St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua Founded 1840

ORDER OF SERVICE

11 December 2016



Advent 3 Giving with Joy



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.
To use the loop system in the church, turn your hearing aids on to the appropriate setting.

Please note your nearest fire exit.
The church and hall have been earthquake strengthened. In an earthquake: drop, cover and hold.

GATHERING

We look forward to the gifts that Christmas brings;
Jesus who came to show God's love
The hope seen when disparate people gather together to celebrate
The peace often offered by people of faith and no faith during the holiday season

The joy of giving and receiving, of hospitality and sharing

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

CoC 43 'The Stars Danced'

Words: Barbara Gillard. ©1975 West Wind Music.
Arrangement: David Dell

- 1. The stars danced, the angels sang
 The night God came to earth.
 The whole vault of heaven rang
 To celebrate his birth
 We will dance, we will sing,
 We will praise our heav'nly King
 At his birth!
- 2. Mary, his mother smiled
 To see her babe new born.
 Shepherds came hurrying,
 Left their flocks forlorn.
 We will dance, we will sing,
- 3. Wise men who saw his star, Knew their Lord was here, Came with their offerings, Incense, gold and myrrh. We will dance, we will sing,
- 4. We too will give to him Gifts of love and praise.
 Dance for him, sing for him, Rejoice in him always.

 We will dance, we will sing,

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou. *Kia ora*.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

CWS Partner Story from Nepal

Saru now runs a successful start-up business that is making a big difference for her family. After the 2015 Nepal earthquake caused extensive damage in the far west where she lives, Saru had to leave school to support her siblings and parents. With a cash grant from ACT Alliance Nepal she set up a small shop selling tea, snacks and treats. Most of the money she earns pays the school fees for her brothers and sisters. "At first it was hard, especially arguing with people who buy things on credit. But I feel less shy now," says Saru

Lighting the Candle of Joy

The first Advent candle represents our call to hope.

The second represents our call to peace.

Today the third candle represents our call to joy.

This candle reminds us that to rejoice, even when that is hard to do.

This candle is a symbol of the joy of God being with us.

Joyful God, you are at work among us.

Help us to be people of joy, working with you.

May Christ, the light of the world, help us bring joy to the world.

MAORI LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

E to mātou Mātua i te rangi,

Kia tapu tōu ingoa.

Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.

Kia meatia tau e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua,

Kia rite ano ki to te rangi.

Homai ki a mātou āianei he taro mā mātou mo tēnei rā.

Murua o mātou hara, me mātou hoki e muru nei

I o te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.

Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;

Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino.

Nou hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te kororia,

Āke, āke, āke,

Amine.



LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

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 FIRST NATIVITY

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Roger Jones

Gospel Luke 1:46b-55, Mary's Joy

Contemporary reading

"Giving" From The Prophet

By Kahlil Gibran

RESPONSE

For the Word in scripture, for the Word among us, for the Word within us, we give thanks

HYMN

CoC34 'Open, open the stable door'

Words and music © Colin Gibson

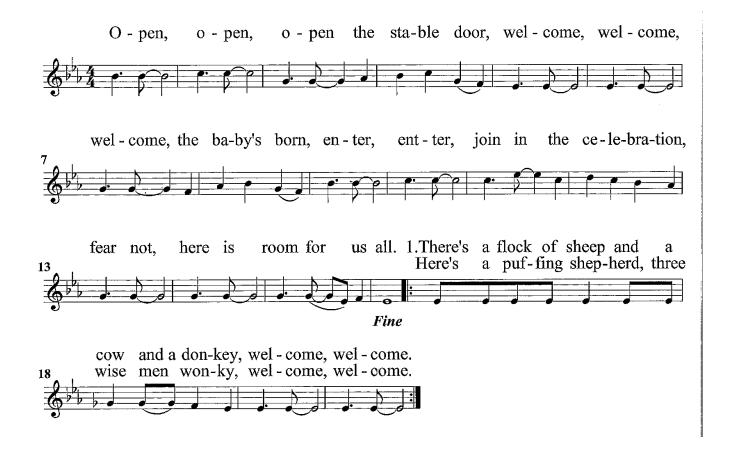
There's a flock of sheep and a cow and a donkey, Here's a puffing shepherd, three wise men wonky.

Open, open, open the stable door, Welcome, welcome, welcome, the baby's born, Enter, enter, join in the celebration, Fear not, here is room for us all.

