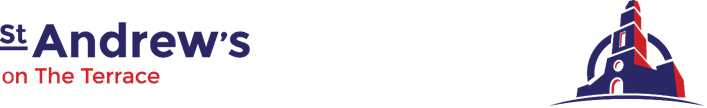
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***Hato Anaru o Te Parehua***

***Founded 1840***

**Order of Service**

30 December 2018

**1st Sunday of Christmas**



‘After the beginning, then what?’

**Welcome to St Andrew’s on The TerracE**

Wherever you are on your faith 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 usually sing the hymns without announcement.

To use the ***loop system*** in the church, turn your hearing aids on to the appropriate setting.

***Printed copies of the reflection*** are available at the back of the church for people with extreme hearing loss. For others they can be picked up at the end of the Gathering.

*Please note your nearest fire exit.*

*The church and hall have been earthquake strengthened. In an earthquake: drop, cover and hold.*

**GATHERING**

Once grown, the baby enters manhood.

***He has questions rising within him,***

Questions of the sacred and the everyday,

questions of meaning and reason.

***We have questions too – are they about what really matters?***

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**  **‘Our delight is in the living’**

Words: © Susan Jones 2014-2015 &2018. Tune: Praise my Soul

Our delight is in the broadness

of the world dawn brings to sight;

Harbour, beach and islands’ structure,

plain and hilltop, mountains’ might;

Thanks be given for nature’s beauty,

celebrate each new day’s light.

Our delight is in the living

of each moment every day,

working, playing, walking, sleeping,

being family, straight, bi, gay;

Grace be given for every minute,

wisdom for each interplay.

Our delight is in the creatures

sharing with us this our place,

moths and birds with stunning markings,

dolphins moving with sweet grace;

Thanks be given for all creation,

celebrate each life, each space.

Our delight is in the loving

of each other as we may;

Searching, finding, liking, loving,

talking, listening on the way;

Thanks be given for our affections,

celebrate them night and day.

**WELCOME**

Kia ora tatou.

***Kia ora.***

**PRAYER**

**JESUS PRAYER Jim Cotter paraphrase** *on card*

**LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE**

**BLESSING THE CHILDREN** *(All stand)*

The children may return to sit with family or stay at the front of the church and use the activity bags.

***We bless you. Amen.***

**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**

**Gospel Luke 2: 21-40**

**HYMN ‘We look for signs’**

From Singing a New Song Year ‘B’: Words © George Stuart

Music: Winchester Old WOV 223 (i)

We look for signs that give us hope

And rescue us from woes

And Simeon looked for these times

Relief from Israel’s foes

Salvation promised long ago

Was what he longed to see

He sensed, with Jesus in his arms,

His dreams had come to be.

And Anna, in the temple court,

Prayed every day and night;

She spoke of Jesus as God’s sign

In whom they could delight.

Be where can we see hopeful signs

Of God at work today?

It surely is in deeds of love,

When mercy’s on display

When we are willing to forgive

And let compassion reign,

We then release these godly signs –

Unveiling God’s domain

**Gospel Luke 2: 41-52**

**Contemporary reading ‘Fresh breeze’**

by Susan Jones

You had been a priest in the temple

for God knows how many years.

You enjoyed the cut and thrust of theological debate

though sometimes you caught yourself wondering

if that was all there was to it -

was there not maybe some freshness deep down;

which you were all missing?

Then he arrived, this young boy,

all of a dozen years old, asking his questions;

questions arrowing straight to the heart,

finding and releasing that freshness -

or did he bring it with him?

an energising breeze

blowing down through the world

through him, into you.

Either way it was glorious.

**RESPONSE**

For the Word in scripture, for the Word among us,

for the Word within us, ***we give thanks***

**REFLECTION ‘After the beginning, then what?’ Susan Jones**

**HYMN**  **COC 13 (ii) Come in, come in, New Year’**

Words © 1996 Shirley Erena Murray. Music © 1996 Ian Render

(Music next page)



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

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.

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.

The calendar of Christ

Will mark the seasons’ turn,

His story claim our trust,

His love be ours to learn.

For all the world, for young and old,

We pray a year of peace unfold

AFFIRMATION (optional)

We believe in the search for the sacred

whether we might find it in the temple

through elderly prophet,

a young boy’s questions,

or within our own hearts.

We believe in reaching deep down within us

for that which refreshes our spirit,

renews our hope and comes on earth

We believe that

without this deep sense of centredness

we cannot be truly present to this world

and show the compassion it needs right now.

