

ORDER OF SERVICE

3 September 2017



season of **creation**



Pentecost 13 - River Sunday

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 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 reflections 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

This is the month of September!

When we reflect on the breadth and depth and length of Creation

Today is River Sunday

When we reflect on rivers, all they bring us and all we owe them

This place is a sacred space

***One of the places in which we consider, pray,
receive and respond to grace and beauty***

One of the places where we can be challenged to hear
the demands of the divine and the planet

***In this month, on this day, in this place,
we journey the River of Life.***

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Song of the Waters'

Words: ©Norman Habel. Tune (CH4 160): Praise, my soul

Watch once more the windswept storm clouds;
Suddenly the sky has wings!
God has come to rain among us,
giving hope to all dry things.
Sing a song of splashing waters,
pulsing through the veins of Earth.

Taste the moisture of the morning,
smoother than the best red wine;
toast the lifeblood of the planet:
Here's to God's wild wet design!
Sing a song of flowing waters,
pulsing through the veins of Earth.

View anew the dark blue ocean,
Whales cavorting, spraying foam;

God at play with deep sea monsters,
feeling very much at home.
Sing a song of laughing waters,
pulsing through the veins of Earth.

Feel the breath of God move softly,
gentle mists that brush the skin;
Earth is breathing God's own spirit,
life renewed from deep within.
Sing a song of living waters,
pulsing through the veins of Earth

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou. ***Kia ora.***

CALL TO WORSHIP

We call to the rivers to worship with us:
***the Clutha, Rakaia, Manawatu, and Waikato,
all rivers that flow to the sea.***

We invite the streams to sing:
***Trout and water crays, inanga whitebait,
Cockabullies and eels sing praise.***

We invite the river birds to add their praise.
***Whio, and mallard duck,
Kingfisher and dragonflies call their praise.***

We join with the waters in their hymn of praise:
***waterfalls, singing streams,
rushing rapids and still pools,
ripples that dance at the river mouth.***

Sing, river, sing praise to all creation.

Adapted from Season of Creation worship resources www.seasonofcreation.com

PRAYER

We remember the rivers across our planet,
rivers that are the lifeblood of Earth
and vital for all forms of life.

***We remember the streams of our past,
the pools and ponds where we played
and the feeling of celebration
as we splashed each other.***

We remember and rejoice.

***We give thanks for rivers,
streams that flow with the water of life.***

We acknowledge and confess
that we have become alienated from Earth
and have polluted the rivers of our garden planet.

We are sorry.

We have polluted our rivers with poisons.

We have treated our streams as waste dumps.

We have turned living waters into death-traps.

We have wasted precious waters in luxury living.

We need to be taught to love Earth
and return to Earth as our home.

Shalom! Shalom!

We are coming home!

As we come home to Earth,
As we seek to love our home,
As we seek to care for our kin,
Open our hearts.

Creation's glory fills our planet.

***May we discern the vibrant presence among us and our kin in
creation, especially in the rivers, the streams and waterways of
Earth. Help us empathise with creatures who are suffering. May our
spirits lift and rejoice with the vibrant world of the rivers and
waterways of our planet.***

Amen.

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SUNG RESPONSE (*sung twice seated*)

'When Peace, Like a River'

Words: Horatio Gates Spafford (1873), Philip Paul Bliss. Public Domain

Tune: Ville Du Havre. Public Domain

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, you have taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain

It is well with my soul;

it is well, it is well with my soul.

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Colma Froggatt

BLESSING THE CHILDREN (All stand)

We send you to the Rainbow Room programme to hear stories, ask questions and have fun together. ***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!

ST ANDREW'S SINGERS

The River

Words ©Joy Cowley. Music © 2014 Vivien Chiu

Life is like a river
that flows towards the sea.
It has a small beginning,
increasing gradually
until it's in a larger place,
a current deep and wide,
giving its abundance
to the land on either side.

