

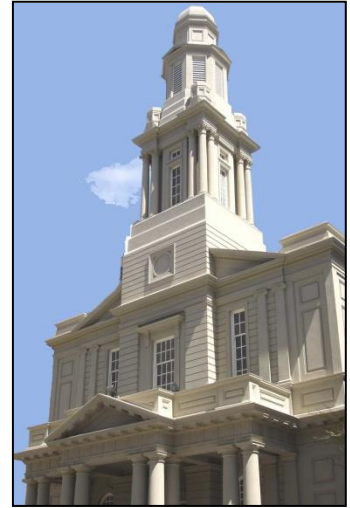
# St Andrew's on The Terrace

*Hato Anaru o Te Parehua*

Founded 1840

## ORDER OF SERVICE

24 December 2016



### CHRISTMAS EVE



**'...Right side up Christmas belongs to the universe'**

#### **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.

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.*

## CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The offering at the end of the service will all go to the Christian World Service Christmas Gift Appeal, whether in an official CWS envelope or not. Not prepared? Just let the plate go by. You can use your CWS envelope to send a gift later if you like. CWS works with partners around the world so your money is spent by local aid agencies. In 2016 these are in South India, Nepal, Syria and South Sudan.



**We hope you will enjoy this Christmas Eve Gathering.  
We are glad you are here**

### ORGAN PRELUDE

**Peter Franklin**

### GATHERING

This night is for a father, mother and their baby, yet for all places and times;

*It is a sign of new life for the whole universe*

### ST ANDREW'S SINGERS

**'This little babe' from *A Ceremony of Carols***

Words Robert Southwell (1561?-1595). Music: Benjamin Britten.

Conducted by Vivien Chiu

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**WOV 193 'O come, O come Emmanuel'**

Words: based on the ancient Advent Antiphons (alt)

Music: Plainsong melody, 15<sup>th</sup> Century France

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and to us all your good news tell,  
for you are pitching tent with us here and so the Light of God will appear.  
*Rejoice ! rejoice ! Emmanuel shall come to you, and all things will be well*

O come, O son of David, come  
and open wide the pathway to home;  
draw us into your mystery and close the way which leads to misery  
*Rejoice ! rejoice !...*

O come, bright dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by your advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night and all dark shadows put to flight.  
*Rejoice ! rejoice ! ...*

## WELCOME

Kia ora tatou. ***Kia ora.***

## ORGAN SOLO

## 'O Holy Night'

Played by Peter Franklin. Music: Adoolphe Charles Adam

## AN ADVENT WREATH LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE

This **first candle of hope** we light is to remember those whom  
we have loved and lost. *(First candle is lit)*

We pause to remember their name, their face, their voice,  
the memory that binds them to us in this season  
in the hope they will continue to make a difference to our lives  
***May God's caring love surround them and us***

This **second candle of peace** we light is to mend the pain of loss;  
the loss of relationships, loss of jobs, loss of health and home.  
*(Second candle is lit.)*

We pause to gather up the pain of the past and offer it to God,  
asking that we receive the gift of peace.

***Refresh, restore, renew us we pray,  
and lead us peacefully into the future***

This **third candle of joy** we light is to remember  
ourselves this Christmas time. *(Third candle is lit.)*

We pause to remember past weeks and months and years:  
the disbelief, anger and 'down' times, the poignancy of reminiscing,  
hugs and handshakes of family and friends, who stood with us.

***Let us remember dawn defeats darkness  
for 'joy comes in the morning'.***

This **fourth candle of love** we light is to remember the gift of love  
which the Christmas story offers us. *(Fourth candle is lit.)*

We remember Creativity-God companions us,  
sharing our life, being-with-us, Emmanuel

***Let us remember new possibilities now, in the present.***

Spirit of God, calm our hearts so we can hear your still, small voice.

