

ORDER OF SERVICE

17 December 2017

Advent 3
Joy



Carols for Christmas

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 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

We hear words ancient, modern, postmodern and progressive

And sing words old and new, rhyme and free, in minor and major key

Today we celebrate the advent again of new life

We celebrate new beginnings in the most unexpected of places

Today we celebrate another brand new start for the world

On this day the candle for joy is lit anew

Our prayer is that joy may abound in our world

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

WOV 238 'Good Christians all rejoice'

Words: © John Mason Neale (181-1866) (alt) v 3 © 2017 Susan Jones Music: In Dulci Jubilo

Good people, all rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now give heed to what we say: as southern sheep come to be shorn
Jesus now comes to be born, he comes to the manger now.
Christ comes to be born; Christ comes to be born.

Good people, all rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now you hear of hope alive: Jesus Christ has life to give.
He has opened every door, peace and joy can be restored.
Christ makes all alight; Christ makes all alight.

Good people, all rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
in this southern hemisphere where light and sun bring us good cheer
We are called, yes called we all, to spread compassion, break down walls
Christ is born right here; Christ is born right here.

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLE

HOPE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Susan Jones

BLESSING THE CHILDREN (All stand)

We hope you enjoy the last Rainbow Room for the year

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!

WORD IN TEXTS

Maxine Cunningham, Wendy Matthews,
Kieran Taylor, Graham Howell

Excerpts from John 3: 1-21

read by Kieran Taylor

Luke 2: 8-14

read by Graham Howell

ST ANDREWS SINGERS

'Angel Carol'

Music and Words © John Rutter

POEM 'Nativity' by Joy Cowley

read by Wendy Matthews

ST ANDREWS SINGERS

'From pastures green'

Words © (1996) PHC Lucas (alt) Music © (1996) A J Duncan

CONTEMPORARY READING

'Marcus Borg unwraps the nativity narratives'

<http://lucychumbley.com/understanding-the-nativity-narratives/>

read by Maxine Cunningham

Borg believes the nativity stories should be seen as *metaphorical narratives*. Nowadays, "metaphor is often seen as less than factual... as if the symbolic meaning is somehow less than the factual," he said. "Pretty much every story in the Bible is there because it has a more than factual meaning, and this is

why our ancestors told these stories. These stories are *parabolic overtures* to the Gospels.

“In general, parables are about meaning. The meaning and truth of a parable is not dependent on its factuality. ... it doesn't matter if there really was a Good Samaritan, a Prodigal Son – and to get into an argument about whether there was would be to miss the point. The point of parables is their meaning. Parables can be truth-filled – truthful – whether they happened or not. Jesus told parables about God; his followers told parables about him. In short, the birth stories are about meaning. Believe whatever you want about them – now let's talk about what they *mean*.”

Just as an overture to a symphony or opera sounds the central themes of a longer work that follows, “Matthew and Luke wrote their overtures after they knew what was in the rest of their Gospels,” Borg said. “These are not Christmas pageants for children. They are the Gospels in miniature.”

REFLECTION

‘The miracle of being born human’

Susan Jones

OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

We give because we first were given to.

This Advent we bring food for others and money for this church with an extra consciousness of the importance of the season.

Many will be without what they need to live a good life.

May these gifts aid their well being.

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 not already in the order of service, please move to the front row, ready to speak **briefly** from the lectern.*

For the benefit of newcomers, please introduce yourself before you begin.

A POLISH INTERLUDE

Tekla Klebetnica

Tekla Klebetnica means “country gossip” (name taken from the local Silesian Cieszyn dialect). Folk trio (Anna - violin/vocals, Zygmunt - accordion, Staszek - double bass) performed last night in our church native folk music mainly from the Carpathian mountain range with an addition of a few Balkan melodies, creating fusion of traditional folklore with elements of gypsy, classical and jazz music (called folk-crossover).

Folklore is of great importance for each of them. Their tracks are arranged in an unusual way combining colour, joy, sadness and happiness with a huge dose of energy and virtuosity.

