

St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

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ORDER OF SERVICE

13 September 2015



2nd Sunday in the Season of Creation - Humanity Sunday



Today we also welcome Emily and Lucy Brookes in baptism



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.

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

GATHERING

We celebrate the breadth of humanity with whom we share this world,
all shapes and sizes, colours and hue,
all languages and dialects, abilities and skills,
all creeds and allegiances, orientations and opinions.

All sisters and brothers in the family of humankind are due respect and dignity, power and grace, love and protection.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Our delight is in the broadness...'

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Music: Praise my Soul (public domain) WOV 68

Our delight is in the broadness
of the world dawn brings to sight;
Harbour, beach and islands' structure,
plain and hilltop, mountains' might;
Thanks be giv'n for nature's beauty,
celebrate each new day's light.

Our delight is in the living
of each moment every day
working, playing, walking, sleeping,
being family, straight and gay;
Grace be giv'n for every minute,
wisdom for each interplay.

Our delight is in the creatures
sharing with us this our place,
moths and birds with stunning markings,
dolphins moving with sweet grace;
Thanks be giv'n for all creation,
celebrate each life, each space.

Our delight is in the loving
of each other as we may;
Searching, finding, liking, loving,
talking, list'ning on the way;
Thanks be giv'n for our affections,
celebrate them night and day.

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou
Kia ora.

OPENING RESPONSES

Humanity fills this earth with joy and laughter born from God.

We also fill the air with cries of terror and sadness, born of fear.

Today we are reminded of the dignity and significance of all humankind.

*From the newest baby to the oldest among us,
equally precious, equally valued, all of us.*

PRAYER

JESUS PRAYER

Jim Cotter version on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: CELEBRATING BELONGING

The Narrative

Hear these words from the stories of our faith: People brought little children to Jesus, for him to lay his hand on them and say a prayer. The disciples turned them away, but Jesus said: 'Let the little children alone, and do not stop them coming to me, for it is to such as these that the reign of God belongs.'

Baptism is the church's way of celebrating and naming the grace of God living in every one. It is the way we initiate new members into the life of the universal community of faith. And it marks the entry point into the life-time pilgrimage of following in the Way of Jesus.

The Request

Thanksgiving

God is the heart of life.

And we are the heartbeat.

May our hearts be filled with thanks and praise and songs of joy.

We rejoice in the miracle of life and delight in our participation in it.

In our world, water is an increasingly precious commodity.

Water is everything. Water is life.

We claim the joy of water and the way it sustains and nourishes us.

Let it flow and pour and sprinkle for all people.

That all may know each day the gift of God in water.

The biblical stories talk of the preciousness of water.

They remind us water is a blessing and the source and strength of life.

Without it, humanity and all that is created could not survive.

Our stories remind us God's way is the way of compassion and love.

God's love, like a shower of rain in drought,

***awakens the sleeping seed within the soul
and lures it to blossom.***

God's love, like a paddling pool,

***inspires the responsive love of children,
jumping, splashing each other,
shivering with wet delight.***

God's love, like a hot shower after a long day's work,

cleanses us, reawakens us.

God's love, like waves crashing on the shore,

***breaks in on us and enfolds us,
leaving us feeling vital and refreshed.***

The water is poured into the font

So we give thanks for the Love that reaches out to us
in what we say and do in love for these children
whom we are welcoming into our midst.

Prayer

***We acknowledge our responsibility to ensure
we use the resource of water well,
and make available future resources
for our children and their children.***

We give thanks for the gift of this water.

May it be the birthing waters of a new and spiritual life. Amen.

The Baptisms

Blessing (Sung) *(The congregation stands to sing the blessing)*

AA 95 "May the mystery of God enfold us"

Words: Joy Cowley (Tune: Marlborough Sounds)

*May the mystery of God enfold us,
may the wisdom of God uphold us,
may the fragrance of God be around us,
may the brightness of God surround us,
may the wonder of God renew us,
may the loving of God flow through us,
may the peace of God deeply move us,
may the moving of God bring us peace.*

Each of us needs support and care as we share in a journey of faith. As this family gathers around this font and this water, these symbols of belonging and community, let us pledge our care for them.

