St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua Founded 1840

ORDER OF SERVICE

12 June 2016



Pentecost 4



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

We come to re-weave the unravelling fabric of community to re-connect once more with the larger human family to find once more that place of calm, to remind ourselves that we belong, and to remember what it is we belong to.

Let us worship in the Presence we name God

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Startle Us God'

Words: © 2006 Shirley Erena Murray Music: WOV 28 Lobe den Herren (Public Domain)

Startle us, God, by the signs of your Spirit around us! Shake us awake for the thrust of Your Word to astound us! Rattle our doors, give our discomfort no pause, rouse us for work you have found us.

Wake us to see where the winds of the city are blowing, facing the brokers of power where the currents are flowing, finding the lost, learning what justice may cost, feeling the pain of our growing.

Shock us by showing us Jesus, his style of direction, welcoming, never conventional in his selection, open our minds, teach us how prejudice blinds, colours our culture's reflection.

Startle us, God, into confident high expectation, knowing the hope and the promise of new revelation, taking your part, praising with mind and with heart, honouring all your creation.

OPENING RESPONSES

We come to be opened by visions that can enlist us in larger causes and more caring actions. We come to hear stories that might take us into a deeper kind of integrity, and reconnect us with our better selves.

So may the warmer fullness that we seek fill our hearts, our minds and our spirits

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

Dorothy McRae McMahon

O God, you are the gathering one who calls us into community with each other; *to love and work, support and heal.*

You are the gathering one who calls us into community with all people; to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.

You are the gathering one who calls us into community with the whole creation; *to live in harmony, to cherish and renew.*

We worship you, the God who makes us one. For our community gathered here, for the spirit that called us together and drew us to this place: *We give thanks.*

For moments we have shared with others; for times we have reached out across barriers of distance and fear; for times when others have reached out to us: *We give thanks*.

For our weaving together out of many separate selves this hour of celebration and reflection; this beloved community of faith and hope:

We give thanks this day. Amen

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Colma Froggatt

Words: ©1973 Ian Pitt-Watson. Music: CH4 96 Sursum Corda

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!

METRICAL PSALM 139 (SUNG)

Thou art before me, God, thou art behind, And thou above me hast spread out thy hand; Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, Too high to grasp, too great to understand.

Then whither from thy Spirit shall I go, And whither from thy presence shall I flee? If I ascend to heaven thou art there, And in the lowest depths I meet with thee.

If I should take my flight into the dawn,
If I should dwell on ocean's farthest shore,
Thy mighty hand would rest upon me still,
And thy right hand would guard me evermore.

If I should say "Darkness will cover me, And I shall hide within the veil of night", Surely the darkness is not dark to thee, The night is as the day, the darkness light.

Search me, O God, search me and know my heart, Try me, O God, my mind and spirit try; Keep me from any path that gives thee pain, And lead me in the everlasting way.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS

Hebrew Bible

Luke 7:36 - 8:3

A sinful woman forgiven

Contemporary reading

'Christpower' From Jesus for the Non-religious

Look at him! By John Shelby Spong

Look not at his divinity, but look, rather, at his freedom.
Look not at the exaggerated tales of his power, but look, rather, at his infinite capacity to give himself away. Look not at the first-century mythology that surrounds him, but look, rather, at his courage to be, his ability to live, and the contagious quality of his love.

Stop your frantic search!
Be still and know that this is God:
this love,
this freedom,
this life,
this being;

And

when you are accepted, accept yourself; when you are forgiven, forgive yourself; when you are loved, love yourself. Grasp that Christpower and dare to be yourself!

That is, I believe the pathway to God, the God whom I have en-countered in the profoundly human Jesus.
Shalom!

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

A TIME OF SILENCE

HYMN

CH4 557 'O Love that wilt not let me go'

Words: G Matheson. Music: A Pearce (Public Domain)

O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee; my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

OFFERING PRAYER (said together)

Faithful God, you ask us to be faithful people.

In this community, you ask us to be people of justice. In this community, you ask us to be people of mercy. In this community, you ask us to be people of peace. Be with us as we try to be faithful in large ways and in small ways so your beloved community may come in every way. 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 Puerto Rico and the Council of Churches of Pueto Rico. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Craig Foss and Jo Goodhew, and the people of their electorates of Tukituki and Rangitata. Here in Wellington, we pray for the leaders and people of St Ronan's Presbyterian Church, Eastbourne.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

CALL TO SERVICE (standing)

Go, as people who are free and responsible.

