

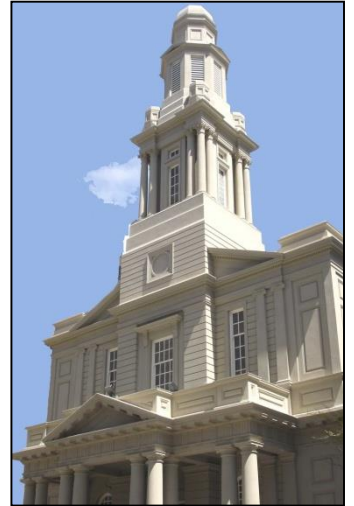
St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

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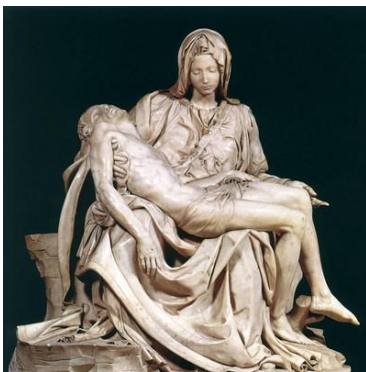
ORDER OF SERVICE

10 May 2015



EASTER 6

The Divine Mother



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: drop, cover and hold.

GATHERING

It is recorded that God said
"Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
I who took them up in my arms;
but they did not know that I healed them.
I led them with cords of human kindness,
with bands of love.
I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them."

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA 94(i) 'Loving Spirit'

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Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.

Like a mother, you enfold me,
hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body,
form me of your flesh and bone.

Like a father, you protect me,
teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder,
let me see the world from high.

Friend and lover, in your closeness
I am known and held and blessed:
in your promise is my comfort,
in your presence I may rest.

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.

OPENING RESPONSES

(please remain standing)

We all spring from mothers

Older or younger, active or quiet, generous and cautious

We all have opportunity to nurture, to 'mother' in our turn

Those younger or older, people and causes and groups

We look to the midwife of creation

For love strong enough to co-create human beings

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Not a literal translation of the Lord's Prayer "but rather something between a poetic translation and "midrash" based on the ancient roots of the Aramaic words of the prayer."

Mark Hathaway and Neil Douglas-Klotz
www.taoofliberation.com and www.abwoon.com

***O Divine Womb,
birthing forth the river of blessing which runs through all,
soften the ground of our being,
and hallow in us a space for the planting of thy presence.***

***In our depths,
sow thy seed with its greening-power
that we might be midwives to thy Reign.
Then, let each of our actions
bear fruit in accordance with thy desire.***

*Impart to us the wisdom to bring forth the gifts of the earth
and share them daily according to the needs of each being,
and restore that which has been usurped
by injustice to its rightful owners,
as we restore to others that which is not our own.*

*Do not let us be seduced
by that which would divert us from our purpose,
but make us sensitive to the moment at hand.*

*For from thy fertile soil is born the creativity,
the life-energy, and the dance,
from birthing to birthing. Amen.*

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Fiona McDougal

BLESSING THE CHILDREN (All stand)

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

God 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

Lynne Dovey

Hebrew Bible: Isaiah 66:13, Isaiah 49:15, Isaiah 42:14 and Psalm 131:2

Gospel: Matthew 23:37/ Luke 13:34

Contemporary Reading: Extract taken from *'The Shack'*
By Wm. Paul Young

She picked up the wooden spoon again, dripping with some sort of batter. "Mackenzie, I am neither male nor female, even though both genders are derived from my nature. If I choose to appear to you as a man or a woman, it's because I love you.

For me to appear to you as a woman and suggest that you call me Papa is simply to mix metaphors, to help you keep from falling so easily back into your religious conditioning.”

She leaned forward as if to share a secret. “To reveal myself to you as a very large, white grandfather figure with flowing beard, like Gandalf, would simply reinforce your religious stereotypes, and this weekend is not about reinforcing your religious stereotypes.”

Mack almost laughed out loud and wanted to say, “You think? I’m over here barely believing that I’m not stark raving mad!” Instead, he focused on what she had just said and regained his composure. He believed, in his head at least, that God was a Spirit, neither male nor female, but in spite of that, he was embarrassed to admit to himself that all his visuals for God were very white and very male.

RESPONSE

For the word of God in scripture
for the word of God among us
for the word of God within us,
We give thanks

HYMN

HIOS 96 ‘Make spaces for Spirit’

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Make spa-ces for Spi-rit! For en-er-gy ris-ing, for Pen-te-cost pre-sence, the



wind and the fire, a new kind of lang-uage, a voice and a vi-sion



to shift and up-lift us, to rouse and in-spire.

