

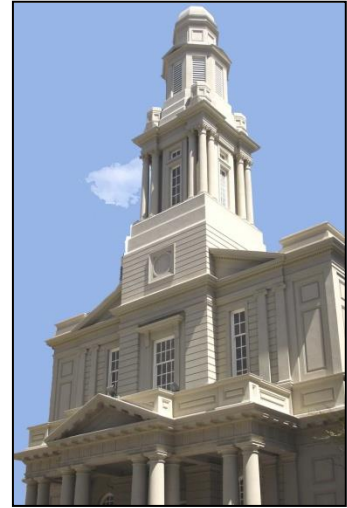
St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

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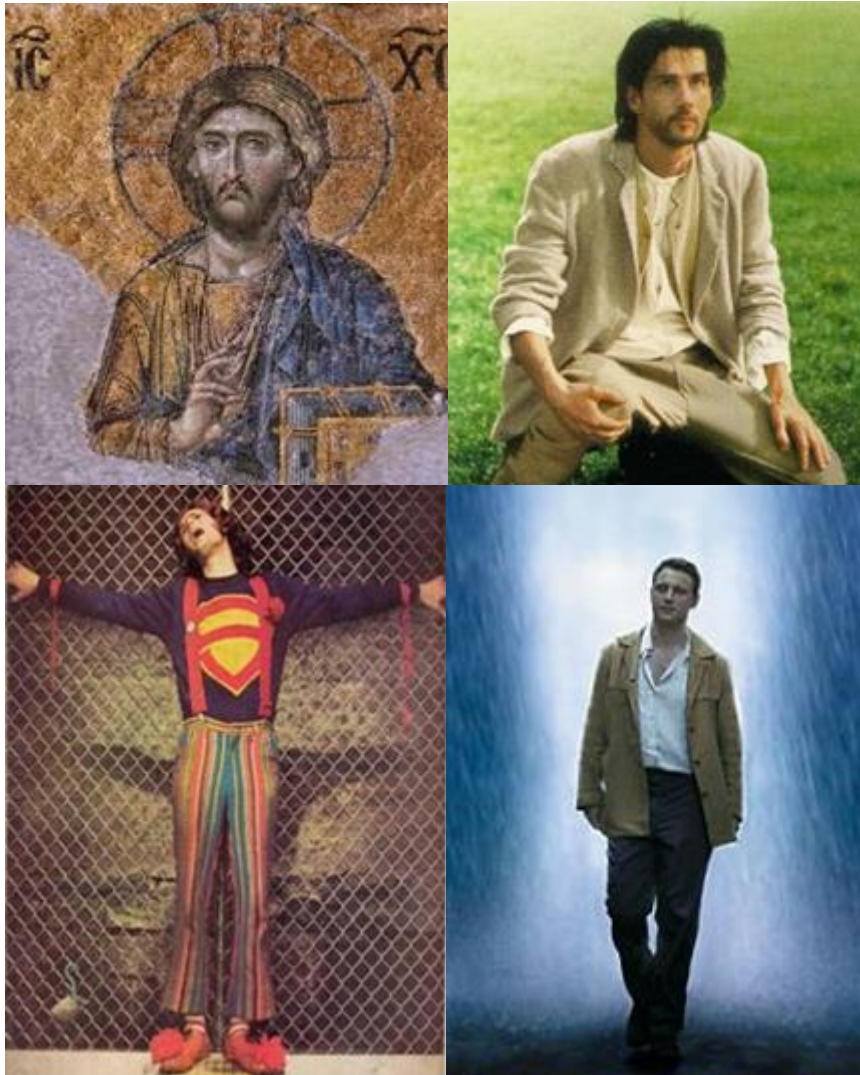
ORDER OF SERVICE

22 November 2015



Pentecost 26

Reign of Christ – the Christ Myth



(From top left, clockwise)

Detail of Christ Pantocrator in Hagia Sophia, Istanbul
Christ in movies/musicals: 'Jesus of Montreal', 'Joshua', 'Godspell'

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.
AA is the NZ hymnbook Alleluia Aotearoa. 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

Followers on the Jesus Way,
we gather to reflect on the man, the myth and the mystery
Jesus, meek and mild?
Christ, mighty and majestic?
Companion, cornerstone?
Friend, fairy tale?
Lover, Lord?
We live these questions this day.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

CH4 510 'Jesus calls us here to meet him'

Words & Music: Graham Maule, John L Bell
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Jesus calls us here to meet him
as, through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence
where his people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise;
praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of life and Lord of all,
sharer of our flesh and frailness,
saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other,
vastly different though we are;
creed and colour, class and gender
neither limit nor debar.

Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth.

Jesus calls us to his table
rooted firm in time and space,
where the Church in earth and heaven
finds a common meeting place,
share the bread and wine, his body;
share the love of which we sing;
share the feast for saints and sinners
hosted by our Lord and King.

OPENING RESPONSES *(please remain standing)*

What happened to the baby in the stable?

What does he mean to the church, to the world and to us?

What powerful forces are exerted on us by theology and myth?

What is 'true', what is factual, what is 'real'?

Who is this Christ, this larger-than-life figure, in our century?

***Is he also the one who, human like us,
walks the path of life with us, right now?***

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

JESUS PRAYER

Jim Cotter version *on card*

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Jenny Simpson

HYMN

AA64 'How is Jesus Present?'

Music & Words: © Cecily Sheehy

How is Jesus present? How is Jesus present?
How is Jesus present today?
Tell me how he's present. Tell me how he's present.
Tell me how he's present today.

He's present in the children, present in the family,
present in the meal that you share.
He's present when you're laughing, present when you're giving,
present when you listen and care.

But I cannot see him, but I cannot see him,
but I cannot see him today.
Are you just pretending? How can it be real?
I would like to see him today.

Every time you listen, every time you're sorry,
every time you care for a friend,
that is when he's present, though you do not see him,
"I am with you always", he said.

BLESSING THE CHILDREN *(all stand)*

We send you to the Rainbow Room programme to hear stories, ask questions and have fun together. ***Our blessings go with 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

views of Jesus/the Christ

Heather Macfarlane

Hebrew Bible

2 Samuel 23: 1-7

Epistle

Revelations 1: 4b-8

Gospel

John 18: 33-37

You could say I'm finding a new simplicity on the far side of complexity. I am a Christian because I believe the real Jesus is all that these sketches reveal and more. Saying that a question comes to mind....

Why not celebrate them all? Already many people are using terms like *post-Protestant, post-denominational, post-liberal* and *post-conservative* to express a desire to move beyond the polarization and sectarianism that have too often characterized Christians of the past ... Up until recent decades, each tribe felt it had to uphold one image of Jesus and undermine some or all of the others. What if, instead, we saw these various emphases as partial projections that together can create a hologram: a richer, multidimensional vision of Jesus?

What if we enjoyed them all, the way we enjoy foods from differing cultures...Isn't there nourishment and joy (and pleasure) to be had from each tradition?

No. I am not recommending we throw each offering in a blender, press the "liquefy" button, and try to create a gray porridge of all cuisines. That doesn't sound appetising at all. Neither would it be helpful. Rather I'm recommending that we acknowledge that Christians of each tradition bring their distinctive and wonderful gifts to the table, so we can all enjoy the feast of generous orthodoxy – and spread that same feast for the whole world.

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.

REFLECTION

'Will the real Jesus please stand up?'

Susan Jones

HYMN

CH4 724 'A Touching Place'

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Christ's is the world in which we move;
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love;
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,
and Christ is the one who meets us here.

*To the lost Christ shows his face,
to the unloved he gives his embrace,
to those who cry in pain or disgrace,
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.*

Feel for the people we most avoid
strange or bereaved or never employed.
Feel for the women and feel for the men
who fear that their living is all in vain.

To the lost Christ shows his face...

Feel for the parents who've lost their child,
feel for the women whom men have defiled,
feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,
and feel for the weary who find no rest.

To the lost Christ shows his face...

Feel for the lives by life confused,
riddled with doubt, in loving abused;
feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,
which longs to be pure but fears to begin.

To the lost Christ shows his face...

