

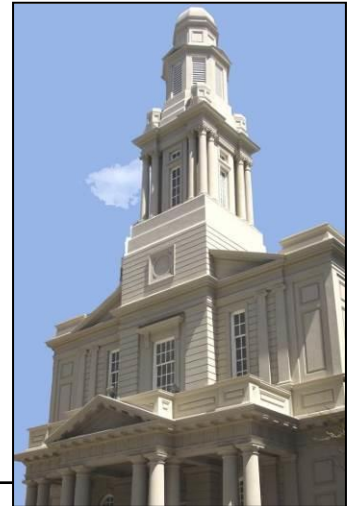
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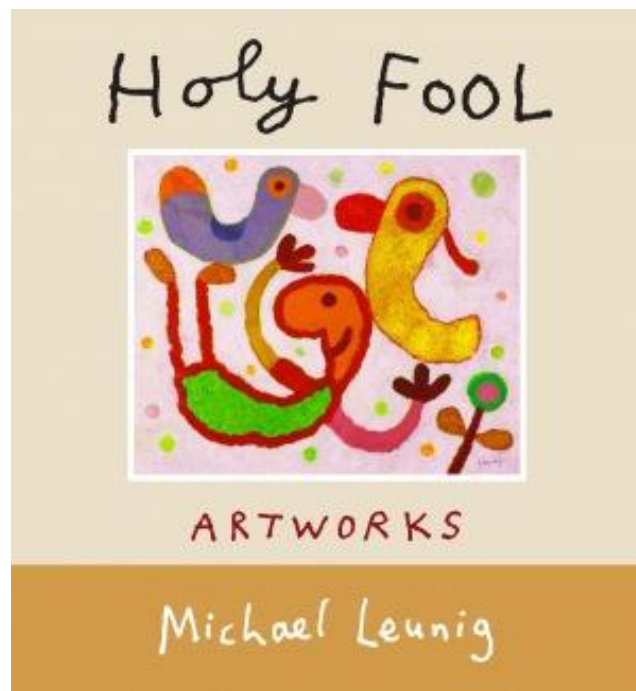


The Path of Foolish Wisdom

"I bowed to God and God winked at me, and I knew that we were friends"
—William (Bill) Wallace



Jesus as Holy Fool—Massello



A peculiar central character has inhabited my drawings and paintings for as long as I care to remember; an abiding mysterious protagonist for whom I have maintained a deep respect and warm regard over many years... I am not really sure if this being is a male or a female – or a child or an adult, and it doesn't bother me that I don't know or don't care. Mostly the character looks pathetically ill defined – but enchantingly so in my view. Furthermore, I'm not even sure if this 'person' is fully human – it looks quite sub-human or creaturely in a primal humorous sort of way...

Yet it persists, and there it is again, I can't stop it – wandering semi-consciously from my hand and off my pen or brush onto the paper - with its wide wondering eyes and foolish grin – or a dopey downcast gaze. A corny cartoon character. A nature loving fool. A sensitive soul. A free spirit. A joyous innocent. A shabby wanderer. A dawdling playful simpleton...

Only in recent times have I come to realize that what I have been so constantly depicting is the world of the holy fool: the people, the creatures, the circumstances and the peculiar ecosystem of the spirit. If you yearn for something you may end up creating it. –Michael Leunig



Holy Fool with Teapot



Fish Dance

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

Michael Leunig

God let us be serious.

Face to face. Heart to heart.

Let us be fully present.

Strongly present. Deeply serious:

The closest we may come to innocence.

Amen

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA 146 We are an Easter People

Words: © Bill Wallace. Music: *Alive*—Alison Carey

We are an Easter people,
ours is an Easter faith,
the yeast is rising in our hearts,
our wine has vintage taste.

*Christ is risen, Christ is risen,
risen in our lives.*

We are an Easter people,
ours is an Easter faith,
our tears are freed to flow and heal
our shattered hopes and hearts.

*Christ is risen, Christ is risen,
risen in our lives.*

We are an Easter people,
ours is an Easter faith,
our fears have died, we rise to dream,
to love, to dance, to live.