The group came together completely at random through the love of music. However, this may not have been such a random circumstance because they always believed their fate was to meet and create music together. Each member of Tekla Klebetnica ensemble represents a different folklore region. They complement each other as they create one of a kind musical sound. They will play three carols for us and we are welcome to sing along.

‘Silent Night’

Joseph Mohr tr John Young (alt) Music Silent Night Franz Gruber

Silent night, holy night: all is calm, all is bright
round the loving mother and child; holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night: shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing ‘Alleluia’;
The Transformer is born, the Transformer is born.

Silent night, holy night: wondrous star, lend your light;
with the angels let us sing ‘Alleluia’, let it ring;
The great Lover is born, the great Lover is born.

‘Angels we have heard’

Words: James Montgomery (alt) Music: Iris Fr Trad melody

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains
Gloria, in excelsis Deo,
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo,
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly, sweetly through the night
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their great delight
Gloria, in excelsis Deo,
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Come to Bethlehem and see
One whose birth the angels sing,
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Child, let praises ring.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo,
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

‘What Child is this?’

Words © William C. Dix Music © Greensleeves (1642)

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good people, all; for sinners here, The silent word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross he’ll bear from love that’s true;
Hail, hail, the word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.
The one who transformation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the mother sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Colma Froggatt

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Canada. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Anahila Kanongata’a Suisuiki and Iain Lees-Galloway Labour Party MPs. Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Patea - St Luke's Co-operating Church.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW’S

on card

CAROL

‘Joy to the World!’

Words Isaac Watts (alt.) Music ‘Antioch’ G F Handel WOV 224

Joy to the world! A new age dawns
It comes, shalom to bring. Let ev’ry heart prepare a room,
and heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n and nature sing,
and heav’n and heav’n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! Let justice come,
To all who need release; For prisoners held in chains,
the damaged and the anxious,
let them find freedom now, let them find freedom now
let them, let them find freedom now.

Graceful and true, the Saviour brings
compassion all may share, for poor and homeless, so may they find
their life becomes more fair, their life becomes more fair
their life, their life becomes more fair.

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Peter Franklin and Vivien Chiu

our organist and conductor 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 Qy, 02-0534-0004022-02

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 17 December 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones

Followed by Exploring Faith study group – last meeting for 2017

Wednesday 20 December Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 20 December 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert of Christmas themed music

Thursday 21 December 12:15 pm Christmas Carol Singalong; Organ Bruce Cash; Trumpet Jess Brownell, Flute Jillene Everett, M.C. Susan Jones.

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	Linda & Norman Wilkins
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Offering	John Schrader & Paul Satherley
Coffee/tea	Kath Kerr, Lois Robertson, Frank & Sue Cook
Time with the Children	Susan Jones
Readings	Maxine Cunningham, Wendy Matthews, Kieran Taylor, Graham Howell
Prayers of the People	Colma Froggatt
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Margaret Pannett

On duty 24 December 10am

Welcoming	Lynette & Brian Burrell
Sound	Peter Cowley
Offering	Graham Howell & TBC
Time with the Children	Susan Jones
Readings	Jem Traylen
Prayers of the People	Wendy Matthews
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Margaret Pannett

On duty 24 December 7:30pm

Welcoming	Roger Jones & Jeni Bryant
Sound	Peter Cowley
Offering	Paul Barber
Time with the Children	Susan Jones
Readings	Wendy Matthews & Trish McBride
Prayer of the People	Lynne Dovey
Communion	Lynne Dovey, Jim Cunningham, Trish McBride, Andrew Matthews
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Roger Jones

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

ADVENT, CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY SERVICES

December 24	10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones
December 24	7.30pm. Sherry/juice & Christmas cake before carols at 8pm
December 25	10am A Christmas Day Gathering led by Fiona McDougal
December 31	10am Gathering led by Rev Ross Scott
January 7	10am Gathering led by Bronwyn Angela White
January 14	10am Gathering led by Rev Barrie Keenan
January 21	10am Gathering led by Rev Dr Jim Cunningham
January 28	10am Gathering led by Rev Ken Irwin

