

# St Andrew's on The Terrace

*HATO ANARU O TE PAREHUA*

FOUNDED 1840



## ORDER OF SERVICE

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25<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**Christmas Day**

**Christ has come!**



## 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 will sing the hymns without announcement.

*Please note your nearest fire exit.  
The church and hall have been earthquake strengthened.  
In an earthquake: stop, drop and hold.*

### GATHERING

Come, long expected Jesus!  
***Come, set your people free,***  
From our fears and hurts release us,  
***Let us find in you our peace,***  
You are strength and consolation,  
***You are hope for all the earth,***  
Dear desire of every nation,  
***Joy of every loving heart.***

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### WOV 104 'Come Christmas Child'

Words © 2013 Shirley Erena Murray, Music: Was Lebet WOV 104.

Come Christmas Child, come again in your wonder,  
changing the world with the light that you hold,  
burst through the mist and the dust of the ages.  
Word for our time to unwrap and unfold.

Come to be born in a comfortless cradle,  
Come where our cruelties keep us in chains:  
Herod still hunts for the innocent children,  
Rachel still weeps and her sorrow remains.

Bring us your mirror of hope and compassion,  
bring us your mindset that mends and restores,  
bake us the bread of new life you will offer,  
knocking once more on humanity's doors.

Come, Christmas Child, in the festival's flurry,  
come in the silence, the pain and the night,  
come in the hearts that are faithful as Mary  
bringing the joy of the love you invite.

## **WELCOME**

Happy Christmas to you all!

***Happy Christmas!***

## **LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

### **Partner Story from Lebanon: Our story is our future**

In Lebanon, Syrian refugee students relish the opportunity to learn at the Sabra Centre. With their families, they have fled from war. Falling funding for refugee services and rising costs is making life harder. School is a welcome opportunity to learn skills that they can take with them no matter what the future. Older students can train in electronics and computer maintenance so that one day they can return home to bring hope to their shattered homeland.

In the lighting of this Christ Candle we make space within ourselves to hear and engage with the voices of those we might otherwise miss but with whom we are connected by our common humanity.

Light of Love, your moment has come. Into a world sorely in need of your light, you are born.

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot put it out.

*(Light the candle.)*

***We light the candle of love.***

***May it light the way for us***

***as we make hope our story***

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

*on card*

## **LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE**

### **STORY**

**'Great Joy'**

by Kate DiCamillo and Bagram Ibatoulline

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

## **WORD IN TEXTS**

**Roger Jones**

## **Hebrew Bible**

**Psalms 98**

an interpretation by Nan Merrill

## Gospel

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.  
He was in the beginning with God.

All things came into being through him,  
and without him not one thing came into being.  
What has come into being in him was life,  
and the life was the light of all people.  
The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God,  
whose name was John.  
He came as a witness to testify to the light,  
so that all might believe through him.  
He himself was not the light,  
but he came to testify to the light.  
The true light, which enlightens everyone,  
was coming into the world.

He was in the world,  
and the world came into being through him:  
yet the world did not know him.  
He came to what was his own,  
and his own people did not accept him.  
But to all who received him,  
who believed in his name,  
he gave the power to become children of God,  
who were born not of blood  
or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man,  
but of God.

And the Word became flesh  
and lived among us,  
and we have seen his glory,  
the glory as of a father's only son,  
full of grace and truth.

## RESPONSE

For the Word in scripture,  
for the Word among us,  
for the Word within us,  
*We give thanks.*

## HYMN

All who would see God's  
greatness,  
draw near, bend down, look low:  
see how love appears among us  
as small as a child. Then go,  
tell of the greatness made so  
small,  
tiny and hidden, God of all.

If you would share God's riches,  
draw near, reach out and touch:  
God has only love to offer,  
enough for us, and too much.  
Take up God's treasure, made so  
poor,  
naked the God that we adore.

## COC 4 (i) 'All who would see God's greatness'

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Would you receive God's power?  
Draw near, find strength in this:  
laid open to all our violence  
is love that will not resist.  
This is our God, who chose to be  
tied with our bonds to set us free.

Stand in the holy silence  
while earth with heaven sings  
that here in our hands for holding  
is love that sustains all things.  
Strange is this love that draws us  
near:  
Glory of God, among us here.

## REFLECTION

**Fiona McDougal**

## MUSIC

**"Ave Maria"**

by Giulio Caccini Julian Lloyd Webber, cello, with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

## HYMN

## COC 8 'Child of Christmas Story'

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Child of Christmas story,  
stable, straw and star,  
small and sweet and gentle,  
tell us who you are.

Child whose baby finger  
round our own is curled,  
come to melt our hearts,  
and come to change the world.

Child of Jew and gentile,  
child of white and black,  
teach us how to love you,  
teach us what we lack.

Child of Mary's courage,  
birthed in human pain,  
tell us what your name is,  
be our hope again.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Fiona McDougal**

# PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

## HYMN

## 'More than we know'

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More than we know, God works with-in us, More than we trust,  
mus-tard seeds grow, More than we dream, God's po-si-bi - li-ty,  
this is the Gos-pel of love: for Christ has come, bring-ing us life,  
Life in its full-ness and joy, for Christ has come, bring-ing us life,  
life in its full-ness and joy.

More than we know, God works within us,  
more than we trust, mustard seeds grow,  
more than we dream, God's possibility, this is the Gospel of love:  
*for Christ has come, bringing us life,  
life in its fullness and joy! (repeat chorus)*

He is God's eye, changing our focus,  
he is the light, flooding our mind,  
he is the fire, Spirit and energy sparking our spirit to shine,  
*for Christ has come, bringing us life,  
life in its fullness and joy! (repeat)*

He is God's face, smile of the rainbow,  
colours of peace, blending us all,  
he is the coin, God's new economy, spending to feed and to save,  
*for Christ has come, bringing us life,  
life in its fullness and joy! (repeat)*

He is God's heart, tuned to our heartbeat,  
he is the air, lifting our wings,  
his are the arms stretched out to challenge us, he is our courage to fly,  
*for Christ has come, bringing us life,  
life in its fullness and joy! (repeat)*

## BLESSING

As we go out into the rest of Christmas Day,

*May the energy of the creator*

*fill us with possibility.*

*the presence of the baby Jesus*

*touch our hearts,*

*and the joy of the Spirit accompany us*

## SUNG AMEN

## THANK YOU

**Vivien Chiu**

Our Musician today

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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 today's volunteers**

Welcoming	Roger Jones
Sound	Peter Cowley
Time with the Children	Fiona McDougal
Readings	Roger Jones
Prayers of the People	Fiona McDougal
Musician	Vivien Chiu
Rainbow Room Helper	Roger Jones

#### **On duty Sunday 31 December**

Welcoming	Richard Keller and Trish McBride
Coffee/Tea	Jon Schrader and Linda & Norman Wilkins
Sound	Paul Satherley
Offering	Fiona McDougal and Joan Tyler
Time with the Children	Sue McRae
Readings	John Morgan
Prayers of the People	TBC
Musician	Vivien Chiu
Rainbow Room Helper	Pam Fuller

#### **This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's**

**Sunday 31 December 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Rev Ross Scott

**Wednesday 3 January** Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

**Sunday 7 January 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Bronwyn White

### **ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES**

#### **ADVENT, CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY SERVICES**

**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

#### **WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES**

Get a CWS appeal envelope today if you have not already donated

# 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

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

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