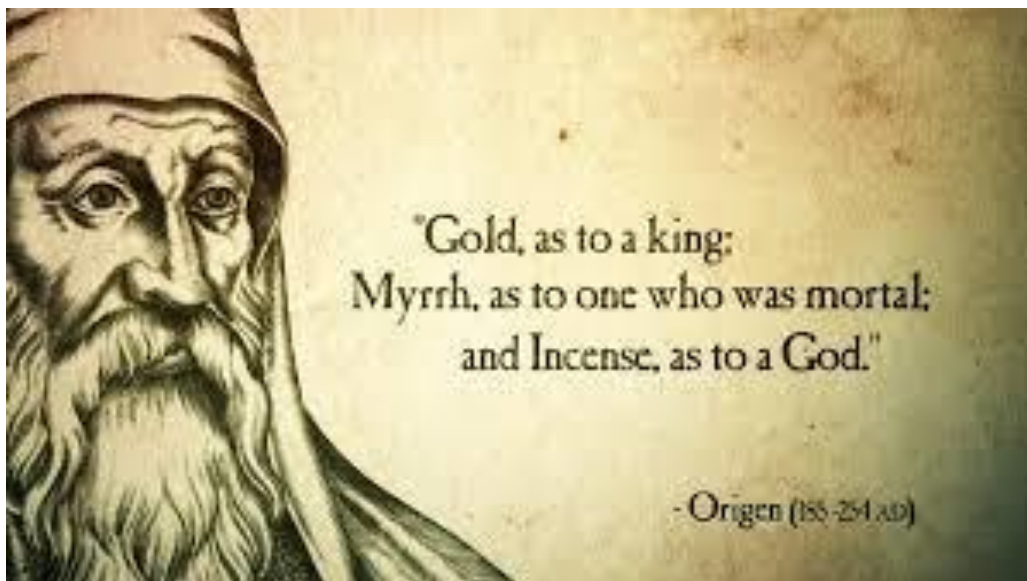


ORDER OF SERVICE

6 January 2019

Epiphany



Giving

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

Today we look again at the story of the baby Jesus getting gifts.

The wise men and the gold, frankincense and myrrh

The romantic story of following a star to Bethlehem.

It doesn't really seem very likely

But as Marcus Borg said "everything in the Bible is true, and some of it happened" so let's see if we will get the truth out of Matthew's story.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

VU 97 When a Star is shining

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- 1 When a Star is shining over eastern hills,
when the air is silent, and the clamour stills,
when the night is waiting, and the old hopes rise,
then the time has ripened and the heart grows wise.
- 2 Where the world is waiting for an unknown day,
where a voice forgotten cries, 'Prepare the way!'
where an earthly power makes the heart turn cold,
there the gifts are offered: incense, myrrh and gold.
- 3 Lead us on, O Daystar, in the quiet night;
guide us through the shadow with your gentle light;
show us in a manger our redemption's sign;
bring us to a morning where the promise shines.

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

JESUS' PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

A GIFT THAT ST. ANDREW'S GAVE

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

Linda Wilkins

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 12

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Gospel

Matthew 2: 1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Contemporary reading

The gift that we need to give to humanity now

Amended from "The Guardian" about
Sir David Attenborough's speech to the United Nations' Climate-Change-Summit.

The collapse of civilisation and the natural world is on the horizon, Sir David Attenborough has told the UN climate change summit in Poland.

The naturalist was chosen to represent the world's people in addressing delegates of almost 200 nations who are in Katowice to negotiate how to turn pledges made in the 2015 Paris climate deal into reality.

As part of the UN's people's seat initiative, messages were gathered from all over the world to inform Attenborough's address on Monday. "Right now we are facing a manmade disaster of global scale, our greatest threat in thousands of years: climate change," he said. "If we don't take action, the

collapse of our civilisations and the extinction of much of the natural world is on the horizon.”

“Do you not see what is going on around you?” asks one young man in a video message played as part of a montage to the delegates. “We are already seeing increased impacts of climate change in China,” says a young woman. Another woman, standing outside a building burned down by a wildfire, says: “This used to be my home.”

Attenborough said: “The world’s people have spoken. Time is running out. They want you, the decision-makers, to act now. Leaders of the world, you must lead. The continuation of civilisations and the natural world upon which we depend is in your hands.”