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Please join in whatever lines you can)

***We believe in Jesus Christ
Son of the one God
maker and sustainer of earth, sea and sky
born of Mary's womb
faithful to the God of Abraham and Sarah
Jesus healed the sick
served the poor
and proclaimed heaven on earth
condemned by the religious***

from the Iona Community

*crucified by the state
he died
but transformed even death
and rose to life everlasting
he blessed the disciples with his holy spirit
and sent them forth
east and west, north and south.
We commit ourselves
to Jesus
to one another as brothers and sisters
and to his mission in the world
in the grace of the Holy Spirit
Amen*

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

Cameron Smart

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Lebanon and the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Barbara Stewart and Fletcher Tabuteau List MP's. Here in Wellington, we pray for the leaders and people of St Margaret's Presbyterian Church, Silverstream.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

AA15 'Christ is alive'

Words: © 1993 Shirley Murray

Music: © 1993 Jillian Bray. Hope Publishing Company

Christ is alive, and the universe must celebrate,
and the stars and the suns shout on this Easter Day!
Christ is alive, and his family must celebrate
in a great alleluia,

a great alleluia
to praise the power that made the stone roll away.

Here is our hope: in the mystery of suffering,
is the heartbeat of Love, Love that will not let go,
here is our hope, that in God we are not separate,
and we sing alleluia,
we sing alleluia
to praise the power that made the stone roll away.

Christ Spirit, dance through the dullness of humanity
to the music of God, God who has set us free!
you are the pulse of the new creation's energy;
with a great alleluia,
a great alleluia
we praise the power that made the stone roll away.

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

Rosemary Collier

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 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

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 & Nola Hanson
Sound	Frank Cook
Offering	Paul Satherley, Sonia Groes-Petrie
Coffee/tea	Janet Horncy, Graham Howell, Jon Schrader
Time with the Children	Jenny Simpson
Readings	Heather Macfarlane
Prayers of the People	Cameron Smart
Musician	Rosemary Collier
Rainbow Room Helper	No Rainbow Room (activities at bank of Church)

On duty Sunday 29 November

Welcoming	David & Pauline Patchett
Sound	Peter Cowley
Offering	Kunal Goel, Graham Howell
Coffee/tea	Norman & Linda Wilkins, James Cone
Time with the Children	Fionnaigh McKenzie
Readings	Margaret Rushbrook
Prayers of the People	Bronwyn White
Musician	Vivien Chiu
Rainbow Room Helper	Lois Robertson (Christmas Service Rehearsal)

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 22 November 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones
Followed by Living the Questions study session 11.45-12.45pm in Conference Room 1
Wednesday 25 November Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre
Wednesday 25 November 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert – Wellington City Chorus
Thursday 26 November 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre
Sunday 29 November 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

EXPLORING THE FAITH – LIVING THE QUESTIONS

The topic for study today will be Incarnation. The study will take approximately one hour beginning at 11.45am following the service in Conference Room 1.

HE NAMED ME MALALA

There is a screening of He Named Me Malala, a wonderful documentary about Malala, at the Petone Lighthouse at 12.45pm today. This makes an excellent time to go to the Petone Lighthouse for a bite of lunch and see the film.

If you would like to join us, see me immediately after the service and I will make a phone booking. Rowena

CENTERING PRAYER

Centering Prayer is available on Thursdays at 12.30pm in the St Andrew's Centre.

WELLINGTON PEOPLE'S CLIMATE MARCH: SAT 28TH NOV, 1-3PM

A Message from Sonia Groes-Petrie: Come along and meet in Civic Square and march together to Parliament. Marches are being held across the world on the weekend before the Paris climate talks to show our world leaders we want positive climate action now! If you are interested in coming or already planning to come and would like to be part of a St Andrew's on The Terrace group at this event please speak to Sonia after the service or email soniapetrie@gmail.com

Prior to the March there will be a prayer/meditation/silent event 10am to 12noon at Civic Square. The march leaves Civic Square for Parliament at 1.00pm. The Anglican Cathedral foyer will have prayer stations open all day to provide an opportunity to pray for the state of the environment. There will also be a short service in the Cathedral, just after the rally finishes at Parliament (about 2.30pm), with early music playing from 2.00pm. For further information visit

http://www.peoplesclimatemarch.org.nz/wellington_people_s_climate_march

CONFUSED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE TPPA?