What a crowd of folk come to see the baby, one of them is drunk and other's crazy, *Open, open, open the stable door,*

Fallen off the back of a skip just lately?
Feeling rather bruised, yes, and shook up greatly *Open, open, open the stable door,*

Can't afford a coat and the kids are crying, haven't found a friend yet, but I'm still trying. *Open, open, open the stable door,*

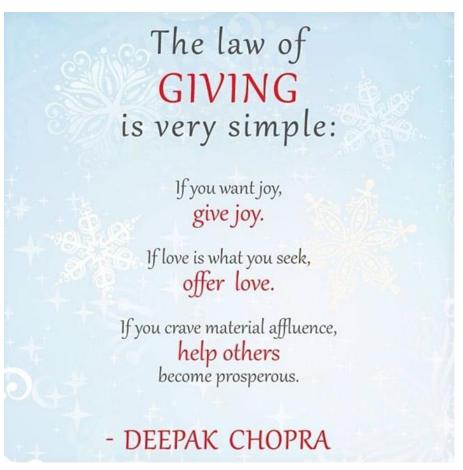


UNCLE RY AND THE MOON (dramatised)

REFLECTION

Giving & Receiving

Chris Carey-Smith



REFLECTIVE ACTIVITY

Receiving and giving are both of equal importance.

Adults and children

- Consider the most significant gift you have received (such as time, care, money or an object) and give thanks for the giver.
- Consider the most special gift you have given someone.
- Hang a Christmas decoration on the Christmas tree to symbolise the preciousness of giving.
- As you sit down again, think about the wonder of reciprocity, how both giving and receiving are special.

Children

• Wrap presents to go under the tree, think about the joy of giving and imagine the delight of the families who will receive them.

HYMN

CoC 31 'Te Harinui'

Words and music © Colin Gibson

Not on a snowy night
By star or candlelight
Nor by an angel band
There came to our dear land
Te Harinui, Te Harinui
Te Hari-nu-i, Glad tid-ings of great joy

But on a summer day, within a quiet bay
The Maori people heard, the great and glorious word
Te Harinui

The people gathered round, upon the grassy ground And heard the preacher say, I bring to you this day *Te Harinui*

Now in this blessed land, united heart and hand We praise the glorious birth, and sing to all the earth

Te Harinui

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 **briefly** from the lectern.

For the benefit of newcomers, please introduce yourself before you begin.

OFFERING PRAYER (said together)

Lord and Giver of all good things, the magi travelled for miles to bring the Christ child the first Christmas presents.

So may we, too, remember with thankful hearts the love that comes with each present we open.

We also thank you for the love you have for each of us, and we thank you for the many gifts that you give us, especially the gift of life itself. *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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sue McRae

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Uganda and Christian World Service partner the Church of Unganda and their work focussing on infrastructure development, small scale enterprise, environmental protection, human rights, civic education, and community based health care. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name David Parker and Richard Prosser list MPs. Here in Wellington, we pray for the leaders and people of The Cook Islands Presbyterian Church of Wellington.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

CoC52 'You are born in us again'

Music: © Mark Wilson. Words: ©Shona Murray

You are born in us again.

Like the warmth of the summer wind you come, to melt away the icicles of vanity and pride; you come to blow the very doors of loving open wide. Like the warmth of the summer wind you come, (repeat)

You are born in us again.

Like the scent of the summer rain you come.

You come to quench the thirsty and to freshen up the land; you come to clean away the dust that's settled in our hand.

Like the scent of the summer rain you come, (repeat)

You are born in us again.
Like the light of the summer sun you come,
to give light to the places that have never seen the Son:
you come now to embrace us, you're the holy, holy one.
Like the light of the summer sun you come, (repeat)

BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN

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 one of the welcome leaflets (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	Jon Schrader, Richard Keller
Sound	Jennifer Bush-Baumec
Offering	Joan Tyler, Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Pam Fuller, Sandra & Tony Kirby
Time with the Children	Rainbow Room Christmas Pageant
Readings	Roger Jones
Prayers of the People	Sue McRae
Musician	Bruce Corkill
Rainbow Room Helper	No Rainbow Room, activities at the front of
	Church

On duty Sunday 18 December	
Welcoming	Norman & Linda Wilkins
Sound	Paul Satherley
Offering	Paul Satherley, James Cone,
Coffee/tea	Jim & Maxine Cunningham, Peter Bacos
Time with the Children	Frank Cook
Readings	Frances Porter
Prayers of the People	Lois Robertson
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	No Rainbow Room, activities at the back of
	Church

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 11 December Sunday Gathering including the Rainbow Room Christmas Pageant led by Chris Carey-Smith. Followed by Congregational Conversation

Wednesday 14 December Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 14 December 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert | Hye-Won and Kristina Zuelicke | music for violin and piano

Thursday 15 December 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre.