*Christ is risen, Christ is risen,
risen in our lives.*

WELCOME and SHARING THE PEACE

This morning we remain seated as we share the Peace of Christ. With Rev Jim Cotter we remember that this is Christ's Peace, not ours, a blessing that is the same for everyone...As we offer peace, welcome and healing to others may we be open to healing and transformation for ourselves and for our world.

Kia ora tātou.

Kia ora.

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

I honour the Divinity within you

and I honour the Divinity within you.

Peace be with all living things and beings—now and always.

Peace be with us all.

PRAYER

Rev Jim Cotter

In Prayer at Night's Approaching

Fools to the world, we know the wisdom of God.

Unknown, we cannot be ignored. Dying, we still live on.

Disciplined by suffering, we are not beaten down.

Knowing sorrow, we have always cause for joy.

Poor ourselves, we make many rich. Penniless, we own the world.

Steadfastly we turn our wills towards God,

to meet hardships and afflictions,

hunger and weariness, illness and failure,

with sincerity, insight, patience, kindness,

speaking the truth in love,

resilient in the power of the Spirit.

We have wounded your love:

Binder of wounds, heal us.

We stumble in the darkness:

Light of the world, transfigure us.

We forget that we are your home:

Spirit of God, dwell in us.

O God of Joy, we rejoice in you ...

You run to meet us like a welcoming friend,

you laugh with us in the merriment of heaven,

you feast with us at the great banquet,

clown of clowns, fool of fools,

the only Entertainer of Jesters.

JESUS PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Dawn Cowdry

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.***

HYMN

AHB38 Here hangs a man discarded

Tune: Aurelia. Words: Brian Wren ©1975, 1995 Hope Publishing Company

1. Here hangs a man discarded,
scarecrow hoisted high,
a nonsense pointing nowhere
to all who hurry by
Can such a clown of sorrows
still bring a useful word
when faith and love seem phantoms
and every hope absurd?
2. Can he give help or comfort
to lives by comfort bound
when drums of dazzling progress
give strangely hollow sound?
Life emptied of all meaning,
drained out in bleak distress,
can share in broken silence
my deepest emptiness:
3. And love that freely entered
the pit of life's despair
can name our hidden darkness
and suffer with us there.
Christ, if you now are risen,
help all who long for light
to hold the hand of promise
and walk into the night.

THE WORD IN TEXTS

John Morgan

Hebrew Bible

Psalm 118:14-17, 22-24, 26, 29

New International Version

Gospel

John 20:19-29

Contemporary English Version

New Testament

1 Corinthians 1:18 & 21, 3:19, 4:10

Contemporary reading

from *The Foolishness of God*—Sermon for Lent

By Rev Dawn Hutchings

RESPONSE

For inspiration in scripture and image, koan and paradox,
For the image of God in every person—jester, sage or fool,
For the cornerstone in every reject—
we give thanks.

HYMN

Your stories tell our lives

Words (Post-Christian prayer) © Bronwyn Angela White (2010) and Music (2016)

JESUS, YOUR WORDS, repeated by your friends
retold, reworked, interpreted for ears
unused to Midrash, used to meet the ends
of politics, and altered through the years
to build a church you had no mind to found
create a Christ you made no claim to be
still with an own-life in our hearts resound
inspiring us with truths which set us free:

Your stories tell our lives, dare and invite
affirm our shadow-selves and offer light.

JESUS, YOUR DEATH, through ritual mystified
as though some merit from your blood accrued,
transformed as though your being crucified
was an unusual fate; as though imbued
with an unwonted grace; as if some powers
(the sacrificial lamb led to the knife)
led you somehow to better death than ours,
a martyr's death, exalted over life

Yet still your body, lowered into earth
affirms in us the promise of re-birth.

JESUS, YOUR FRIENDS, awash with guilt and loss
needed to find some meaning in their pain,
found their salvation in an empty cross;
in mourning, shared your life, saw you again:
Your words inspiring them to spread the news,
Your vision showing them that living starts
where love is shared, when power is rightly used,
Your spirit, resurrected in their hearts.

We share our stories, selves; grief, celebration:
affirm through love our powers of re-creation.