The TPPA has been negotiated but it has not yet been signed by our or other governments involved. On Nov 5th, President Obama began a 90 day period when information will be released so US representatives can assess the agreement and decide whether to vote 'yes or no'. Between now and the 5th of February is a key time for those who wish to oppose it to remain active. Websites which give information include: "Its Our Future" <http://itsourfuture.org.nz/what-is-the-tppa/> which is resourced by Prof Jane Kelsey and others, or the Greenpeace website: www.greenpeace.org/new-zealand/en/take.../Say-no-to-the-TPPA/ You can read what the government says about it at: <http://mfat.govt.nz/Trade-and-Economic-Relations/2-Trade.../index.php> Also, TV3 news has this information: www.3news.co.nz/nznews/at-a-glance-what-is-the-tppa-2014100712 . The Combined Trade Unions also have TPPA information on their website. www.union.org.nz/

Go to www.itsourfuture.org.nz for details of ways you can be involved. There are plans to keep strategizing over the Christmas New Year period so that action can be taken early in the new year prior to February 5th

SOLIDARITY WITH VICTIMS OF TERROR

Action Station has arranged a way to add your name to an open letter expressing solidarity with victims of terror. This is done by clicking on an email link. See the enews for this week or contact the office office@standrews.org.nz who can send you an email which will help you join this action.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

ST ANDREW'S DAY CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS SCOTTISH

There will be a free St Andrew's Day celebration taking place in Frank Kitts Park from 12-4pm on **Sunday 22nd November**. Brought to you by the City of Wellington Pipe Band and featuring music, food stalls, highland games, clan tents, bagpipes and dancing. For further information please visit <http://www.cowpb.org.nz/> Prior to that there will be a St Andrew's Day cake for morning tea after the 10am service at St Andrew's.

LIVING WAGE WELLINGTON UPCOMING EVENTS

HIKOI FOR HOMES

This is a call to action on the housing crisis. Join Living Wage Wellington people behind the Living Wage banner. The many great speakers include **Paul Barber** from NZCCSS and Living Wage Wellington.

Other network dates:

Living Wage for Vic meeting: **Wednesday 25th November**, 1-2pm, VUWSA

Porirua Hub meeting: **Wednesday 2nd December**, 6pm at Porirua Union and Community Health Service, 221 Bedford Street, Porirua

Hutt Valley Hub meeting: **Thursday 3rd December**, 5.30pm at Hutt Union and Community Health Service, 51 Farmer Crescent, Pomare

Living Wage Wellington network meeting, **Thursday 26th November** 3.30-5pm at St Andrews on the Terrace, Wellington

WHITE RIBBON DAY RUN

Show your support for respectful relationships and join the white ribbon day fun run at midday on **Wednesday 25th November** from Balance Street to Civic Square. For further information visit www.whiteribbon.org.nz or email contact@whiteribbon.org.nz

DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY MINISTRY FOODBANK

DCM's Foodbank has been exceptionally busy over the last few months.

Here are the items they're most in need of at the moment:

Tinned fish, instant noodles, ready-made meals or soups, biscuits or crackers, spreads of any kind (e.g. jam, peanut butter). Thanks for your help!

MUSICIANS FOR DCM

This is a musical event featuring some of Wellington's top musicians who are lining up to raise funds for DCM Wellington. To be held at the San Francisco Bath House, 171 Cuba Street on **Thursday 3rd December** at 8pm.

Musicians for DCM will feature Wellington favourites, such as Barnaby Weir (The Black Seeds), Eva Prowe, Ebony Lamb (Eb & Sparrow), Darren Watson and Wayne Mason. They will be backed up by The Hard Core Troubadours, a loose collective of well-known Wellington musicians, which will also present its own numbers.

Tickets are now on sale at Eventfinda:

<http://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2015/musicians-for-dcm/wellington>

Givealittle: Can't be there but still want to give? Please see our Givealittle page:

<https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/musicians4dcm>

BLLENHEIM175

Come to the "Kaiwharawhara Picnic" to celebrate Wellington's Scottish heritage on **Sunday 27th December** from 11am, free entry. Mark the 175th anniversary of the arrival of 200 Scottish emigrants on the barque *Blenheim* at Kaiwharawhara on 27 December 1840. Bring your picnic, wear your tartan, enjoy Scottish dancing and music, traditional children's games, and view the displays. For further information see the poster at church or email blenheim175@gmail.com

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	Fiona McDougal, Brian Burrell, Linda Wilkins
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
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