***We stand as witnesses to the commitment
this family has made this day.***

***And we pledge ourselves to their support and care
as they discover the ways that the Spirit unfolds for them.***

***We pledge ourselves to maintain as best we can
the declarations we have already made to be a congregation
that values love, compassion, justice, peace and inclusive
community***

***so that Emily and Lucy will find here fit role models
in walking The Way of Christ.***

Responses

Gifts of Candles and Bibles

Baptismal prayer

Bless these newly baptised children. May they always know that the Source of all Love lives in and comes to unique expression in them.

Amen.

Bless us all. May we all live in love and continue to draw encouragement from the faith which connects our loving with the mystery we call 'God'.

Amen.

This day is a great celebration for Gillian, Andy, Emily, Lucy and Elizabeth
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Adapted from a liturgy by Revd. Rex A E Hunt www.rexaehuntprogressive.com

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.

HYMN

WOV 455 'Be Thou my Vision' (alt)

Words Irish c. 8th cent. Music: Slane (Public Domain)

Be thou my vision, O God of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor poor human praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee God;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

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

Valerie Rhodes

HEBREW BIBLE

Psalm 8

GOSPEL

Luke 15: 11-24

CONTEMPORARY READING

'On Children' by Kahlil Gibran

from *The Prophet*

*Your children are not your children.
They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.
They come through you but not from you,
and though they are with you, yet they belong not to you.*

*You may give them your love but not your thoughts.
For they have their own thoughts.
You may house their bodies but not their souls,
for their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow,
which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.*

*You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you.
For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.*

*You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth.
The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite,
and He bends you with His might that His arrows may go swift and far.
Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness;
For even as He loves the arrow that flies,
so He loves also the bow that is stable.*

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 45 'God of the northerlies'

Words & Music: ©1996 Bill Bennett

God of the northerlies, giver of grace;
warm and enveloping, fill every place.
Nurture the earth, water the seeds.
God of the northerlies, fulfill our needs.

Christ of the easterlies, life-giving Son;
earthly, renewing, in you we are one.
Hope is reborn, changing our hearts.
Christ of the easterlies, your peace impart.

Spirit of westerlies, gust though our lives;
shaking, disturbing the schemes we devise.
Teach us your truth, gift us your word,
God of the westerlies, faithfulness stirred.

God of the southerlies, polar defined,
crisply and sharply reshaping our minds.
Challenge our ways, strengthen our wills.
God of the southerlies, your love fulfills.

God of the north and the east, south and west,
Giver, Protector, by whom we are blest,
breeze through our lives, earnest and strong;
Spirit, keep blowing and urge us along.

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God of the north - er - lies, gi - ver of grace; warm and en-

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seeds. God of the north - er - lies, ful - fill our needs.

REFLECTION **'Becoming fully human, we approach divinity'** Susan Jones

OFFERING PRAYER

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

Sandra Kirby

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands and the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Hekia Parata and Dr Parmjeet Parmar, list MP's. Here in Wellington, we pray for the leaders and people of Tawa Union Church.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

'Love divine, all loves excelling'

Words: Charles Wesley 1707-88©

Music: WOV 165 Blauenwern (Public Domain)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Come, O God then, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
 pure and spotless let us be;
 let us see thy great salvation
 perfectly restored in thee:
 changed from glory into glory,
 till in heaven we take our place,
 till we cast our crowns before thee,
 lost in wonder, love and praise.

BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

Thanks to Vivien Chiu

Our organist 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 a blue "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>

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

Thanks to this week's volunteers	
Welcoming	Frank & Nola Hanson
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Offering	Norman & Linda Wilkins
Coffee/tea	Janet Horncy, Katrina Harper & Graham Howell
Time with the Children	Jenny Simpson
Readings	Valerie Rhodes
Prayers of the People	Sandra Kirby
Musician	Vivien Chiu
Rainbow Room Helper	Wendy Matthews

On duty Sunday 20 September	
Welcoming	Graham Howell & Trish McBride
Sound	Peter Cowley
Offering	Henry Boida & Keith Rimmer
Coffee/tea	James Cone, Pam Fuller & Lois Robertson
Time with the Adults	
Readings	Francis Porter
Prayers of the People	Sue McRae
Musician	Rosemary Collier
Rainbow Room Helper	Pauline Woolley
SUNDAY ROSTERS	
<i>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.</i>	

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's
<p>Sunday 13 September 10am Season of Creation 2: Humanity Sunday Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones followed by Congregational Conversation. 3pm - NZ School Of Music – Young Musicians' Programme 7pm – NZ Council for Civil Liberties meeting in the Church Tuesday 15 & Thursday 17 Sept 12.15pm – September lecture series with Sir Lloyd Geering Wednesday 16 September Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre Wednesday 16 September 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert – Roger Wilson, Linden Loader, Lesley Graham Vocal ensemble Friday 16 September 7.30pm NZ String Quartet Concert Sunday 20 September 10am Season of Creation 3: Flora Sunday Sunday Gathering led by Bronwyn White followed by Social Justice meeting discussing the Moderators' White Paper. 1pm Wellington Chamber Orchestra Concert</p>

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

SEASON OF CREATION

September is the Season of Creation. Hanging in the church will be the background for our new creation banners which will be completed for September 2016. 'Watch this space'! The themes for September's Creation Season are: Sept 6: Planet Earth Sunday. Sept 13: Humanity Sunday. Sept 20: Flora Sunday. Sept 27: Mountain Sunday.

PUBLIC STATEMENT FROM THE MODERATOR

The Moderator has made a very good public statement on the refugee crisis for those of you who may have been following this issue in the news recently. You can view it by visiting the following links (also available on our website and Facebook pages).

<http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/speaking-out/what-weve-said/media-releases/church-urges-government-to-do-more-for-refugees>

Or <http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO1509/S00027/presbyterian-church-urges-government-to-do-more-for-refugees.htm> (Also see attached to the enews or on the Social Justice page of the website <http://www.standrews.org.nz/social-justice/> a letter from Rt Rev. David Coster, Acting Moderator).

Please also note the following comment from Ray Coster:

Greetings

Thank you to all of those parishes who have already responded to my letter with offers of practical support to assist refugees to be resettled in Wellington. I have been very heartened by the outpouring of love and support so far. Some parishes have indicated that they would like a little more time to discuss the matter – especially at services over the coming weekend – so I would like to extend the timeframe for response to midday on Monday, 21 September.

I will then send a letter to government officials outlining the support we can offer as a Church. I will keep you posted on the response to our offer.

Aku mihi nui ki a koe

Ray Coster

Former Moderator, Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

SATRS NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

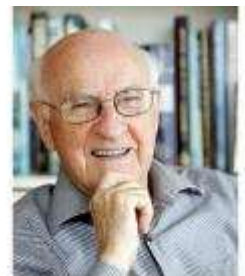
The St Andrew's Trust for the study of Religion and Society will be holding its A.G.M. on **17 September at 1.15pm** in the Church. This is immediately following Sir Lloyd's concluding lecture. A light lunch will be provided at the back of the church.

SEPTEMBER LECTURE SERIES

15 & 17 12:15 - 1pm at St Andrew's on The Terrace

"Reformation, Resurrection, Eternity, Destiny" - The Articles by Professor Lloyd Geering that sparked the 1969 "Heresy" trial.

Format: Sir Lloyd Geering will read one of the articles listed (about 25 minutes) then Noel Cheer will conduct a 20 minute interview with Lloyd, teasing out some of the ideas in the lecture.