**SILENCE**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** *(Children are invited to come to the front)*

**CAROL**

**COC34 'Open, open the stable door'**

Words and Music: © Colin Gibson

*Refrain: 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.*

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

*Refrain*

What a crowd of folk come to see the baby, welcome, welcome.  
One of them is drunk and another's crazy, welcome, welcome.

*Refrain*

Can't afford a coat and the kids are crying, welcome, welcome.  
Haven't found a friend yet, but I'm still trying, welcome, welcome.

*Refrain*

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

We have waited with hope ***for justice and righteousness.***  
We have waited with peace ***for shalom to be felt.***  
We have waited with joy, ***celebrating what has already been done.***  
We have waited with love, ***awed by how love has been shown to us.***

Tonight we light the Christ candle to celebrate the light of God, coming  
into the world though the birth of Jesus. *(Christ candle is lit.)*

***God of hope and peace, joy and love  
whose light shines from that stable so long ago  
into every corner of the world,  
help us to sing the joy of your coming.  
Help us live by your light today and throughout the year,  
so peace and goodwill will truly transform the world.***

**CAROL**

**'Joy to the World!'**

Words Isaac Watts (alt.) Music 'Antioch' G F Handel WOV 224

Joy to the world! A new age dawns  
It comes, shalom to bring.  
Let ev'ry heart prepare a room,  
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! Let justice come,  
To all who need release;  
For prisoners held in chains,  
the damaged and the anxious,  
let them find freedom now, let them find freedom now  
let them, let them find freedom now.

Graceful and true, the Saviour brings  
compassion all may share  
for poor and homeless,  
so may they find  
their life becomes more fair their life becomes more fair  
their life, their life becomes more fair.

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

*The Child of peace has come to dwell among us, we share the peace with one another.  
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**

**Anna Smith**

### **Luke 2:1-7**

The Birth

### **Luke 2:8-14**

The Angels

### **Luke 2:15-20**

The Shepherds

## **CONTEMPORARY READING**

**'Nativity' by Peter Cape**

## **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***

## **ST ANDREW'S SINGERS**

**'Donkey Carol'**

Words: Edmund Bolten. Music: John Rutter. Conducted by Vivien Chiu

## **REFLECTION**

**'What is right side up?'**

**Susan Jones**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Paul Barber**

## **JESUS' PRAYER**

**Jim Cotter paraphrase**

***Eternal Spirit, Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker,  
source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all, loving God, in whom is heaven.***

*The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom come on earth!  
With the bread that we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.  
Amen.*

## **CAROL OF THE REFUGEE CHILDREN**

## **'Away and in danger'**

Words: © 2016 Shirley Erena Murray

Music: © William James Kirkpatrick. WOV 242 Cradle Song

Away and in danger,  
no hope of a bed,  
the refugee children,  
no tears left to shed  
    look up at the night sky  
    for someone to know  
    that refugee children  
    have no place to go.

The babies are crying,  
their hunger awakes,  
the boat is too loaded,  
it shudders and breaks;  
    humanity's wreckage  
    is thrown out to die,  
    the refugee children  
    will never know why.

Come close, little children,  
we hold out our hand  
in rescue and welcome  
to shores of our land -  
    in aroha, touching  
    your fear and your pain,  
    with dreams for your future  
    when peace comes again.

## **OFFERING FOR CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE**

## OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

***This money is given so those in need in South India, Nepal, Syria and South Sudan will get the support they need. We pray for the partner organisations who will utilise this money and make decisions about its use. May they have the strength and wisdom they need.***

***May it be so, 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.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All are invited to Christ's table. Wherever you are on your faith's journey, wherever you have come from, wherever you are going to, whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe, you are welcome to participate in communion, a meal for all people.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

### **COC14(ii) 'Come now, Lord Jesus'**

Words © 1992 Shirley Erena Murray. Music arr. © Roy Tankersley

Music © 1992 Hope Publishing Company

Come now, Lord Jesus, enter our Christmas  
be to us no stranger in this new made manger.

Come, small and human, born of a woman,  
yet a child much greater of our own Creator.