We are last generation that can stop climate change, we must give our direction and our support to our leaders to stop it.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

Wise Men Seeking Jesus

MHB 128 James Thomas East (amended)

Tune: Caswall WOV 263

Wise men seeking Jesus,
Travelled from afar,
Guided on their journey
By a beauteous star.

But if we desire him,
He is close at hand;
For our island country
Is our Holy Land.

Prayerful souls may find him
By our quiet lakes,
Meet him on our hillsides
When the morning breaks.

In our fertile paddocks
Where our stock abound,
In our busy markets
Jesus may be found.

Fishermen talk with him
by our Tasman Sea
as the first disciples
did in Galilee

Every town and village
In our land might be,
Made by Jesus' presence
Like sweet Bethany.

He is more than near us,
If we love him well;
For he seeketh ever
In our hearts to dwell.

REFLECTION “Precious gifts”

Norman Wilkins



OFFERING

As the offering is collected we listen to a performance of The Three Kings by Peter Cornelius, sung by The Choir of King's College, Cambridge, directed by Stephen Cleobury in Carols from King's 2006. The soloist is Rupert Reid.

1. Three Kings from Persian lands afar
To Jordan follow the pointing star:
And this the quest of the travellers three,
Where the new-born King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

2. The star shines out with a steadfast ray;
The kings to Bethlehem make their way,
And there in worship they bend the knee,
As Mary's child in her lap they see;
Their royal gifts they show to the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.
3. Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem
The Kings are travelling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace,
Shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
Offer thy heart to the infant King.

OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

***God, some of us have plenty and others will be worried about how we will cope in the future. However we have brought these tangible gifts for this parish and those who need more food.
As best as we can we offer ourselves to achieve a better world
Amen***

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.

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

Wendy Matthews

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Lebanon and the the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Paul Goldsmith and Joanne Hayes, list MPs. Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of St Andrew's Union Church, Greytown.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

FFS 50 'Nothing is lost on the breath of God'

Words & Music by Colin Gibson
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Nothing is lost on the breath of God,
nothing is lost for ever;
God's breath is love, and that love will remain,
holding the world for ever.
No feather too light, no hair too fine,
no flower too brief in its glory;
no drop in the ocean, no dust in the air,
but is counted and told in God's story.

Nothing is lost to the eyes of God,
nothing is lost for ever;
God sees with love and that love will remain,
holding the world for ever.
No journey too far, no distance too great,
no valley of darkness too blinding;
no creature too humble, no child too small
for God to be seeking, and finding.

Nothing is lost to the heart of God,
nothing is lost for ever;
God's heart is love, and that love will remain,
holding the world for ever.
No impulse of love, no office of care,
no moment of life in its fulness;
no beginning too late, no ending too soon,
but is gathered and known in God's goodness.

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Thank you to David Dobson
our musician today

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AUDIO REFLECTIONS

Sunday reflections are usually available on our website.

<http://www.standrews.org.nz/category/sunday-gathering>

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 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.

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 Quay, 02-0534-0004022-02

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

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 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.

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.

HEALTH AND SAFETY CAN YOU HELP?

In our Health and Safety planning it would be good to know if we have medically trained personnel in our congregation, or trained first aiders, happy to be called on if needed during Sunday Gatherings and other church events. We would be discreet about such a list, but if Susan or other leaders of church event know who is qualified they can more rapidly turn to those people first. Of course in a city like Wellington we would very quickly ask for ambulance aid, but it is good to know who is trained in what to do initially. Please let Pam Fuller know if you are one of these people. Susan

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

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/>

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.

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	Jennifer Bush, Heather MacFarlane
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

On duty Sunday 13 January

Welcoming	Gillian and Russell Feist
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Offering	Barrie Keenan, Graham Howell
Coffee/tea	Linda and Norman Wilkins, Richard Owen
Readings	John Morgan
Prayers of the People	Jennifer Bush
Musician	David Dobson
Rainbow Room Helper	Lois Robertson

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 6 January 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Norman Wilkins

Wednesday 9 January Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Sunday 13 January 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Ross Scott

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
Office Administrator	Jillene Everett
Facilities Assistants	TBA
Roster Coordinator	Rosemary Lawrence

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