

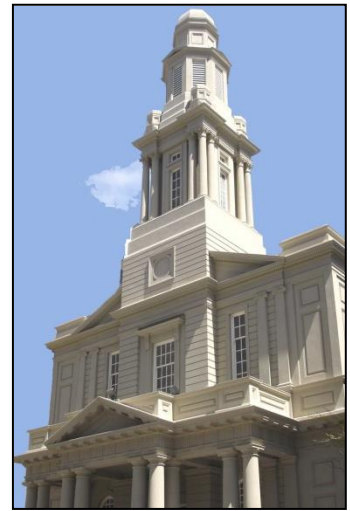
St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

Founded 1840

ORDER OF SERVICE

20th December 2015



Fourth Sunday in Advent



‘Love is a many splendoured thing’

Carols and Reading
for a New Zealand 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.

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

We gather, as do many this day,
to hear the music, to listen again to ancient words
re-telling the fantastic story;
Not all makes complete sense to twenty first century minds;
Singing angels, travelling stars, wise men from the east,
unreliable shepherds from local hills worshipping
a mother, her baby, and her faithful man.

Let us listen today from the heart;
Let us watch with eyes of love
so we can hear and see
below and beneath and behind the words;
so we notice
the body language of this birth;
so we read
the subtext of Love.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

WOV 246 'The North Wind is tossing the leaves'

Words John Wheeler. Music William G James

1 The north wind is toss-ing the leaves, the red dust is o-ver the
2. The tree ferns in green gul-lies sway, the cool stream flows si-lent-ly

5 town, the spar-rows are un-der the eaves and the
by, the joy-bells are greet-ing the day, and the

8 grass in the pad-dock is brown, as we lift up our voi-ces and
chimes are a-drift in the sky, as we lift up our voi-ces and

11 sing to the Christ-child, the hea-ven-ly King.
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The north wind is tossing the leaves.
The red dust is over the town;
the sparrows are under the eaves,
and the grass in the paddock is brown;
as we lift up our voices and sing,
to the Christ-child the heavenly King.

The tree ferns in green gullies sway;
the cool stream flows silently by;
the joy bells are greeting the day,
and the chimes are adrift in the sky,
as we lift up our voices and sing,
to the Christ-child the heavenly King.

OPENING RESPONSES *(please remain standing)*

Love is a many-splendoured thing

Seen in the courage of first time parents

Represented in the response of bemused shepherds

Seen in the music of angels describing the assent of the Universe

Embodied in movement of the wise towards the numinous

Represented by Eastern sage-astrologers on their trek of discovery

Love breaks in on us all when we may least expect it

In all its splendour, let us experience it today.

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

JESUS' PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Sue McRae

Partner Story from Vanuatu

At 18 Allick is hard at work replanting the family garden after Cyclone Pam on Tongoa Island in Vanuatu. He knows how important it is to get the new seeds in the ground to feed everybody. Allick is collecting materials to build a new home strong enough to withstand future cyclones and collect the rain water they need to survive. Preparing for disasters is now central to the work of ACT Alliance, Action by Churches Together.

CWS is making sure partners are prepared. Your gifts after disasters and conflict make sure communities get the food, water and medical care they need.

Lighting the Candle of Love

Today is the fourth Sunday in Advent.

The first Advent candle reminds us
to hope for a better world.

The second Advent candle reminds us
that God's dreams for peace in our world can come true,
and that we can be part of making that happen.

The third Advent candle reminded us
that we can be part of bringing God's dream of peace to our world.

Today we light the fourth Advent candle for love:

Love that comes in unexpected ways and through surprising people;

Love revealed in all who live the way of Jesus, Emmanuel.

We light this candle for love.

PRAYER

Today we light the candle of love, praying that the people of Vanuatu will experience love in action through the work of the ACT Alliance, Churches in Action together

HYMN

COC45 'There's straw in the manger'

Words & Music Colin Gibson. © 1998 Hope Publishing Company

There's straw in the manger and babies in danger,
some shepherds possessed by the folly of love.

The register's ringing and shop choirs are singing;
it's bargains galore in the folly of love.

