

St Andrew's on The Terrace

HATO ANARU O TE PAREHUA

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ORDER OF SERVICE

25 December 2018

Christmas Day



“The Lost Angel”

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. 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

This is the day, long awaited,
The day we celebrate the birth of Jesus;
The one who most shows us what God might be like;
The one who changed the world.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

WOV 231 'Christians awake'

Words: John Byrom 1692-1763 (alt) Music John Wainwright 1723-1768

Christians awake, salute the happy morn
Whereon the Saviour of the world was born
Rise to adore the mystery of love
Which hosts of angels chanted from above
With them the joyful tidings first began
Of God incarnate and of Mary's son.

Then to the watchful shepherds it was told
Who heard the angelic herald's voice, "Behold,
I bring good tidings of a Saviour's birth
To you and all the nations upon earth
This day has come on earth the special Word
This day is born a Saviour, God the Lord.'

So spoken, straightway the celestial choir
In hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire
The praises of redeeming love they sang
And heaven's whole orb with hallelujahs rang:
Highest of glory was their anthem still
Peace upon earth and unto all good will.

WELCOME

Kia tatou. Happy Christmas to you all!

Kia ora. Happy Christmas!

JESUS PRAYER

on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Partner Story from Haiti: Be their lifeline



The hills are steep in Haiti. Most people in rural areas live on what they grow. They work hard for everything they have – knowing a hurricane or earthquake may destroy their homes and livelihoods. To own a donkey is a luxury – more often the people have to carry crops and food themselves. Like many of the world's 475 million small farmers, they know life

could be easier. For now, they want their children to go to school. There is no government in their hills, so ICKL is the lifeline that supports the community to pay salaries and the running costs of their local schools. They are determined their children will have a fair go in life.

**Be the Lifeline to people who do not want to be left behind.
Support the 2018 Christmas Appeal.**

In the lighting of this Christ Candle we make space within ourselves to hear and engage with the voices of those we might otherwise miss but with whom we are connected by our common humanity.

Light of Love, your moment has come. Into a world sorely in need of your light, you are born.

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot put it out.
(Light the candle.)

We light the candle of love.

May it light the way for us as we make light and love our story

CAROL**'A donkey walks his burden'**

Words: © 2018 Susan Jones Music: Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly

A donkey walks his burden onward
Telling us that Advent's on the way
Bearing Mary, bearing Jesus,
Under his load, the donkey sways.
We rejoice to see this journey
For it offers hope and joy
We rejoice to hear this story
For it means much more than "It's a Boy"!

Worldwide, donkeys bear great burdens
Whether in Israel or Haiti
Bearing people, bearing cargo
working all the day on tired feet.
They are transport for the poor
Always being asked for more.
They are key to family business
They are animals worth giving for.

When the baby Jesus grew
He taught compassion was the way
He believed we should give water,
feed the hungry, love each day,
Dignity is paramount
For humankind and donkeys too
Every advent, let's all shout out
To all those who carry burdens new.

STORY**'The Lost Angel'**

By Elizabeth Goudge

CAROL**'Away in a Manger'**

Away in the manger, no pillow or bed,
The baby boy Jesus is born in a shed
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay
The baby boy Jesus asleep on the hay

While cattle stand quietly, the baby's asleep
Sought after by shepherds who leave all their sheep;
And wise ones bring treasure; they've come from afar
To give gifts to Jesus; they followed a star

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

Roger Jones

Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 52: 7-10

Gospel

John 1: 1-14

RESPONSE

For the Word in scripture,
for the Word among us,
for the Word within us,
we give thanks

Contemporary reading

from "The Lost Angel"

by Elizabeth Goudge

HYMN

HIOS 133 (i) 'There is no Child so small'

Music © 2009 Jillian Bray. Words © 2018 Shirley Erena Murray

There is no child so small, no scrap of life so precious
who is not born like Jesus, whose cry is like us all.

There is no child unfed, left hungry now at Christmas
but God will ask for justice, for shelter and for bread.

There is no child so lost, no refugee so nameless
That God will hold us blameless, who share no care or cost.

There is no child so cheap, in warfare or destruction
That love cannot take action when God is made to weep.

There is not one of us who could not be more giving,
And in the gift more loving, to light a star for peace.

REFLECTION

The Lost Angel (3)

Susan Jones

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Barrie Keenan

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

WOW 228 'O come all ye faithful'

Music John Francis Wade

Words C. Frederick Oakeley (alt)

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born above the angels;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

O sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing all who celebrate God's holy word.
To the Creator, glory in the Highest;
O come, let us adore Him...

This bright night, we greet you, born this happy season,
Jesus! for evermore your name be adored.
Word spoken truly, now with us appearing;
O come, let us adore Him....

BLESSING

As we go out into the rest of Christmas Day,
*May the energy of the creator
fill us with possibility.
the presence of the baby Jesus
touch our hearts,
and the joy of the Spirit accompany us*

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

I Saw Three Ships - Fugue for Organ

by Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

THANK YOU

Peter Franklin

Our Musician today

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There is no offering received today.

Donations to Christian World Service can be made through their website cws.org.nz.

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 today's volunteers

Welcoming	Margaret and John Harper
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Time with the Children	Susan Jones
Readings	Roger Jones
Prayers of the People	Barrie Keenan
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Roger Jones

On duty Sunday 30 December

Welcoming	Lois Robertson, Richard Keller
Coffee/Tea	Ann Barrie, Pam Fuller, Richard Owen
Sound	Paul Satherley
Offering	Joan Tyler, John Morgan
Readings	Roger Jones
Prayers of the People	Roger Jones
Musician	David Dobson
Rainbow Room Helper	Sandra Kirby

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 30 December 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones

Wednesday 2 January Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Sunday 6 January 10am Sunday Gathering led by Norman Wilkins

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

GATHERINGS IN JANUARY 2019

January 6 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Norman Wilkins

January 13 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Ross Scott

January 20 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Jim Cunningham

January 27 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Ken Irwin

OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Church office closed Friday 21 December at close of business. It will reopen Tuesday 8 January.

CUPPA AND CHAT

Cuppa and Chat will NOT meet on Wednesday, 26 December but will resume on Wednesday 2 January and meet through the month.

HOLIDAY PASTORAL SUPPORT

Rev. Norman Wilkins (04 970 1010) can be contacted from December 31 to January 21 2019. After January 21 please phone the office in the first instance.

AFTER CHURCH EVENTS

The usual brunch, conversational conversation, social justice group and study groups will resume in February with a congregational conversation after the Sunday Gathering on Sunday 3 February 2019

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
Parish Council Convenor	Lynne Dovey
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Facilities Management Group	Sandra Kirby
Pastoral Convenors	Linda Wilkins, Maxine Cunningham, Brian Burrell and Pat Booth
Church Music Coordinator	Vivien Chiu
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Lois Robertson
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Social Justice Co-ordinator	Margaret Rushbrook
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Jules Collinson
Centre Manager	Laetitia Brunell
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Facilities Assistants	TBA
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