REFLECTION

The Path of Foolish Wisdom

Bronwyn White

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev Jim Cotter

In Love Re-membered

Let us be fools for Christ's sake:

In facing the truth, may we be set free from illusion.

In accepting our wounds, may we be healed.

In embracing the outcast, let us be redeemed.

In discovering our child, may we grow to maturity.

In seeking true innocence, may we no longer harm.

In yielding to dying, may abundant life flow into us.

In vulnerable risk, may we know love's pain and joy.

In the release of laughter, may we hear the chuckle of God.

In the folly of the Cross, may we see the Wisdom of God.

So may it be.

HYMN

WOV 183 Lord of the Dance

Music: adapted from *Simple Gifts* Words © Sydney Carter

I danced in the morning when the world was young

I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun

I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth

At Bethlehem I had my birth

Dance, dance, wherever you may be

I am the lord of the dance, said he

And I lead you all, wherever you may be

And I lead you all in the dance, said he

I danced for the scribes and the Pharisees

They wouldn't dance, they wouldn't follow me

I danced for the fishermen James and John

They came with me so the dance went on

Dance, dance, wherever...

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame

The holy people said it was a shame

They ripped, they stripped, they hung me high

Left me there on the cross to die

Dance, dance, wherever...

I danced on a Friday when the world turned black

It's hard to dance with the devil on your back

They buried my body, they thought I was gone

But I am the dance, and the dance goes on

Dance, dance, wherever...

They cut me down and I leapt up high

I am the life that will never, never die

I'll live in you if you'll live in me

I am the Lord of the dance, said he

Dance, dance, wherever...

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. **Please introduce yourself before you begin.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lois Robertson

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Nigeria and the Christian Council of Nigeria. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Simon Bridges and Jonathan Coleman, and the people of their electorates of Tauranga and Northcote. Here in Wellington, we pray for the leaders and people of Otaki/Waikanae Presbyterian Church.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

AA 137 The kingdom is within you

Words & Music: Cecily Sheehy

*The kingdom is within you, the kingdom is within you.
Why do we go searching for the answers of the mighty?
The kingdom is within you, the kingdom is within you.
Like a little seed planted in the ground, let it grow.*

I will set my face to the wind,
scatter my handful of seed on high.
Needn't have to worry where the great wind takes it;
seeds will grow wherever they're planted.
All we need is courage to keep on facing the wind.
The kingdom is within you...

I will set my hand to the plough;
don't look back, it's too late now.
The fullness of the kingdom is not quite yet,
but the seed of the kingdom is here and now.
Don't split the seed; be patient, let it grow.
The kingdom is within you...

BLESSING

Michael Leunig

*God give us rain when we expect sun.
Give us music when we expect trouble.
Give us tears when we expect breakfast.
Give us dreams when we expect a storm.
Give us a stray dog when we expect congratulations.
God play with us, turn us sideways and around.*

...Go in peace, to love boldly, live faithfully and serve joyfully.

SUNG AMEN



Pilgrims—Michael Leunig

THANK YOU

Vivien Chiu

Our musician today

Unless otherwise specified all our music is used by permission CCLI Licence 3341550

*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	Margaret Pannett, Trish McBride
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Offering	Graham Howell, Jon Schrader
Coffee/tea	Tony & Sandra Kirby, Judith Cowley, Kath Kerr
Time with the Children	Dawn Cowdry
Readings	John Morgan
Prayers of the People	Lois Robertson
Musician	Vivien Chiu
Rainbow Room Helper	Ross Scott

On duty Sunday 10 April

Welcoming	Erlina Wati & Duncan Graham
Sound	Paul Satherley
Offering	Pauline Woolley, Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Caroline Glass, Katrina Harper, Volunteer Required
Time with the Children	Sue McRae
Readings	Valerie Rhodes
Prayers of the People	Colma Froggatt
Musician	TBC
Rainbow Room Helper	Pam Fuller

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 3 April 10am Sunday Gathering led by Bronwyn White
Followed by Congregational Brunch in the Hall
3pm Wellington City Concert Band
Wednesday 6 April Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre
Wednesday 6 April 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert – Rebecca Steel and Deirdre Irons | music for flute and piano
Thursday 7 April 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre
Sunday April 10am Sunday Gathering led by Sandra & Tony Kirby
Followed by Congregational Conversation

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

GATHERINGS IN APRIL

Susan will be on leave in the two weeks following Easter.