We go to live out our freedom by the choices we make.

Go in freedom to be instruments of peace.

We go to act in ways that will achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace in ourselves, in our community, and in our world.

HYMN

TIS 648 'Help us accept each other'

Music: WOV 509 Morning Light. George James Webb. Words: © 1975 Stainer & Bell Ltd. Fred Kaan

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted and meant to live and love

Teach us, O God, your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all – not just for some, to love them as we find them or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in living situations to do the truth in love; to practice your acceptance until we know by heart the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

God, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance for righteousness and bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on: Renew us with your Spirit; God, free us, make us one!

BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN

B Hughes

Go as far as your courage takes you, for you cannot go beyond the reach of God. Give as extravagantly as you may, for you cannot spend all the riches of God. Care as lavishly as you are able, for you cannot exhaust the love of God. Keep journeying as a friend, and The Spirit of Loving-Kindness will always be with you.

THANK YOU Bruce Corkill

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	Heather Macfarlane, Judith Cowley
Sound	Peter Cowley
Offering	Joan Tyler, Jon Schrader
Coffee/tea	James Cone, Norman & Linda Wilkins
Time with the Children	Colma Froggatt
Readings	Frances Porter
Prayers of the People	Cameron Smart
Musician	Bruce Corkill
Rainbow Room Helper	Sonia Groes-Petrie

On duty Sunday 19 June	
Welcoming	Margaret Pannett, Valerie Rhodes
Sound	Bronwyn White
Offering	Pauline Woolley, Joan Tyler
Coffee/tea	Richard Keller, Rosemary Lawrence, Pam Fuller
Time with the Adults	
Readings	TBC
Prayers of the People	Patricia Booth
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Sonia Groes-Petrie

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 12 June 10am Sunday Gathering led by Jim Cunningham

Followed by Congregational Conversation in Conference rooms 1 & 2

Tuesday 14 June 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting Conference Room 2

Wednesday 15 June Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 15 June 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert – Rustem Khamidullin | Solo Cello Recital

Thursday 16 June 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre

Friday 17, 7pm & Saturday 18, 2pm Jenny De Leon Dance in the Hall

Sunday 19 June 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones with Jennifer De Leon dancing Followed by Social Justice Meeting

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. (Susan will be away Friday to Tuesday inclusive.) 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 those you know who are interested in dance. People are needed to carry out door duty and to breakdown and set up the Hall. Please see Susan. Plans are also in hand for celebrating the 30th anniversary of Homosexual Law Reform on 3rd July. July 17th will feature your poetry choices – see details below.

THE SECOND BOOK OF PSALMS PROJECT AT POLL SALACH - EASTER SUNDAY 1998 – *LAST WEEK TO SEND THESE IN!*

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 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. Thank you to those who have sent in their selections.

ADVANCE NOTICE JOY COWLEY BOOK LAUNCH

Keep the evening of **Sunday July 24**th free for the launch of Joy Cowley's latest book *Made for Love.* This book of reflections/poems has been created for all kinds of couples and situations. TVNZ's SUNDAY programme will be present to film part of the evening.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

PUANGA/MATARIKI AT WELLINGTON CENTRAL LIBRARY

On **Wednesdays 15**th **& 22**nd **of June** at Wellington Central Library from 12.30pm there will be a series of discussions around the festival of Puanga/Matariki. For more information about the subjects and presenters of each talk please see the notice at the back of Church or visit their website http://www.wcl.govt.nz/

NEW PLYMOUTH PEACE WALK TO PARIHAKA 15TH - 17TH JUNE 2016

The Peace Walk is a walk from the New Plymouth District Council Building to Parihaka Pa, which will take place over three days, from **Wednesday 15th to Friday 17th June**. The Peace Walk is about walking into a new conversation - a conversation where everyone is included. The Peace Walk is about creating a community that is safe no matter where, when, or who you are. **Why?** Mayor Andrew Judd has been on a journey of discovery - see http://e-tangata.co.nz/news/andrew-judd-an-upbringing-too-white-by-far

The Peace Walk is an invitation for the community to respond to and engage with the matters Andrew has raised, and to continue the dialogue he has opened. **How Can You Help?** If you would like to help with the Peace Walk in any capacity, either in the lead-up or on the walk itself we'd love to hear from you. Email <u>peaceprovince@gmail.com</u> or go to the Facebook page: 'Peaceful Province Initiative'. https://www.facebook.com/events/253913134969082/