So we will continue to search

for how the sacred is being shown

to us

and to all

in this, our time.

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.*

These gifts we bring out of duty and obligation, but also with love,

***and with the prayer that both food and money will achieve their***

***purposes and extension of compassion in the world***

So may it be

***AMEN***

**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 Roger Jones**

**CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

We think today of the people of Laos and the Buddhist people in Laos and throughout the world. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Peeni Henare (Tāmaki Makaurau electorate) and Harete Hipango (Whanganui electorate). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Foxton-Shannon Co-operating Church.

**PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW’S** *on card*

**HYMN WOV 669 ‘I am the light of the world’**

Words & Music © 1969 Jim Strathdee. Music (Admin. by Desert Flower Music)

*Chorus*

I am the light of the world!

You people come and follow me!

If you follow and love

you'll learn the mystery

of what you were meant to do and be.

1. When the song of the angels is stilled,

When the star in the sky is gone,

When the magi and the shepherds

Have found their way home,

The work of Christmas is begun.

*Chorus*

1. To find the lost and lonely one

To heal the broken soul with love,

To feed the hungry children

With warmth and good food,

To feel the earth below, the sky above!

*Chorus*

1. To bring hope to every task you do,

To dance at a baby's new birth,

To make music in

An old person's heart,

And sing to the colour of the earth!

*Chorus*

**BLESSING**

**SUNG AMEN**

**THANK YOU David Dobson**

Our Musician today

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*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 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 one of the welcome leaflets (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/category/sunday-gathering](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

***ST ANDREW’S COMMUNITY NOTICES***

**DECEMBER**

**Sunday 30 December 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Susan.

JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Sunday Gathering 10am, 6 January 2019: Rev Norman Wilkins,

Sunday Gathering 10am, 13 January 2019: Rev Ross Scott,

Sunday Gathering 10am, 20 January 2019: Rev Ken Irwin,

Sunday Gathering 10am, 27 January 2019: Rev Dr Jim Cunningham.

Sunday Gatherings in February will be led by Rev Dr Susan Jones

**OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**

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

**HOLIDAY PASTORAL SUPPORT**

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

**CUPPA AND CHAT**

Cuppa and Chat will resume on Wednesday 2 January and meet through the month.

**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

**HEALTH AND SAFETY IN EMERGENCY**

Increasingly defibrillators are available if you are sure someone has had a heart attack. Of course the first thing to do is to call 111 for an ambulance! If a defibrillator is needed, the Bolton Hotel in Bolton St are happy for us to request their defibrillator. If you are not qualified in first aid, please follow the directions of, firstly, any medical doctor present, or trained nurse or trained first aider.

***WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES***

MOVING CHAIRS

After church today, Norman will need help in moving all the chairs off the wooden floor of the Church. They will also need returning to the wooden floor in time for next Sunday’s Gathering. In between today and next Sunday the floor will be being resurfaced. If you can help at either end of this task, please do.

RAINBOW WELLINGTON

**Rainbow History Walk, Sunday 6 January 2019** at 1PM

Starts: Pukeahu Park (meet at the bottom of the steps to the war memorial), Tory Street, Ends: St Peter’s church, Willis Street, 90-mins.    
[**https://walktoursnz.wordpress.com/red-tour/**](https://rainbowwellington.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7570fb27cbeb8739854b6bda9&id=298c40ee7d&e=b7ccbd48b4)

**First RW Drinks for 2019 Friday 25 January 2019** details out closer to the time.

**Lunch in the Wairarapa**, **Sunday 17 February 2019** *(note changed date)*

This will be a pot-luck lunch at Malcolm's country estate near Greytown. We are combining with WaiGuys for this event.

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

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| **On duty Sunday 6 January** | |
| Welcoming | Jennifer Bush, Heather McFarlane |
| Sound | Bronwyn White |
| Offering | Kath Kerr, Paul Satherley |
| Coffee/tea | Frank Cook, Graham Howell, Sue Hirst |
| Readings | Linda Wilkins |
| Prayers of the People | Wendy Matthews |
| Musician | David Dobson |
| Rainbow Room Helper | Ellen Murray |

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| **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 |

**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** | 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 |
| **Office Administrator** | Jillene Everett |
| **Facilities Assistants** | TBA |
| **Roster Coordinator** | Rosemary Lawrence |

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