CHRISTMAS CAKE

Last chance. Email Maxine jimax117@gmail.com to order a cake for Christmas. Several small cakes left (incl. gluten free) and a few packets of shortbread. Small cakes reduced to \$10 and \$12. Biscuits are \$5 or \$12 for 3 packets. On Sunday 17th all leftovers will be donated to the Foodbank with DCM.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE CHRISTMAS APPEAL – GET AN ENVELOPE TODAY

ADVENT THREE: JOY 17 DECEMBER



Life for Musa (left), Kakuma and Twine has changed for the better now they have their own water tank. Their grandmother Zipora says they are now happy at school.

Partner Story: Our Story is one of water

In Uganda's southwest corner Musa and Kakama no longer have to walk hours each day to collect water. With their youngest brother Twine and grandmother Zipora, they are now the proud owners of a water tank. Fresh water on tap has transformed their lives. The Centre for Community Solidarity is making sure families caring for HIV and AIDS orphans have water and support to improve their livelihoods. Since 2008, they have built 695 tanks with local communities. CWS is committed to providing matching funding to build 420 more. When their parents died from HIV and AIDS, Musa, Kakama and Twine were left to fend for themselves. The oldest Musa looked after the others, but had no money for school or even food. The brothers knew they were finished. They lived with the shame of having to steal to feed themselves. Worse, when middle brother Kakama was caught, he was beaten and left for dead. Word of what happened reached their grandmother who took the boys home with her. She did not have much food and the boys had to spend long periods of the day collecting water. The land on top of the hill where they live is fertile and good for

growing bananas, their staple food and source of cash. Climbing down very steep and stony hillsides in bare feet is not easy. The older boys navigated the narrow paths round the rice, maize and millet grown on the terraced slopes to collect water and firewood for the family's daily needs. There was no time for school.



The outskirts of the community where the family lives. Bananas are the major crop grown in the region.

Poor quality water meant poor health. They got malaria, and often went to bed hungry. There seemed no way out of their misery until grandmother Zipora joined her local

association for caregivers at the Centre for Community Solidarity (CCS) on the recommendation of a volunteer. Joining the local association gave her support, education and opportunity of clean water through their low interest credit scheme. Your donations to CWS gave her the matching funds to construct a rainwater tank. CCS organised materials and provided expertise. Association members all helped to build the tank. Now the family has safe water and the boys are back in school.

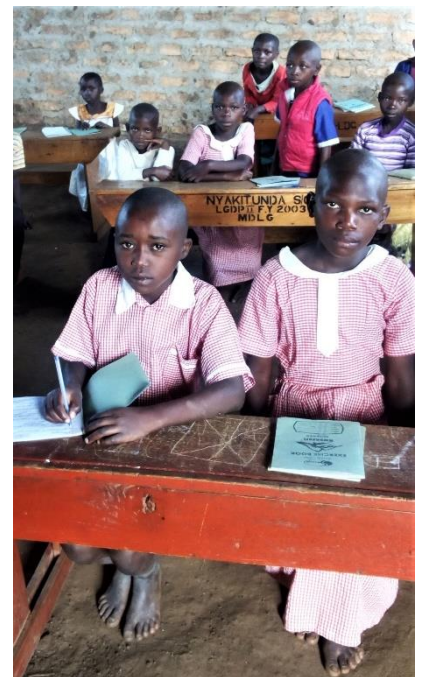
Musa (14 years) the eldest, in his second year of high school, wants to be a doctor. Kakama (aged 12) wants to be a teacher and after seeing an airplane fly over their village, the youngest Twine (9) wants to be a pilot. They have a six year old sister Kobugabe who lives nearby.

According to Charles Rwabambari of CCS, there are literally thousands of young people affected by HIV and AIDS in Isingiro District where they live.