Make spaces for Spirit! For energy rising,
for Pentecost presence, the wind and the fire,
a new kind of language, a voice and a vision
to shift and uplift us, to rouse and inspire.

Make spaces for action by spirited people:
The leader, the teacher, the healer of ill,
the builder, the artist, the bringer of laughter,
the melding and welding of spirit and will.

Make spaces for graces, the gifts of the Spirit,
the fruit of the garden where love is the spring,
the water of blessing, the incense of worship,
the wine poured for sharing, the hope that will sing.

Make spaces for Spirit by changing of systems,
by opening prisons, by debtors' release,
the flaming of courage, the firing of justice,
the Spirit of Jesus, the coming of peace.

REFLECTION

Susan Jones

HYMN

CH4593 'She sits like a bird'

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She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters,
hovering on the chaos of the world's first day;
She sighs and she sings, mothering creation,
waiting to give birth to all the Word will say.

She wings over earth, resting where she wishes,
lighting close at hand or soaring through the skies;
She nests in the womb, welcoming each wonder,
nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.

She dances in fire, startling her spectators,
waking tongues of ecstasy where dumbness reigned;
She weans and inspires all whose hearts are open,
nor can she be captured, silenced or restrained.

For she is the Spirit, one with God in essence,
gifted by the Saviour in eternal love;
She is the key opening the scriptures,
enemy of apathy and heavenly dove.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

'I Believe'

from No Longer Strangers

I believe in God, Mother-Father spirit
who called the world into being,
who created men and women and set them free to live in love,
in obedience and community.

I believe in God, who because of love for her creation,
entered the world to share our humanity,
to rejoice and to despair,
to set before us the paths of life and death;
to be rejected, to die, but finally
to conquer death and to bind the world to herself.

I believe in God who invites us into the community of the church
that we may, through faith and communion,
experience God's uplifting and sustaining grace;
that we may fulfil our human responsibility
and reach out for our neighbour;
that we may work to bring healing and wholeness
to a ruptured and uncertain world...and that we
may rejoice in the constancy of nature and the joy of life itself.

I believe in God whose word teaches us that the wheat and the tares
grow together; that the paths of life and death, good and evil,
too often converge...choice are not clearly defined...
but we confidently and responsibly tread the path we choose
and only God can be our judge.

I believe in God who is present and working in this world
through men and women.

I sense God's purpose in a spark of light here and there as
humankind struggles to keep a human face.

I know God's purpose as I watch children at play...hope
born anew in each generation...perhaps to be quickly extinguished,
perhaps to continue to burn brightly.

But for that hope I give thanks.

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY OF ST ANDREW'S

*People share notices and people are welcomed. If you have a notice, please move
to the front row, ready to speak **briefly** from the lectern.*

OFFERING PRAYER

The prayer will end: For this we are grateful

Response: Thanks be to God 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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mike Wespel Rose

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Gabon and the Evangelical Church of
Gabon. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today
we name Steven Joyce and Brett Hudson, List MP's. Here in Wellington,
we pray for the leaders and people of Island Bay Presbyterian Church.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

'For all the saints'

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For all the saints of every age and day,
who bravely seek to follow Jesus' way;
sharing Good News by what they do and say:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

For hidden saints, who kept home fires alight,
nurturing faith through even darkest night;
that in our day Love's hope may still burn bright:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

For those we know, whose given task was care,
who may have had to struggle to be fair
and through their lives, faith, healing, love to share;
Alleluia! Alleluia!

For sisters, wives, aunts, nieces, mothers too
grandmothers, girlfriends, partners old and new
midwives of faith, still bringing in the true.
Alleluia, alleluia.

For women who work in the public place
Dealing in law, in business, all at pace
Builders and drivers, carving out new space
Alleluia, alleluia

For women's work for justice and for peace;
for those who suffer and need Love's release,
for all our children, may war someday cease:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

BLESSING

The blessing of the Mother beyond all mothering
the blessing of Jesus, born of Mary
and the blessing of She who is the enemy of apathy
be with you all now and forever more
***Amen we go as midwives of justice
to nurture our world with strength and beauty.***

SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

Thank you to, Vivien Chiu and Saki Fukawa our musicians today.

*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 a "Belonging" form (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>

A folder can be found at the rear of the church with copies of some of today's hymns for your use during the service.