It's midsummer madness, and everyday badness:
the usual scene for the coming of Christ.

It's parcels and wrapping; it's father caught napping,
and children awake in the folly of love.

It's suntan and lotion, it's surf and commotion,
it's sand in the sandwiches: folly of love.

It's crackers and candles, it's shorts and it's sandals,
plum pudding in summer: the folly of love.

It's friends and relations, it's neighbours and nations,
enjoying a moment of peace and good will.
it's crowds at the local, old aunties gone vocal,
and "house full" signs out: O the folly of love.

It's families united, it's grandmas delighted,
it's long distance calls, in the folly of love.
It's caravans, camels, and fellows in flannels;
three kings chasing stars for the folly of love.
It's postcard Madonnas receiving full honours,
Saint Nicholas wearing a cotton wool beard.
It's trees hung with baubles, angelical warbles,
and God comes to earth in the folly of love!

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!

READING

Luke 1: 26-38

Read by Graham Howell

CAROL

CH4 281 'People look East' v 1, 3, 4

Words Eleanor Farjeon, altered

Music ©1928 Oxford University Press

French Traditional Carol harmonised Martin Edward Fallas Shaw

People, look East. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the windy weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the Star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

READING

Luke 1: 39-40, 46-56
Read by Lois Robertson

POEM

'Christmas Once Again'
Written by A Gillian Feist
Read by Annemarie Treadwell

Once again
Carols ring out
Telling of stars of wonder
And little towns
Silent still in the night
As Dawn breaks
Heralding Hope, Joy, Peace
Of a New Day
HERE.
Here on earth
Not up in the clouds
But grounded
In human everyday life
Yearning still for the
Fulfillment of this vision
Of peace on earth
And mercy mild
Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel

CAROL

COC 10 'Christ of darkness'

Words © Colin Gibson.
Music © Vivien Chiu.
Duane McKibben (flute)

Christ of darkness, Christ of light,
Burning undiminished, bright;
High above, a million stars
Shine down upon this king of night.

Chorus
Christ to whom the angels sang,
Christ for whom the heavens rang,
Truth and peace and love you bring,
And yours the song we too would sing.

Christ of poverty and need,
Thrust aside by human greed,
Dare we leave you in a stall,
O Son of God who made us all?

Chorus

Christ for whom a mother lay
In the shadows, on the hay,
All creation comes to birth
In this travail here on earth.

Chorus (twice)

READING

Luke 2: 1-14

Read by Anna Smith

POEM

How do angels sing?

Written by Susan Jones in *What was it Like?*

Read by Frances Porter

READING

Luke 2:15-20

Read by Sonia Groes Petrie

ST ANDREW'S SINGERS

Shepherd's Pipe Carol

Words & Music by John Rutter

Flutist Fiona McDougal. Conducted by Vivien Chiu

POEM

24 December

Written by Joy Cowley in *Psalms for the Road*

Read by Ross Young

READING

Matthew 2: 1-12

Read by Douglas Wood

CAROL

COC 49 'Who are these who ride by starlight'

Music © Jillian Bray. Words © 1996 Marnie Bell

Who are these who ride by starlight
from the corners of the earth,
leaving home, forsaking comfort,
drawn to one mysterious birth?

These are wise men seeking wisdom,
disciplined to watch and pray;
we will read the signs and follow,
see where Christ is born today.

Who is this who hears the wise men,
trembling while their tale is told,
sending troops to slaughter blindly,
crush what cannot be controlled?

This is Herod, every Herod
building power by others' pain;
we will mourn the murdered children
while their blood is shed again.

Who is this, a homeless exile,
destined from his earliest hour
for rejection, conflict, danger,
marked for death by worldly power?

Jesus, born to show God's glory
shining through despair and loss,
we will know you when we meet you
by the shadow of your cross.

POEM

'Nativity'

Written by Peter Cape

Read by Jon Schrader

ST ANDREW'S SINGERS

'Pohutukawa Carol'

Words E A Forsman. Music Douglas Mews

POEM

'Yours and Yet Not' by

Written by Susan Jones from *What was it Like?*

Read by Rosemary Lawrence

CAROL

COC 50 'Who is the Child?'

