shop, or call to have items picked up. Donated items will be given free to pregnant women and new mothers.

STUDY THEOLOGY FROM YOUR HOME

The Ecumenical Institute of Distance Theological Studies brochures are available on the back table.

HAITI HOSPITAL APPEAL

FUND RAISING PRESENTATION, FILM,
RAFFLE & AUCTION EVENING.

With Guest Speaker: **Thomas Banda**, who has 15 years experience in development management, with international leadership experience in geographically dispersed, remote environments.

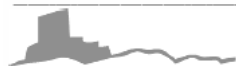
At the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club
103 Oriental Parade, Wellington.

27th October 6pm for 6:30pm Start

Drink Reception, Canapés, and Proudly
Presenting Entertainment from
Wellington Improvisation Troup!



Tickets \$30 / \$20 – Please contact George Lamb
at gewlamb@gmail.com – 022 464 8646



HAITI HOSPITAL APPEAL Bringing Hope to Life

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Haiti Hospital Appeal

Please see the Event on Facebook : <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=274791755885255>

NOTES/QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS

Refugee Services Wellington
Movie Fundraiser Thursday 27 October
at 8.30pm
(film starts at 8.30pm)

\$20 per ticket
Includes speaker, dessert
and raffle, followed by movie

**Penthouse Cinema
in Brooklyn**

Tickets available from Refugee Services office – contact fehima.haidan@refugeeservices.org.nz

Refugee Services is hosting a fundraising evening to support new refugee families arriving in Wellington. By buying a movie ticket, you can help us raise funds for setting up houses, provide supplies for the first few days after arrival, and assist with other much needed support.

See noticeboard for more details.

Refugee Services
AOTEAROA, NEW ZEALAND



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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