# St Andrew's on The Terrace

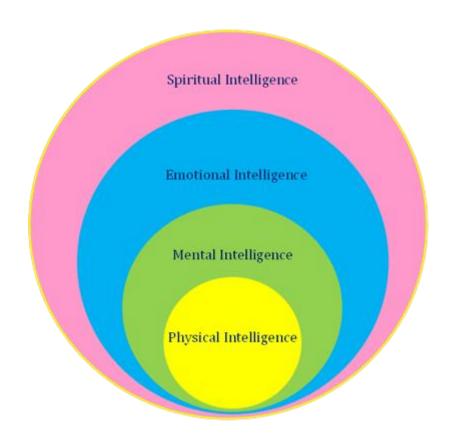
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# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

29 May 2016



# Pentecost 2



By whose authority?

#### 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**

Who do we trust enough to follow – and why?

To whom do we give authority? When do we take authority ourselves?

Through the field of energy we call God, these questions echo significantly We question together, looking within and without for wisdom.

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

# AA 55 'Great and deep the Spirit's purpose'

Words: © 1992 Marnie Barrell. Music: © Colin Gibson

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose, hidden now in mystery, nature bursts with joyful promise, ripe with what is yet to be. In a wealth of rich invention, still the work of art unfolds: barely have we seen, and faintly, what God's great salvation holds.

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose: all God's children brought to birth, freed from hunger, fear and evil every corner of the earth, and a million million voices speak with joy the Saviour's name; every face reflects his image, never any two the same.

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose, making Jesus seen and heard. Every age of God's creation grasps new meaning from the Word. Show us, Holy Spirit, show us your new work begun today: eyes and ears and hearts are open, teach us what to do and say.

#### **WELCOME**

Kia ora tatou. Kia ora.

**PRAYER** 

**JESUS PRAYER** 

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

#### LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

#### TIME WITH CHILDREN

Sue McRae

### **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

Patricia Booth

Gospel Luke 7:1-10

**Contemporary reading** 

"It's not about the rules"

**From** How to be a bad Christian.. and a better human being By Dave Tomlinson pp 40-41

Spiritual intelligence is thinking with the soul. Paul's questioning which so unsettled the people in his church, was not just at an intellectual level: it came from his soul. He longed for deeper meaning and deeper answers, and this led him to deconstruct his faith – not in a negative way or for negative reasons, but as part of his inner journey. ... it was clear that he still held many of his original beliefs, but he held them in a different way. He had needed to reconstruct them within a different, larger framework.

Quite legitimately churches are places where beliefs are taught and affirmed, but they must also be places where spiritual intelligence is nurtured. This means creating the space where beliefs can be questioned and doubted and explored – in an open fashion. There is no problem with reciting creeds as classic symbols of faith, provided we can also interrogate them, argue with them and debate about them – and perhaps write some new ones that grapple with the meaning of faith in the twenty first century rather than the first!

... Paul is a classic 'bad Christian'; someone with a fairly well developed SQ, but a low threshold of tolerance for religious crap; someone with an effective moral compass, but impatient with rigid moral codes.

#### **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

'By whose authority?'

**Susan Jones** 

**HYMN** 

AA 72 'In this familiar place'

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In this familiar place

I know the mystery of your grace.

For the love that I receive, For the truth that I believe, I praise and thank you for this here and now.

In halting song and word
The music of your voice is heard.
For the love that I receive,...

Among these friends of mine I taste the company divine. For the love that I receive,...

Within this narrow sphere I learn that you are everywhere. For the love that I receive,...

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

by teenagers Stanley and Nabila Khokar

2006 (Basketball fanatics)

We believe in God
who creates the game of life
sets the rules in place,
manages our team
(encouraging with a scream)
our trainer, coach and referee

We believe in Jesus Christ an active team player who shoots the hard shots through his prayer helps us tackle fearlessly and guard against attackers his strength makes it hard for the other team to bring us down

We believe in the Holy Spirit our fuel-on-the-go who keeps us in the zone supports us and backs us up the team doctor who tends our injuries when we get hurt.

We believe in the Church our home stadium where the congregation cheers us on where we learn stuff which helps us win (in the groove when we're on the move) playing the game of life away from home.

#### **OFFERING PRAYER** (said together)

For the gifts we receive and the gifts we share we give thanks.

For the abundant universe, with resources enough and to spare *we give thanks.* 

May our offerings of money and food, compassion and goodwill, be multiplied to those who receive them

## blessing them, as we are blessed to give. 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.

#### LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY OF ST ANDREW'S

People share notices and visitors are welcomed. If you have a notice not already in the order of service, please move to the front row, ready to speak <u>briefly</u> 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 Poland and the Polish Catholic Church. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Ruth Dyson and Kris Faafoi and the people of their electorates of Port Hills and Mana. Here in Wellington, we pray for the leaders and people of The Cook Islands Presbyterian Church of Wellington, Newlands.

#### PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

#### **HYMN**

## FFS 32 'God who sets us on a journey'

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God who sets us on a journey to discover, dream and grow, lead us as you led your people in the desert long ago; journey inward, journey outward, stir the spirit, stretch the mind, love for God and self and neighbour marks the way that Christ defined.

Exploration brings new insights, changes, choices we must face; give us wisdom in deciding, mindful always of your grace; should we stumble, lose our bearings, find it hard to know what's right, we regain our true direction focused on the Jesus light.

End our longing for the old days, grant the vision that we lack once we've started on this journey there can be no turning back; let us travel light, discarding excess baggage from our past, cherish only what's essential, choosing treasure that will last.

When we set up camp and settle to avoid love's risk and pain, you disturb complacent comfort, pull the tent pegs up again; keep us travelling in the knowledge you are always at our side; give us courage for the journey, Christ our goal and Christ our guide.

#### **BLESSING**

#### **SUNG AMEN**

THANK YOU Vivien Chiu

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	Valerie Rhodes, Trish McBride
Sound	Bronwyn White
Offering	Fiona McDougal, Pauline Woolley
Coffee/tea	Anne Barrie, Kath Kerr, Rosemary Lawrence
Time with the Children	Sue McRae
Readings	Patricia Booth
Prayers of the People	Cameron Smart
Musician	Vivien Chiu
Rainbow Room Helper	Margaret Pannett

On duty Sunday 5 June	
Welcoming	Molly Seah, Lois Robertson
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Offering	Graham Howell, Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Frank & Sue Cook, Jim & Maxine Cunningham
Time with the Children	Dawn Cowdry
Readings	Lynette Burrell
Prayers of the People	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	TBC
Rainbow Room Helper	Pam Fuller

## This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 29 May 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones

Wednesday 1 June Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 1 June 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert - Saxophone Orchestra of the NZSM

Thursday 2 June 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre

**Sunday 5 June 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones

Followed by Congregational Brunch in the Hall

## ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

### ADVANCE INFORMATION ABOUT GATHERINGS IN JUNE & JULY

Susan will be leading all Gatherings except for the following: June 12th Jim Cunningham takes the service. This is followed by an afternoon wedding, so the congregational conversation will be in Conference Rooms 1 & 2. On June 19th (Disability Sunday) a 'dance-as-sermon' entitled 'Grace' will be danced by Jennifer De Leon (Auckland). She will also perform 'Stripped Bare' in St Andrew's Hall Friday night (17th June) and Saturday afternoon (18th June). (Suggested koha \$20 waged, \$10 unwaged.). Please promote this to people you know who are interested in dance. Plans are also in hand for celebrating the 30th anniversary of Homosexual Law Reform in July, probably July 3<sup>rd</sup>. July 17th will feature your poetry choices – see details below.

## THE SECOND PSALMS PROJECT AT POLL SALACH - EASTER SUNDAY 1998

While I was looking for Easter snow on the hills

You showed me, like a concentration of violets

Or a fragment from some future unimagined sky

A single spring gentian shivering at our feet. -Michael Longley

The Psalms in the Old Testament comprise poems/prayers/invocations directed to God and written by people a very long time ago. In the twenty first century let's compile another set of psalms.

We simply need poems nominated which St Andrew's people have found...

- a. nourish their soul and/or develop their wisdom
- b. inform about the sacred/human intersection
- c. offer help on the journey of life.
- d. develop and grow their spirituality/faith/discernment
- e. increase awe, wonder and reverence (any or all of the above)

### It's easy:

- 1. Choose your poem this may be a poem you have **written yourself** (bravo) or a poem **by someone else** chosen from your own reading (also bravo) –anything from the last 1600 years or so.
- 2. Write a brief paragraph about why this poem is your choice (connecting with at least one of the reasons above. It may help others access the intent of the poem in hearing your thoughts about it)
- 3. Type out the poem itself and its Author and title and also your "why" paragraph.
- 4. Email the poem and also your reason for choosing it to the church office office@standrews.org.nz or post/hand it in to the office with your name and contact details and the details of the book where you got it from. Head your email 'The second psalms'.
- 5. Do this by the mid-June (say 15th).

A selection of nominations will be presented at a St Andrew's Sunday gathering on July 17th as part of the service. All nominated poems and the "why they were chosen" will be printed in a booklet available to everyone a little later.

Any questions about any part of this process, direct to Mike Wespel-Rose, Fiona McDougall or Susan Jones.