Words © 1992 Shirley Murray. Music Colin Gibson
Music © 1992 Hope Publishing Company

Who is the child that is to be born,
who is the child?
Less than a wisp of straw
in a stable,
brighter than sun, the light
from his candle,
this is the Christ! This is the Christ! This is the Christ!

Who is to sing the song of his birth,
who is to sing?
All whom the story touches
and changes,
hopeful and healed,
whom love rearranges,
these know the song, these know the song, these know the song.

Who is to dance the dance of his birth,
who is to dance?
limbs that are leased
a life into freedom,
hands that will hold the world
in a welcome,
these know the dance, these know the dance, these know the dance.

Who are to be the bearers of Christ?
Who are they now?
All who give birth
to lively compassion,
carrying peace
as dearest possession,
these bear the Christ, these bear the Christ, these bear the Christ.

REFLECTION

'The Giving'

written by Joy Cowley in *Psalms Down-Under*

THE OFFERINGS ARE GATHERED

OFFERING CAROL WOV234 'Brightest and best of the sons of the morning'

Words Reginald Heber vss 1,3,4,5

Music 'Epiphany' J F Thrupp CH4 240

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning
dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid:
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion
odours of Edom and offerings divine?
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favour secure;
richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning
dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid:
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lynne Dovey

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREWS

on card

THE SENDING OUT

In our summer time, tinsel and baubles are outshone by the sun
Fairy lights hardly get a chance to shine in darkness

***In this our summer time may the bustle of commerce
be outdone by the silent grace of love
May everyone get a chance
to experience compassion in the darkness***

This week what we do and say
will make a difference to those we meet

***May it be by an increase
in compassion and love in their lives;
We go in peace to love and serve our world***

CAROL

COC 7 'Carol our Christmas.'

Music Colin Gibson. Words © Shirley Murray

Music © 1992 Hope Publishing Company

Flute descant Fiona McDougal & Duane McKibben

Carol our Christmas,
an upside down Christmas;
snow is not falling and
trees are not bare.
Carol the summer, and
welcome the Christ Child,
warm in our sunshine and
sweetness of air.

Sing of the gold and the
green and the sparkle,
water and river and lure
of the beach.

Sing in the happiness
of open spaces,
sing a nativity summer
can reach!

Shepherds and musterers
move over hillsides,
finding, not angels,
but sheep to be shorn;
Wise ones make journeys
whatever the season,
searching for signs of the
truth to be born.

Right side up Christmas belongs
to the universe,
Made in the moment
a woman gives birth;
Hope is the Jesus gift,
Love is the offering,
everywhere, anywhere,
here on the earth.

BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

O Come All Ye Faithful

By Richard Lloyd (1933 –)

THANK YOU

*Thanks to Peter Franklin (organ), Vivien Chiu, Fiona McDougal, Duane McKibben,
and the St Andrew's Singers for our music 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	Richard Keller, Jon Schrader
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Offering	Paul Barber, Colma Froggatt
Coffee/tea	Janet Horncy, Judith Cowley, James Cone
Time with the Adults	
Readings	Graham Howell, Lois Robertson, Annemarie Treadwell, Anna Wood, Frances Porter, Sonia Groes-Petrie, Ross Young, Douglas Wood, Jon Schrader, Rosemary Lawrence, Sue McRae
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Not required

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 20 December 10am New Zealand Carol Service led by Susan Jones 'Love is a many splendoured thing'

Wednesday 23 December Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre, Reflection at 11.45am

Thursday 24 December 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre

Thursday 24 December 7.30pm Christmas Eve Service led by Susan Jones

7.30pm Sherry, Juice & Christmas Cake

8pm Carols, candles and Communion 'on a night like this'

Friday 25 December 10am Christmas Day Service led by Susan Jones 'A new beginning'

Sunday 27 December 10am Sunday Gathering led by Fiona McDougal

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS

On any Sunday of Advent, you are invited to bring decorations which you are happy to give away and hang them on the tree. At the end of Christmas 2015 we will pack up the decorations and then give them away before Christmas 2016 to homes where decorations are a luxury.