WELLINGTON MALE VOICE CHOIR

Ride a Russian Chariot is the title of then next concert by the Wellington Male Voice Choir to be presented at St Andrew's on The Terrace on **Sunday 19th June from 2.30pm.** Conducted by Bruce Cash, accompanied by Shona Murray and featuring guest artist Roger Wilson, Baritone Soloist. Doors sales \$25pp in support of the Wellington Free Ambulance. For further information see the poster at church or contact ragtime@xtra.co.nz

WELLINGTON CITY CONCERT BANDS MID WINTER CONCERT

Come along and enjoy a mid-winter concert by the Wellington City Concert Band on **Wednesday 22 June** from 7pm. Koha entry.

TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT AMENDMENT BILL

Public submissions are now being invited on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement Amendment Bill. The closing date for submissions is **Friday, 22 July 2016**This bill is an omnibus bill that amends New Zealand law as part of the implementation of the free trade agreement named the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement.

A number of legislative and regulatory amendments would be required to align New Zealand's domestic law with certain obligations in the Agreement to enable New Zealand to ratify it. A copy of the Bill and information on how to make a submission is available at: http://www.parliament.nz/en-nz/pb/sc/makesubmission/51SCFDT_SCF_00DBHOH_BILL68998_1/ trans-pacific-partnership-agreement-amendment-bill

DCM BOOKFAIR, 27 AUGUST 2016 - CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

DCM's annual, fundraising Bookfair is on Saturday 27 August 2016, Shed 6, Queen's Wharf, 8am-8pm. Although we've had to shift to a smaller venue this year we expect to be able to offer a similar number of high-quality second-hand books, as well as CDs, DVDs, puzzles and games, as in past years. We will hold a one-day event but with extended hours, and due to the vast quantity of donations coming in to DCM year round, you can expect another very high quality Bookfair in 2016. We need many volunteers to help make this event a success. If people would like to help out, please email Matthew Mawkes at events@dcm.org.nz or call and leave your details at (04) 384 7699. For further information visit the facebook page; https://www.facebook.com/events/271147513233643/

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 18th**, **25th**, **Sept 1st**, **8th and 15th**. Time 7-9pm. Cost koha. Venue Pa Maria Marist Spirituality Centre, 78 Hobson Street, Thorndon. Contact Brian Cummings (04) 212 4691 or bgcummings@xtra.co.nz

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Two-Week July School Holiday Programme with Northland Kidz Club from Monday $11^{\rm th}$ July – Friday $22^{\rm nd}$ July. Every day, they'll be out-and-about - visiting Premier House, ice-skating, go-karting, swimming, going to movies, visiting "Space Place" at Carter Observatory, seeing kids theatre productions and much more. Cost \$45 per child per day (third child onwards, \$20), 8.30am to 6pm each day. For details, check out the website www.nkc.org.nz, or contact Jan on cell 022 140 2612, e-mail nkc.jan@gmail.com.

Stripped Bare

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

Friday June 17th @ 7.00pm & Saturday June 18th @ 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

St Andrew's Trust for the Study of Religion and Society



Becoming the C-Word: Reflections on Secularisation and Religious Change in Twentieth-Century New Zealand

Tuesday June 14, 12:15 - 1pm

Dr Geoff Troughton



New Zealand Christianity underwent a series of remarkable transformations during the twentieth century. Notably, and perhaps most visibly, support for the historic "mainline" shrunk and these churches waned in influence. The public reputation of Christianity also took a battering. This talk seeks to understand these changes to the social role of Christianity in New Zealand in the context of wider debates about secularisation. It focuses on certain patterns within early twentieth century discourse and piety that may help to explain at least some contemporary attitudes.

Bio:

Geoff Troughton is a Senior Lecturer in Religious Studies at Victoria University of Wellington, where he teaches courses in religion and politics, religion in New Zealand and the Pacific, Christianity, and secularisation.

His current research focuses on missionary Christianity and peace activism in New Zealand, and contemporary religious change in connection with the New Zealand Attitudes and Values Study.

Main publications include New Zealand Jesus (2011) and The Spirit of the Past (2011), edited with Hugh Morrison. Another volume edited with Stuart Lange, Sacred Histories in Secular New Zealand, will be published by Victoria University Press in 2016. See: http://www.victoria.ac.nz/sacr/about/staff/geoff-troughton.

For your notes and thoughts		

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
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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
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