“Musa and his brothers are among the lucky ones. So many of these children are affected by the lack of access to safe water coupled with HIV. Others live with the punishing legacy of poverty: pervasive and generational poverty, poor health, inadequate infrastructure and no few opportunities to go to school. These girls and boys are eager to learn. But for so many of them, circumstances far beyond their control have robbed them of the opportunity to build brighter futures.

“More support to construct more rainwater tanks will assist so many more children like Musa and his brothers overcome seemingly insurmountable odds,” he adds.

‘The world is a small place. We need to make sure we hear the voices of the people crying out for food, water and justice and respond in ways that give life and hope. In this way, we can help bring joy to the world.’



WELLINGTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL CAROL SINGING AROUND THE WARDS

Come and join us Christmas Eve, 24th December 2017, 7.00 pm. Please gather in the Atrium at 6.45 pm. We will divide into two groups. Spend about an hour singing in the various wards and conclude with a light supper. Wellington Hospital Chaplains

THE DCM FOODBANK IS SHORT OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Tuna, salmon and sardines
- Tinned stews, ready meals, spaghetti
- Pasta sauces and curries
- Spreads (e.g. honey, jam, marmite)
- Biscuits and crackers
- Christmas decorations for the Christmas tree or for the house
- Toilet paper
- Soap, disposable razors
- Washing powder

NORTHLAND KIDZ CLUB'S SUMMER PROGRAMME – BEFORE & AFTER XMAS

Each day we're out-and-about. Lots of our old favourites (ice-skating, go-karting, mini-golf, Time Cinema, ten-pin bowling) and beaches, parks, play areas and swimming pools. We'll be on the ferry to Somes/Matiu Island, attending Circus School, learning jazz musical theatre style dance, touring Government House and the Lego Exhibition at Te Papa. \$45 per child per day (third child onwards : \$20), 8.30 a.m to 6 p.m each day. Check (www.nkc.org.nz), or contact Jan (022-140-2612), e-mail (nkc.jan@gmail.com).

PREVENTING SUICIDE

A series of one or two-day workshops on reducing suicide using the Solution Focused Approach. Over 600 New Zealanders take their lives every year, with countless more experiencing suicidal ideas or acting on these thoughts in the form of non-fatal suicide attempts. We are committed to changing this. International trainer, author and therapist from the UK - John Henden presents a unique approach to working with the suicidal person which reduces both suicidal thinking, and the burden on the helper.

Wellington – Two Day Workshop – \$250.00 pp + GST (covering both days)

Visit the website for more information -

<http://zerosuicidesolutionfocused2018.grow.co.nz/venue>

MARY POTTER HOSPICE

Mary Potter Hospice's new Patron, Kerry Prendegast asks us to please give generously this Christmas. Read newsletter here: marypotter.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Mary-Potter-Hospice-Summer-Newsletter-2017.pdf
marypotter.org.nz. Donate here: <http://marypotter.org.nz/support-us/donations>

HOLOCAUST CENTRE OF NEW ZEALAND

Special End of Year Guest Lecture – Alistair McClymont: The Forgotten Holocaust In Lithuania, Wednesday 20 December, 7:30, Holocaust Centre, 80 Webb Street

Over the past three years Alastair has been a member of a team providing geophysical services to a group of Israeli, American and Lithuanian archaeologists working in and around Vilnius, Lithuania. Once known as “the Jerusalem of the North”, Vilnius is now recognised as where the Holocaust began. Towards the end of the war the Nazis destroyed evidence of their atrocities there and the project that Alastair has been participating in has focused on identifying those sites.

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
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Facilities Management Group	Douglas Wood
Pastoral Convenors	Linda Wilkins and Maxine Cunningham Lois Robertson, Brian Burrell
Church Music Coordinator	Vivien Chiu
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Colma Froggatt
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Jess McKnight
Centre Manager	Laetitia Brunell
Office Administrator	Jillene Everett
Custodian, SATRS Administrator	Peter Cowley
Facilities Assistant	Lillian Norman
Centre Assistant	Hilary Penwarden
Roster Coordinator	Rosemary Lawrence

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