CUPPA AND CHAT

On December 23 Cuppa and Chat will include a brief Advent reflection beginning at 11.45. We will still begin at 10.30am to arrive, get our cuppa sorted and settle in, then begin our discussion at 11am. All are welcome. Cuppa and Chat will take a break on December 30, but resume on Wednesday 6th January, 2016.

CENTERING PRAYER

The final meeting for Centering prayer this year will be held on Thursday 24th December. There will then be a break until it resumes on Thursday 7th January, 2016.

CHRISTMAS 2015

Christmas Eve 7.30pm for refreshments prior to the Candlelight Gathering led by Susan with the St Andrew's Singers, Jamie Young (tenor) and a flock of flutes and other musicians.

Christmas Day 10am led by Susan.

Dec 27 10am Sunday Gathering led by Fiona McDougal.

Jan 3, 10 & 17 10am Sunday Gatherings led by Susan.

Jan 24 10am Sunday Gathering led by Jim Cunningham

Jan 31 10am Sunday Gathering led by Frank Hanson

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

The 20th February is Henry and Keith's wedding. As part of our church community St Andrew's is helping in the kitchen. If you can help on the day/evening or prepare food please let Sandra Kirby know by email sandra@thekirbys.co.nz

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

PEACE FORUM

Banning nuclear weapons, killer robots, and the use of explosive weapons in populated areas. On Monday, 21 December 2015

A humanitarian disarmament forum with: Thomas Nash, Director, Article 36
Marnie Lloyd, IHL and Policy Manager, New Zealand Red Cross, Edwina Hughes,
Coordinator, Peace Movement Aotearoa

Providing an update on international and national developments & report back from the recent International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement Conference in Geneva. From 1pm to 2pm, Conference Room 1, St Andrew's, 30 The Terrace, Wellington. BYO lunch, tea / coffee will be provided

Organised by Peace Movement Aotearoa, contact pma@xtra.co.nz

CHRISTMAS BLOOD DRIVE

Come and help save lives at St Andrew's on The Terrace Church Hall on **Thursday 24th December**, 8.30am-12.30pm. NZBlood need to get plenty of blood to stock up the blood bank over the holiday period. Blood lasts 35 days, so all donations this month will go towards this critical period. Please spread the word and make sure you come along if you can. SAVE A LIFE THIS CHRISTMAS – the best gift you could give! Please contact Ph 0800 448 325 for more information and to make an appointment. You will need to bring ID or a Donor Card if you have one. Thank you.

BLLENHEIM175

Come to the a picnic to celebrate Wellington's Scottish heritage on **Sunday 27th December** from 11am, in the grounds of Onslow College, Burma Road, Johnsonville, 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

DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY MINISTRY FOODBANK

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

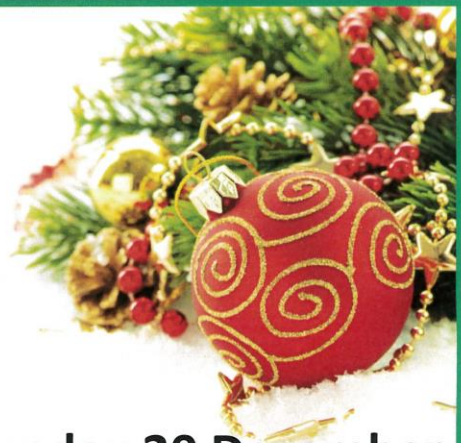
Tinned fish, instant noodles, ready-made meals or soups, biscuits or crackers, spreads of any kind (e.g. jam, peanut butter). Thanks for your help!



Come join us this year

**Christmas Services at
St Andrew's on The Terrace**

30 The Terrace, Wellington
www.standrews.org.nz



Sunday 20 December

10am A New Zealand Carol Service

'Love is a many splendoured thing'

Christmas Eve service

7.30pm Sherry, juice & Christmas cake

8pm Carols, Candles & Communion

'On a night like this'

Christmas Day service

10am Christmas Day Celebration

'A new beginning'



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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