## JUNE SPIRITED CONVERSATIONS, Monday June 6th (Queen's Birthday)

at 6.15pm in Conference Rooms 1 & 2. Catered meal \$10 pp.

RSVP on the blue clipboard on the table at the rear of the church.

Topic – Revisiting the Progressive Conference in Napier with those who went, along with a video of Robin Meyer's Sunday morning Reflection recorded at Pitt Street Uniting, "Things are not the same in Joppa these days".

## WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

#### ARE WE THERE YET? - CHILD POVERTY LECTURE

The Institute for Governance and Policy Studies at Victoria University invite you to attend a lecture on **Tuesday 31**st **May** from 12.30pm-1.30pm at Old Government Building Lecture Theatre 3, Pipitea Campus, 15 Lambton Quay. For further information about this and other upcoming lectures please visit the website: <a href="http://igps.victoria.ac.nz/events/Upcoming%20events/index.html#31may">http://igps.victoria.ac.nz/events/Upcoming%20events/index.html#31may</a>

#### SERVICE OF CELEBRATION FOR HM QUEEN ELIZABETH'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

You are invited to join in a service to celebrate HM the Queen's 90th birthday on **Wednesday 8th June at 6pm** at Wellington Cathedral of St Paul.

Representatives of the Government, Commonwealth countries, Bishop Justin Duckworth and secondary school pupils are among those taking part.

There will be a slide show and reminiscences from those who have met the Queen and organised her 10 visits to Aotearoa/New Zealand during her 63 years as monarch. A haka and waiata will be offered by Ngati Poneke Young Maori Club and Tawa College

choir will sing. Prayers of thanksgiving will be offered.

The Cathedral Choir will give the first ever performance of 'I love all beauteous things', composed specially for the 90th birthday celebrations, by Master of the Queen's Music, Judith Weir, and to be sung at a Thanksgiving Service at St Paul's Cathedral, London, two days later. All are welcome. No tickets required.

#### **HOSPICE CUPPA**

Mary Potter Hospice will be joining with other Hospices around New Zealand to take part in the 'Hospice Cuppa' promotion. You can join in by hosting a morning or afternoon tea for your friends, family or colleagues at your home or work place. The hope is that your guests will make a donation to Mary Potter Hospice when they attend. You can arrange your morning or afternoon tea anytime between now and the end of July - just register to take part and you will be sent your own Hospice Cuppa pack which includes Dilmah Tea, Invitations, Recipe Cards and more! Registration is free - please register online at <a href="https://www.hospicecuppa.co.nz">www.hospicecuppa.co.nz</a>

### WINTER FILM SERIES 2016 - "The Stories of Our Lives"

This series looks at the "stories" of our personal lives. They shape our lives, our responses to life, and even our expectations about life. These stories come from our own experience, from our families, from the society and time we live in. But the stories also come from the way God sees and knows and loves us. Sometimes the "stories" of our lives are supported and reinforced by God's story for us.

At other times the stories conflict. The films in this series can be seen as contemplations which allow us to examine the stories of our past, how we live in the present and how we view the future. By reflecting on these stories we come to a deeper understanding of ourselves and of how God is with us throughout our life's journey. The format of the evenings will be: input; viewing of a movie; reflection material for personal use over the coming week. Dates (all Thursday evenings) **August 18<sup>th</sup>**, **25<sup>th</sup>**, **Sept 1<sup>st</sup>**, **8<sup>th</sup>** and **15<sup>th</sup>**. Time 7-9pm. Cost koha. Venue Pa Maria Marist Spirituality Centre, 78 Hobson Street, Thorndon. Contact Brian Cummings (04) 212 4691 or <a href="mailto:bgcummings@xtra.co.nz">bgcummings@xtra.co.nz</a>

# GLOBAL DATABASE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

An online resource, designed to provide comprehensive and up-to-date information on measures taken by Governments to address violence against women, in the areas of laws and policies, prevention, services, and statistical data. It also serves as an important tool to monitor the implementation of SDGs and its target areas on violence against women. To find out more visit: <a href="http://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en">http://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en</a>

# **Stripped Bare**

A raw, contemporary solo dance work choreographed and performed by Jennifer De Leon.

Friday June 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7.00pm & Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> @ 2.00pm St Andrew's on the Terrace, 30 The Terrace.



Vulnerability, terror, silence. Extraordinary movement, stillness.

This is the story of men and women who live Deeply.

In this dance work I am you, you are me.

- By donation: \$20.00 suggested. \$10.00 unwaged, at the door
- Enquiries and bookings: please call 04-472 9211

## 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
Custodian, SATRS Administrator	Peter Cowley
Facilities Assistant	Rebecca Nodwell
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