*And I have a question
to ask you, my friend.
Where does the sea begin?
Where does the river end?*

The river has its secrets.
In its depths it knows
the nature of the ocean
where its water flows.
It hears the seabirds singing.
It feels the touch of foam.
The sea is always calling
the river to come home. *Chorus*

Life is like a river
and deep inside my mind,
the call of love grows stronger
as I leave each day behind.
We move with the current
of this unseen mystery.
Already we have knowledge
of the presence of the sea. *Chorus*

INTRODUCTION

Susan Jones

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Joan Tyler

Hebrew Bible

2 Kings 5: 1-4 and 9-16

Gospel

Matthew 3: 13-17

The Epistle

Revelations 22: 1-2

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION

'Rivers for Life'

Andrew Matthews

CONTEMPORARY READING

Wendy Matthews

From *This is All: The Pillow Book of Cordelia Kenn*
By Aidan Chambers

I thought how lovely and how strange a river is. A river is a river, always there, and yet the water flowing through it is never the same water and is never still. It's always changing and is always on the move. And over time the river itself changes too. It widens and deepens as it rubs and scours, gnaws and kneads, eats and bores its way through the land. Even the greatest rivers- the Nile and the Ganges, the Yangtze and the Mississippi, the Amazon and the great grey-green greasy Limpopo all set about with fever trees - must have been no more than trickles and flickering streams before they grew into mighty rivers.

Are people like that? I wondered. Am I like that? Always me, like the river itself, always flowing but always different, like the water flowing in the river, sometimes walking steadily along andante, sometimes surging over rapids furioso, sometimes meandering with hardly any visible movement tranquilo, lento, sometimes gurgling with pleasure, sometimes sparkling in the sun, sometimes appassionato, sometimes misterioso, sometimes staccato, sometimes vivace, and always, I hope, amoroso.

Do I change like a river, widening and deepening, eddying back on myself sometimes, bursting my banks sometimes when there's too much water, too much life in me, and sometimes dried up from lack of rain? Will the I that is me grow and widen and deepen? Or will I stagnate and become an arid riverbed? Will I allow people to dam me up and confine me so that I flow only where they want? Will I allow them to turn me into a canal to

use for they own purposes? Or will I make sure I flow freely, coursing my way through the land and ploughing a valley of my own?

VISUAL REFLECTION ON RIVERS

Vltava or "The Moldau"

By Bedřich Smetana

OFFERING PRAYER

So may it be *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

Bronwyn White

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Burundi and the National Council of Churches of Burundi. In New Zealand, we remember those who work this election season as candidates, members of all political parties and all voters. Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of St Paul's Union Church, Pahiatua.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

St Andrew's is an open community and all are invited to Christ's table.

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 to participate in the communion. This is God's meal for all people.

COMMUNION LITURGY INCLUDING COMMUNION HYMN

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HYMN

'Guide me, O thou great Jehovah'

Words and music: Public Domain. John Hughes, Peter Williams, William Williams.
Tune: CH4 167 Cwm Rhondda. Public Domain.

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer;
Be thou still my strength and shield;
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

“Hornpipe” from The Water Music

By G.H. Handel (1685 - 1759)

THANK YOU

Thank you to Peter Franklin

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 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/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 Quay, 02-0534-0004022-02

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	Frank & Sue Cook
Communion	Bronwyn White, Cameron Smart, Frank Hanson, Margaret Pannett
Sound	Jennifer Bush-Daumec
Offering	Kath Kerr, Sonia Groes-Petrie
Coffee/tea	Peter Cowley, Sandra & Tony Kirby
Time with the Children	Colma Froggatt
Readings	Joan Tyler
Prayers of the People	Bronwyn White
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Lois Robertson

On duty Sunday 10 September

Welcoming	Frank & Nola Hanson
Sound	Paul Satherley
Offering	Paul Barber, Russell Feist
Coffee/tea	Katrina Harper, Richard Keller, Sonia Groes-Petrie
Time with the Children	Ellen Murray
Readings	Pat Booth
Prayers of the People	Sue McRae
Musician	TBC
Rainbow Room Helper	Ellen Murray

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 3 September 10am Sunday Gathering, River Sunday, including communion led by Susan Jones with Andrew and Wendy Matthews. Followed by lunch at a café nearby

Wednesday 6 September Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 6 September 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert | 44th International Viola Congress

Thursday 7 September 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre

Sunday 10 September 10am Sunday Gathering, Land Sunday, led by Susan Jones with Sonia Groes-Petrie. Followed by congregational conversation

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

SATRS – EVENT FOR SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 12 September, 12.15pm Paul Gibson, recent Disability Rights Commissioner will talk to our theme of Courage to change. Paul Gibson was the Disability Rights

Commissioner for the Human Rights Commission from 2011-2017. He is a former president of the Disabled People's Assembly and was involved in the development of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (CRPD). Paul is partially blind and uses Braille and assistive technology. He has 20 years of experience in the health and disability sector including working for Capital Coast District Health Board as a senior disability advisor.