Thanks to this week's volunteers

Welcoming	Norman & Linda Wilkins, Marilyn Wallace
Sound	Paul Satherley
Offering	Cam Smart & Paul Barber
Coffee/tea	Tony & Sandra Kirby, Sonia Groes-Petrie
Time with the Children	Fiona McDougal
Readings	Lynne Dovey
Prayers of the People	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Vivien Chiu
Rainbow Room Helper	Fionnaigh McKenzie

On duty Sunday 17 May

Welcoming	Jon Schrader
Sound	Frank Cook
Offering	Kunal Goel & Margaret Pannett
Coffee/tea	James Cone, Sue McRae & Janet Horncy
Time with the Adults	
Readings	Pauline Woolley
Prayers of the People	Rosemary Lawrence
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Colma Froggatt

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.

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 10 May 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones. Followed by birthday cake for Frances Porter and Congregational Conversation.

Wednesday 13 May 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert – New Zealand Music for Woodwind; Chamber music by New Zealand composers.

Sunday 17 May 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones. With reflection by The Very Rev Pamela Tankersley.


2.30am Women's Ministry Celebration Service led by Susan Jones.

NOTICES

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S MINISTRY

All are invited to a service in the year of the 60th anniversary of the NZ Presbyterian Church's decision to ordain women as elders and the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the first woman Minister, Rev Margaret Reid Martin in St Andrew's on The Terrace, May 1965. This Service to celebrate women's ministry of all kinds will be held in St Andrew's on The Terrace at 2.30pm, Sunday May 17th, 2015.


Please RSVP to office@standrews.org.nz or PO Box 5032 Wellington.




*Celebrating Women's Ministry
in the New Zealand
Presbyterian Church*

17 May 2015

1955 - 2015
60 years since PCNZ General Assembly
approved women being ordained as elders





1965 - 2015
50 years since Margret Reid Martin was ordained
as the first New Zealand Presbyterian minister

1861 - 2015
PCNZ - PCANZ
Women have served the church in many capacities - as ministers and mothers;
teachers and elders; clerks and moderators; presidents, treasurers and
secretaries; deaconesses and deacons; supporters and members;
associates and administrators; mentors and musicians;
missionaries and managers; workers and worshippers, florists and fundraisers...


*As women and men of 2015, we honour and
celebrate them all*

'Celebrating Women's Ministry'

2.30pm, St Andrew's on The Terrace, Sunday 17 May.

Light refreshments to follow & telling of stories in the Hall after the service.
All welcome.

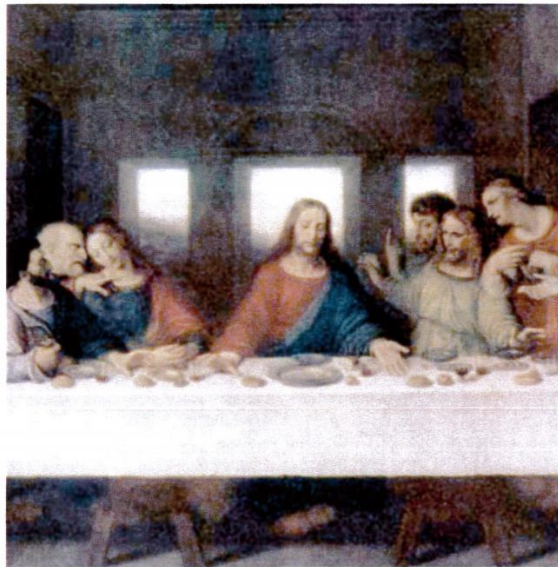
RSVP office@standrews.org.nz or phone 472 9211



ST ANDREWS TRUST FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION AND SOCIETY LECTURES

Also coming up, two St Andrew's Trust Lectures will mark the milestones – one on Mary Magdalene in Religious Art (Dr Chris Longhurst) "Artistic License: the Beloved, the Unknown Feminine" 12.15pm Tuesday May 12th. What did Leonardo and Micheangelo really think of women?

The second lecture will be looking critically at ordination of women "Religion Licenses The Feminine" (Rev Dr Susan Jones) 12.15pm Thursday May 14th both at St Andrew's on The Terrace.



PLANNED GIVING AT ST ANDREWS ON THE TERRACE

Thank you to all of you who support our work through planned giving and Sunday offerings. This is a brief update on donations to the end of April. Around one third of our income comes from this source and we are budgeting for \$90,000 offerings income for the full year to 30th June 2015.

Offerings & Planned Giving for the ten months to 30 April 2015: Received \$61,521
Budget \$75,000

Donations for St Andrews Centre Fundraising also received: \$13,490

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, 02-0534-0004022-002.

All donations over \$5 are eligible for a tax deductible receipt.