The articles:

- 1) Is a New Reformation Possible? Published in Outlook (The Presbyterian weekly) on 25 September 1965 to mark Reformation Sunday 31 October 1965.
- 2) What does the Resurrection mean? Published in Outlook 2/4/1966 (also appears in Wrestling with God as Appendix one.
- 3) The Eternity in Man's Mind was delivered at the Inaugural Service of the Victoria University of Wellington 12/3/1967. (Also appears in Wrestling with God as Appendix 2). This address included the inflammatory statement "Man has no immortal soul"
- 4) Humankind's Ultimate Destiny was an address to Students given at the University of Canterbury, on April 24, 1967. It appears in the small book A Trial for Heresy published by the Presbyterian Church in 1968.

Publication: The Magazine of the Westar Institute "The Fourth R" has reprinted the four articles. They are on sale at St Andrew's at the end of the series of lunchtime events.

SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER TRIP TO "THE GRAYPATCH"

(Rain date Sunday October 4th)

ECO-TOUR of Pat & Graham Booth's off-grid property north of Otaki

Pam Fuller writes: We will leave from St Andrew's after morning tea, approximately 11.30-12.00 noon. The trip from church to Booth's property takes just over 1 hour by car. Please bring your own lunch. Pat and Graham will provide hot and cold drinks for everyone. After lunch Pat and Graham will give a short talk about their low-energy house and the wetlands Graham has been restoring over the past 14 years. There will be a chance to wander around the wetlands.

Full directions will be provided to all drivers. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church if you have space in your vehicle or would like a ride.

This event is weather-dependent. If you have any questions, please contact: Pam Fuller phone 475 8240 or email pjfler@gmail.com

ADVANCE NOTICE: EXPLORING FAITH - LIVING THE QUESTIONS

Discussions (from disc 3) will resume on fourth Sundays monthly from **October 25th**

FOLLOW UP FROM CLIMATE CHANGE TALK

Trish McBride reports - people who were at Dr Andrew Matthew's talk on the urgent realities of climate change - and others - may be interested to check the size of their personal carbon footprints on a site such as

<https://www.carbonzero.co.nz/emissionscalc/login.aspx> . Then ideally take some positive steps to reduce it, by simplifying our standard of living in the interests of the planet.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

NZ SCHOOL OF MUSIC – YOUNG MUSICIANS' PROGRAMME

Concert at 3 pm on **Sunday, 13th September** at St Andrew's on The Terrace. Entry by koha/donation.

Over 30 participants in the Young Musicians' Programme will take part in this concert. This concert is being made possible by all expenses being met by Music Futures Inc. For further information, speak to Valerie Rhodes (473 2224).

SONGS OF SPIRIT

The Taize Community in France has developed a rich tradition of 4 part harmony singing and in this evening we will learn and sing beautiful songs from Taize and other spiritual traditions in a mellow and reflective atmosphere. All are welcome.

You don't have to be a believer to raise your spirits with this music. To read more about Taize and hear their music visit <http://www.singforjoy.org.nz/Taize.php>

Friday 18th September, 7:00pm - 9:30pm

Community Music Junction, Level 1, 4 Hopper St, Te Aro

Cost: Prepay \$15 / \$10 unwaged, at the door \$20 / \$14 unwaged.

SEPTEMBER – WORLD ALZHEIMERS DAY

Over the weekend of **18th and 19th September** Alheimers' groups throughout the world will be holding Memory Walks as a means of raising awareness of Dementia and providing an opportunity for people to think of those they know who are impacted by Dementia. The Wellington Branch is holding its Walk on **Saturday September 19th** and is looking for volunteers to help with the pre-walk setting up, marshalling and tidy up. If you'd be free and able to give a hand between 12noon and 3pm on September 19th please let Pam Fuller know. Phone 475 8240 or pjfuller@gmail.com Please also let Pam know if you are interested in forming a St Andrews Group to walk on the day.