Sunday April 10th Gathering led by Sandra and Tony Kirby followed by the monthly Congregational Conversation

Sunday April 17th Gathering led by Susan Jones, followed by Social Justice meeting

Sunday April 24th Gathering will feature Anzac Day commemoration and a Peace emphasis followed by a first meeting of the Exploring Faith group for 2016.

THE SATRS DIALOGUES

The West and The Middle East. Dr. Christopher van der Krogt in conversation with Noel Cheer at St Andrew's on The Terrace, **Tuesday 12th April** from 12.15pm-1pm. Entry free – donation welcomed.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

MUSIC FUTURES – SUPPORTING TOMORROW’S MUSICIANS TODAY

Music Futures presents a Sunday afternoon concert (followed by afternoon tea)

3pm on Sunday, 3rd April at Brierley Theatre, Wellington College (parking next to Theatre). Entry: by Koha. Featuring: 30-voice Wellington College Chorale, The RNZAF Trio, Soloists: Gabriel Wee and Joshua Wallis (singer/songwriter)

For those of you who will be using public transport, enter the main gates (left of Government House) and we will have cars waiting to take you up the drive between 2.45 and 2.55 pm.

If you'd like to come, talk to Valerie Rhodes after this morning's service.

JUSTICE FOR PALESTINE – FREE LECTURE

Wellington Palestine Group presents Ali Abunimah, author, editor of 'The Electronic Intifada' at St Johns in the City, Corner Willis & Dixon St on **Monday 4th April at 6pm.**

Free Entry. Ali Abunimah is a journalist who has been described as "the leading American proponent of a one-state solution to the Israeli–Palestinian conflict." Ali Abunimah has written hundreds of articles and been an active part of the movement for justice in Palestine for 20 years.

WELFARE OR WARFARE?

'Dollars and sense': lunchtime forum on government spending priorities

On **Wednesday, 6 April**, from 1pm to 2.10pm at St Andrew's on The Terrace.

BYO lunch, tea / coffee available.

RSVP at <https://www.facebook.com/events/8442867157010944>

join us for a discussion on: Funding children's wellbeing - Deborah Morris-Travers, Advocacy Manager, UNICEF NZ. Social spending - Paul Barber, Policy Advisor, New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services. Military spending - Edwina Hughes, Coordinator, Peace Movement Aotearoa. A Global Day of Action on Military Spending event. For more information, contact Peace Movement Aotearoa, email pma@xtra.co.nz or visit www.converge.org.nz/pma/gdams.htm

CLIMATE CHANGE PRESENTATION

"The demands from the climate after the Paris Conference". Dr. Kennedy Graham

Wednesday 6th April, beginning at 6:10pm at Khandallah Presbyterian Church Hall, 33 Ganges Road, Khandallah.

BOOK LAUNCH - *Living in the planet Earth: Faith communities and ecology*

Sunday, April 17th at 8.00pm in the Foyer of the Catholic Cathedral on Hill Street, Thorndon. This is another in the series of Catholic-based theology books to which Trish McBride has contributed and includes contributions from Sonia Groes-Petrie, Pat Booth and Margaret Megwyn. All welcome.

PROGRESSIVE SPIRITUALITY NZ CONFERENCE

Friday 6th to Sunday 8th May at St Paul's Presbyterian Church, 89 Tennyson Street, Napier. "Common Ground. Faith as Resistance to Ego, Orthodoxy, and Empire".

Keynote speaker Rev Dr Robin Meyers. "Let our resistance be of love". Other speakers include Jo Randerson, and Rev David Clark MP. For further information, please visit www.progressivespirituality.co.nz. Some St Andrew's people are intending to attend.

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
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Parish Council Clerk	Maxine Cunningham
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Facilities Management Group	Douglas Wood
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Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
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Rainbow Room Coordinator	Chris Carey-Smith
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