VIVA VANUATU

A musical fundraiser for the victims of Cyclone Pam. To be held at St Andrew's on The Terrace on Friday May 22nd from 7-8.15pm. Featuring NZ Opera, Tre-Belle, Jane Keller and members of the cast of Grease. Door sales only \$20 for more information contact Ph 021 0218 9021. All proceeds go to the NZ Red Cross.

INTERFAITH/INTERCULTURAL CANDLELIT VIGIL FOR NEPAL

To be held at St Andrew's on The Terrace Church from 5.30-6.30pm on Sunday 24th May. Donations will be accepted for the Red Cross and Unicef Nepal Earthquake Appeals.

SAVING ST ANDREW'S MOVIE FUNDRAISER

Monday June 15th (please note change of date) meet at 5pm for 6pm screening (Released at the movies on 28th May)

NOBLE tells the true story of a courageous Irishwoman, Christina Noble, who overcomes a harsh childhood to find her destiny on the streets of Saigon, fourteen years after the end of the war. The film captures the drama of a life that has culminated in Christina Noble helping almost a million street-children and their families in Vietnam and Mongolia. For the Trailer, visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ogoeU_59XEM



FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT

This year Fair Trade Fortnight will take place from the 8th to the 22nd of May. Please see below for a range of website links to events happening during the fortnight.

The Great Kiwi Fairness Debate – check out events in Wellington on the website <http://www.wellingtonfairtrade.org.nz/#!/coming-events/c2l2>

Great Fairness Quiz Night Monday 11th 6-8pm Zeal, level 1, 103 Ghuznee St.

Featuring Daniel Kinne from Papua New Guinea fair trade coffee grower and the chance to join in a fun quiz night with lots of fair trade goodies as well.

If you would like to be part of a St Andrews quiz team – call Paul Barber 9387100 or 0274732006 or just come along on the night to join in.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/424710787654070/>

A Fair Space: Fair Trade pop-up 9th – 22 May, 17 Tory St.

<https://www.facebook.com/fairspacepopup>

END CHILD POVERTY – ACTION STATION PETITION

One in five children in New Zealand live in poverty. This is not only a national crisis, but an entirely avoidable one. We know what it would take to turn around the lives of hundreds of thousands of New Zealand children living in poverty, and we have the resources to make it happen.

What we need is political courage. Our politicians need to know that New Zealanders are ready to support real action to create real change for our most vulnerable children, and that's where you come in.

Here is another small way of building the pressure to reduce child poverty. To sign the petition visit this website: <http://www.actionstation.org.nz/endpovertynz>

WELLINGTON INTER-FAITH COUNCIL

Interfaith Open Meeting, 18 May, 5.30 – 7.15 pm

You are warmly invited to our May meeting at Soka Gakai premises at 8 Gilmer Pl off Boulcott St. There will be a panel discussion involving 3 couples where the partners follow a different faith tradition.

RSVP by Wednesday 13th May to Wendy Matthews: interfaithwellington@gmail.com

BOOK LAUNCH

'Slipping the Moorings' is a new Memoir weaving faith with justice, ethics and community by Richard Randerson. The book will be launched at St Peter's Church, cnr Willis & Ghuznee Streets, on Tuesday 19 May at 6pm. Books may be ordered from randersonjr@paradise.net.nz for \$30 + p&p.

For further information you can see the flier on the noticeboard at church or visit www.stpetersonwillis.org.nz

FREE PUBLIC TALKS FROM EUTHANASIA FREE NZ

On 25 May there'll be a High Court hearing on whether NZ doctors should be allowed to help patients commit suicide. Three free public talks are scheduled to help you become more informed on this important issue:

"The Effect of Formalised Euthanasia Policies on Palliation" by Henk Reitsema, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Europe

Wednesday 20 May, 12:15 - 1:30 pm, Elim International Church, 22 Tennyson Street, Te Aro, Wellington City

Wednesday 20 May, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Meadows Church, 1 Realm Drive, Paraparaumu
"The Myths behind the Case for Legal Assisted Suicide: How Legalisation reduces Freedom and Privacy" by Dr Kevin Yuill, University of Sunderland, UK.

Tuesday 26 May, 12:15 - 1:30 pm, Elim International Church, 22 Tennyson Street, Te Aro, Wellington City

For more info see www.euthanasiafree.org.nz/events or phone 021 167 4042

For your notes and thoughts



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

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Pastoral Convenors	Colma Froggatt, Fiona McDougal
Church Music Coordinator	Vivien Chiu
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Heather Macfarlane
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Chris Carey-Smith
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