SOUL OF FIRE

Maxi Blaha plays Bertha von Suttner in a play about the famous Austrian pacifist and 1st Female Nobel Peace Prize laureate. **Tuesday 22nd September**, 12.15-1.30pm in the Church at St Andrew's on The Terrace. Entry by gold coin donation (other donations welcome). Proudly brought to you by UNANZ Wellington. For more information contact wellington@unanz.org.nz

FREE PUBLIC LECTURE – TOM MCLEISH

'Faith and Wisdom in Science – rethinking the conversation'

A public lecture by this award-winning physicist based on the book of the same title (Oxford University Press, 2014). On **Wednesday 23rd September** from 5.30pm at the Hunter Lecture Theatre 119, access via Hunter Courtyard, Kelburn Parade, Kelburn Campus, Victoria University. An event organised through collaboration by The University of Otago, St John's in the City and the Centre for Christian Studies.

MYANMAR ETHNICS CULTURAL ENTERTAINMENT FUNDRAISING CONCERT

You are invited to attend this Myanmar Ethnic Cultural Event on **Saturday 26th September** from 5-7pm at 14 Upper Bourke St, Kilbirnie. There will be dance performances, music and cultural food to enjoy. If you are unable to attend but would like to donate you can do so by direct credit to the bank account 02-0548-0092756-00. For further information see the poster at Church or email nznationalmyanmarethnics@gmail.com

PUBLIC GOOD CONFERENCE

Friday 9th October and Saturday 10th October at St Andrew's on The Terrace.

Helpers needed. The organising committee is needing people to help with tea and /or lunch on Saturday October 10th. If you would be able to give a hand please write your name on the blue clipboard at the back of the church or phone or email Pam Fuller Ph 475 8240 or pjfuller@gmail.com.

ISSUES OF CLIMATE CHANGE

When? Over 3 Wednesdays beginning **7th October** and the following Tuesday the 27th
Time? An evening session at 7pm. Venue: Khandallah Presbyterian Church Hall
Session one: Wednesday 7th October -The science. Prof Tim Naish

Session Two: Wednesday 14th October – The international challenges

Kennedy Graham

Session Three: Wed 21st October

Will screen the documentary: Thin Ice

Session Four: Tuesday 27th October – Challenges moving to zero carbon

Guy Salmon

The series is facilitated by John Howell, a retired minister, who has had a long interest in environmental ethics. For further information contact Khandallah Presbyterian Church Ph 479 7293 or visit <http://www.thevillagechurch.co.nz/>

ROUGHING IT SO OTHERS DON'T HAVE TO

Five community groups working with homeless Wellingtonians are teaming up to raise funds for their work and raise awareness of the plight of some of the city's most fragile and isolated citizens. DCM (Downtown Community Ministry), the Soup Kitchen, Wellington Homeless Women's Trust, Wellington Night Shelter and The Salvation Army

Wellington's 14 Hours Homeless event on **October 9th** will see teams of three or more spending the night on cardboard or couches under the stars or sleeping in cars. The aim is to raise money for five organisations, working with the homeless and collaborating under Wellington City Council's Te Mahana initiative, aimed at eradicating homelessness in the city.

Those wishing to take part in the event or donate to it can find more information at <http://14hourshomeless.org.nz/event/wgtn>

14 Hours Homeless is run to support and raise awareness of World Homeless Day which occurs on 10 October every year. Read more about World Homeless Day here <http://www.worldhomelessday.org/>

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO1509/S00125/roughing-it-so-others-dont-have-to.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	Sandra Kirby
Parish Council Clerk	Maxine Cunningham
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Facilities Management Group	Douglas Wood
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
Church, Conference and Arts Manager	David Medland
Office Assistant	Karyn Bishop
Custodian, SATRS Administrator	Peter Cowley
Roster Coordinator	Rosemary Lawrence

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