Sunday 18 December Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones.

Followed by social justice meeting

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHRISTMAS BAKING

Christmas shortbread, biscuits, some cakes and Childrens biscuits and Novelties will be on sale at morning tea after the service. Ideal for gifts and own munching. Funds to go to the renovation of the Church Organ. Please bring cash. Inquiries to Maxine Cunningham.

MURAL CARDS ON SALE - cash or cheque

Cards featuring 12 mural stencils and 12 words from the mural on the wall, will be on sale after this **Sunday Service 3**rd **December**, and from the office during weekly office hours. Cost \$10 per packet of 6 cards pre-packeted or your choice. No wording inside so can be used for many occasions. PEACE AND AROHA cards are proving popular for Christmas. Proceeds are donated to Outerspaces, a Charitable Trust supporting groups working with Wellington GLBTQ youth. *N.B. Ordered cards are ready, please bring money or cheque book \$\$\$\$\$\$ thank you.*

MODERATOR'S EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

At General Assembly... I launched an appeal in response to earthquakes of 14 Nov causing devastation across the northern part of the South Island and Wellington. The PCANZ has many churches in these areas led by able and faithful ministers of the Gospel who love their people and the communities they serve. ... now facing levels of unprecedented stress because of the disruption caused by the 7.8 earthquake. They face long delays, perhaps indefinite, before normal services resume, such as ... fresh water and ... sewage service. Many are feeling the bite of post-traumatic stress symptoms as they contemplate the enormity of what has happened to them and their livelihoods.

At Assembly we raised \$8,000 for the Appeal fund. The needs are great and we want to give all our parishes and people a chance to contribute.

As a Church we have four parishes in the hardest hit quake area: Hurunui led by the Rev Nancy Jean Whitehead; Amuri Cooperating covering Culverden, Rotheram and Waiau led by the Rev Colin Price; St Paul's Presbyterian in Kaikoura led by the Rev Alistair McNaughton, and then further north the Awatere-Flaxbourne parish lead by the Rev Dawn Daunauda. We recognise too the Blenheim parishes of St Andrews and Wairau (St Ninians) who have also had a significant shake; and the significant damage to the Wellington CBD. We are in contact with these folk and are praying that their energies and wisdom may be sufficient for the day – each day! However, they will need extra support and care, as will their families. We ask congregations to give generously to the **Upper South Island Earthquake**

We ask congregations to give generously to the **Upper South Island Earthquake Appeal,** and for your prayers of intercession for our people and the communities they serve there. I will be visiting these areas to bring further news.

Donations to the **Upper South Island Earthquake Appeal** can be made by deposit into this bank account, please use details below:

Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, BNZ Willis Street: 02 0500 0086963 000 (please add a reference "Quake16" and your name and advise Katrina Graham katrina@presbyterian.org.nz if a receipt is required).

Yours Sincerely, Richard Dawson, Moderator.

CHRISTMAS AND JANUARY SERVICES

Sunday 18 December, 10am - A New Zealand Carol Service

Saturday 24 December, 7.30pm for refreshments followed by Christmas Eve Candlelight Gathering and Communion beginning at 8pm

Sunday 25 December, 10am – A New Zealand Christmas.

Sunday 1 January, 10am Gathering on New Year's Day led by Trish McBride and team.

Sunday 8 January, 10am Gathering led by Rev. Norman Wilkins

Sunday 15 January, 10am Gathering led by Rev. Dr Jim Cunningham

Sunday 22 January, 10am Gathering led by Rev. Ross Scott

Sunday 29 January, 10am Gathering led by Rev. Dr Susan Jones

There will be activities for children at the back of the church for each Gathering.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

CAROL SINGING IN THE WARDS

Each year the Wellington Hospital Chaplains organise people to come together to sing Carols in the wards of Wellington Regional Hospital. You are most welcome to join them. Christmas Eve, 7pm, gather in the Atrium at 6.45pm. There will be about an hour of singing followed by a light supper.

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	Lynne Dovey
Parish Council Clerk	Maxine Cunningham
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Facilities Management Group	Douglas Wood
Pastoral Convenors	Lois Robertson, 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 Administrator	Karyn Bishop
Custodian, SATRS Administrator	Peter Cowley
Facilities Assistant	Rebecca Nodwell
Roster Coordinator	Rosemary Lawrence

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