HEALTHY 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

ROSTERS FOR SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER NOW AVAILABLE

If you are a service duty volunteer please remember to check your email inbox for the new roster which is out now. Hard copies are also available at the back of the church.

SPIRITED CONVERSATIONS

Please put **Tuesday 19 September** in your diary now for the next Spirited Conversation with speaker Trish Harris. From 6.15pm in Conference Room 1 & 2 of the St Andrew's Centre. Further details to come.

FOR YOUR SPRING READING LIST

For those who have asked where they can get the paperback version of Ann Barrie's novel "Deserter", it is now available at the following two Wellington bookshops (RRP \$28): Millwood Gallery, Thorndon; Marsden Books, Karori.

WORM FARM LIQUID FERTILIZER FOR SALE

Jon Schrader has fertilizer for sale at \$5 per 2 litre bottle (many report good results). Orders to Jon after the service on Sunday or call Ph 389 7082. Delivery and payment the following Sunday. Thank you.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

WORKSHOP AND LECTURE: SAMI AWAD DIRECTOR OF THE HOLY LAND TRUST

The Wellington Abrahamic Council of Jews, Christians, and Muslims is pleased to present two opportunities to hear and interact with Sami Awad, the Director of the Holy Land Trust, an organisation based in Bethlehem focusing on nonviolence as the catalyst to end all forms of conflict and establish an enduring and comprehensive peace in the Holy Land. As part of Sami's visit we have planned two events.

Workshop: Non Linear Thinking as a tool for peace making, 1.30-5PM, **Tuesday 5 September**, Temple Sinai, 147 Ghuznee Street, Wellington. Cost will be by Koha: we suggest \$40+ waged, \$5 unwaged. Tickets essential, available at: <http://bit.ly/sami-tix> Tickets for this event are expected to sell out quickly. If you miss out on the workshop, you can still attend Sami's public lecture below.

If you are unable to buy tickets through the Eventbrite link above, contact Dave Moskovitz on Ph 027 220 2202 for other options.

PUBLIC LECTURE: HEALING, TRANSFORMATION AND NONVIOLENCE: PEACEMAKING IN THE HOLY LAND

7PM, **Tuesday 5 September**, Salvation Army Citadel, 92 Vivian Street, Wellington
Entry by Koha, no ticket required. Sami Awad brings an important voice to the table in the discussion about peace in the Middle East – the voice of nonviolence.

Come learn about Sami's approach to overcoming fear and violence to achieve lasting healing and peace in the Middle East.

For more info, check out the Abrahamic Council web site, <https://abrahamic.nz/>

THE BOULCOTT SEMINAR AT WELLINGTON CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

We're excited this year's seminar speaker is Sara Miles. Sara, www.saramiles.net, is author of *Take This Bread: A Radical Conversion*; *Jesus Freak: Feeding Healing Raising the Dead*, and *City of God: Faith in the Streets*. Wellington Central Baptist Church on **Saturday 23 September** (yes, election day- cast your vote then come!) 10-4pm. Online registration: www.central.org.nz/the-boulcott-seminar/

ENCOURAGING YOUNG VOTERS

These websites may be helpful to the young people in your life (children and grandchildren) to get them engaged in the electoral process. Email your young acquaintances and copy and paste this into your email for them to explore!

Any Questions <https://anyquestions.scoop.co.nz/> , **RockEnrol**

<https://www.facebook.com/rockenrolNZ/> and www.rockenrol.org.nz/. **We have**

power: <http://www.wehavepower.org.nz/> and **The Spin Off's Policy**

<http://policy.thespinoff.co.nz/>

PEACE MOVEMENT AOTEAROA

Racial discrimination: UN Committee recommendations on New Zealand Concluding observations of the committee on the elimination of racial discrimination 29 August 2017

The Concluding Observations of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on the New Zealand government's compliance with the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination were released overnight, and are available at www.converge.org.nz/pma/cerd93.htm

Updates and information on the 93rd session - where you can watch the interactive dialogues, the government delegation, who said what in Geneva, and media coverage - is available at <http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/cerd93-sess.htm>

Background information and an outline of the process is available at www.converge.org.nz/pma/cerd93.htm

New Zealand and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination index page, www.converge.org.nz/pma/cerd.htm

Links to this update, on Facebook and in pdf format,

www.converge.org.nz/pma/cerd.htm

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
Parish Council Clerk	Colma Froggatt
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Facilities Management Group	Douglas Wood
Pastoral Convenors	Linda Wilkins and Maxine Cunningham Lois Robertson, Brian Burrell
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Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
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Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Jess McKnight
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