

# **BELONGING AT ST ANDREW'S**

## **PART VI WHAT WE DO AT ST ANDREW'S**



*One of the prized statements St Andrew's makes is the following:*

**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.*

You're welcome as you are, whatever you believe,  
This booklet aims to describe St Andrew's Community life.

## Each week

St Andrew's Community gets together on Sundays at 10am. Our Gatherings follow this basic pattern. You can find the order of service for each Sunday on the website, [www.standrews.org.nz](http://www.standrews.org.nz)

<b>GATHERING</b>	<i>(responsive, from the back of the church)</i>
<b>PROCESSIONAL HYMN</b>	<i>(the candle and Bible are brought in)</i>
<b>WELCOME</b>	<i>(Minister or Worship Leader)</i>
<b>PRAYER</b>	
<b>JESUS PRAYER</b>	<i>(Usually the Jim Cotter version)</i>
<b>RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE IS LIT</b>	<i>(By one of the children)</i>
<b>TIME WITH THE CHILDREN</b>	<i>(Story given by person rostered to do so)</i>
<b>PASSING THE PEACE</b>	<i>(everyone, most enthusiastically)</i>
<b>THE WORD IN TEXTS</b>	<i>(Reader)</i>
Hebrew Bible	
Gospel	
Contemporary reading	
<b>RESPONSE</b>	
<b>REFLECTION</b>	<i>(Minister or Worship Leader)</i>
<b>AFFIRMATION OF FAITH</b>	<i>(Everyone)</i>
<b>HYMN</b>	
<b>LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY OF ST ANDREW'S</b>	<i>(People share notices).</i>
<b>Offering and OFFERING PRAYER</b>	
<b>PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE</b>	<i>(Rostered pray-er)</i>
<b>CIRCLE OF PRAYER</b>	<i>(Praying for politicians and other churches)</i>
<b>PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S</b>	<i>on laminated card</i>
<b>HYMN</b>	
<b>BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN</b>	
<b>THANK YOU</b>	<i>(To organist or other musician)</i>

## **An example of a Gathering Statement**

We gather to wonder at the mystery which is God  
Shown to us in Jesus, communicated by the Spirit  
More than only three categories of holiness  
Multi-faceted and magnificent, simple and yet synchronous  
Entangled with our lives even when we least observe it  
***We gather to wonder and reflect***

## **Monthly**

**After the Gatherings on each Sunday there is an activity or event with which people can choose to be involved:**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month – Community Lunch**

Communion is served on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month in the Gathering. After the service, on the even months (Feb, April, June, August, October and December) we hold a community lunch in the Hall to which people bring plates of food to share. (Food which can be eaten in the fingers is best) On the odd numbered months, a variable group of people lunch together at a nearby cafe which is chosen on the day. Listen for the announcement.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month – Congregational Conversation**

After church, a circle of chairs is formed at the front of the church and an informal conversation is chaired by the Convenor of the Parish Council and/or the Minister. This can be about items brought by the Parish Council for information or concerns people have. All welcome to this conversation.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month – Social Justice**

A group meets in the Centre around issues of Social Justice. These include the environment, political submissions which are current, (e.g. for including the Social Security Amendment Bill and TPPA), signage for bathrooms, etc.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month – Exploring the Faith**

A group meets in the Centre to study recent progressive scholarship such as the DVD series 'Living the Questions', (multiple questions of faith), 'Eclipsing Empire' (Jesus and Paul). Mostly led by the minister at present.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – free!**

Nothing specific is planned whenever there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month!

### **Other monthly events:**

#### **Spirited Conversations - Pam Fuller**

Meets May-October, the fourth Tuesday night of the month in St Andrew's Centre. Usually an inexpensive catered meal with speaker and discussion. 6.15pm for the meal, 7-9pm for the programme.

### **St Andrew's Trust for the Study of Religion and Society**

Pam Fuller, (convenor) Pete Cowley (administrator)

The Trust runs lectures, Tues or Thurs lunchtime monthly and occasional weekend seminars. See their website [www.satrs.org.nz](http://www.satrs.org.nz)

## **What else happens?**

### **Parish Council meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month**

(2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday June 2017, then from July on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)

Convenor: Lynne Dovey Secretary: Maxine Cunningham

### **Cuppa and Chat**

A group meets at 10.30am to get a cuppa and then we have a group 'round' or 'check in' from 11-12 noon each Wednesday in the Centre.

### **Centering Prayer**

A group meets for meditation at 12.30pm each Thursday in the Centre.

### **Worship Committee**

Oversees worship in consultation with the minister. About 3-4 times a year a group meets to coordinate special services with lay involvement for Advent/St Andrew's Day, Lent/Easter, Pentecost and Creation

### **Pastoral Committee**

A small group meets to coordinate the parish rolls and the Pastoral Partners network (see separate leaflet for more information on this network)

### **Who's interested in what at St Andrew's? – a general overview**

#### **Social Justice and LGBT issues**

Graham Howell, Pete Cowley, Fionnaigh McKenzie, Ellen Murray, Paul Barber,

#### **Music**

Vivien Chiu (Coordinator), Organists Peter Franklin, Bruce Corkhill,  
St Andrew's Singers (occasionally)

#### **Peace:**

Paul Barber, Ellen Murray, Sonia Groes-Petrie

#### **Office:**

Manager: Laetitia Brunell Administrator: Karyn Bishop (mornings),  
Facilities Assistant (morning and evening) Lilian Howard,  
Custodian (Tuesday & Thursday) Pete Cowley

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