Come, cold and crying, comfort denying,  
in your body feeling hurt as well as healing.

Come, poor and simple, our flesh your temple  
no place to receive you, few yet to believe you.

Come, gift and token, bread to be broken —  
star and sign still point you, myrrh will yet anoint you.

## COMMUNION LITURGY

*on white card*

*Candles: During the communion everyone needs to come forward to take a carol candle from one of the baskets. Please take it with you as you return to your seat.*

*Communion: If you stay at the front for communion, note that it is served by intinction (dipping). You are invited to come to the front of the church and receive the bread, or a gluten-free cracker, taking a piece large enough to dip into the wine (silver cup) or grape juice (pottery cup). Then you are invited to eat the bread/cracker you have dipped in wine or juice.*

*If you find moving difficult a server will roam the church, just raise your hand if you wish to be served. If you don't wish to receive communion, you are welcome to remain in your seat. We value your presence with us.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Duane McKibben, Katrina Harper (flutes), Vivien Chiu (piano)



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 last line)*

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 summer rain you come, *(repeat last line)*

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 last line)*

### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

*The light from the Christ candle will be brought to the end of the rows.  
 The first person tips their candle to receive the light.  
 They then hold their candle upright as the next person tips their candle to receive the  
 light and so on along the row....*

**REMEMBER, THE PERSON WITH THE LIGHT HOLDS THE CANDLE UPRIGHT,  
 THE PERSON RECEIVING THE LIGHT TIPS THEIR CANDLE TO THE LIGHT.**

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see you lie!  
 Above your deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by:  
 yet in the dark streets shines out the everlasting Light;  
 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in you tonight.

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While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,  
 The angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around

'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind),  
 'glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and humankind.

'To you in David's town this day is born of David's line  
 A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:



'the heavenly babe you there shall find to human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapped in swaddling clothes and in a manger laid.'

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No, I've never seen an angel with lovely golden wings,  
harping on about a message from a lofty king of kings.  
I've never talked to Gabriel or stepped upon a star,  
or seen St Peter at the gates, not even from afar.

But I've held your hand and heard your voice,  
and seen your signs of love  
in the people all around me every day:  
when the hungry ones are fed, when the sick are put to bed,  
and the hopeless find there is another way

No, I've never walked on water, or stilled a raging wave;  
my water never turns to wine, my porkers all behave.  
my loaves and fishes feed just me, my words don't seem to heal;  
the dumb don't speak at my command, the numb aren't helped to feel.

But I've sensed the real live miracles  
in lives that have been changed  
in the people all around me every day:  
when despair is put to flight, and the darkness turns to light,  
and the helpless find the strength to walk their way

From *Hope Is Our Song* 103 Words: © Rob Ferguson. Music: © Colin Gibson

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Silent night, holy night: all is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child, holy infant so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night: shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing 'Alleluia';  
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night, holy night: wondrous star, lend your light;  
with the angels let us sing 'Alleluia to our King';  
Christ our Saviour is born, Christ our Saviour is born.

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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.

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**

May the blessings of life be upon us all.

*May the love we share bring strength and joy to our hearts,  
as we live into the just reign of God,*  
and the peace of Christ be with us all until we meet again.

## **SUNG AMEN**

## **RECESSIONAL CAROL**

## **'O Come, all ye faithful'**

Music John Francis Wade.  
Words C. Frederick Oakeley (alt)

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born above the angels;  
*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

O sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing all who celebrate God's holy word.  
To the Creator, glory in the Highest;  
*O come, let us adore Him...*

This bright day, we greet you, born this happy season,  
Jesus! for evermore your name be adored.  
Word spoken truly, now with us appearing;  
*O come, let us adore Him...*

## **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

*Thank you to everyone who prepared for and participated in the service this evening  
and to our musicians: Peter Franklin (organ), Vivien Chiu, , the St Andrew's Singers,  
Duane McKibben and Katrina Harper (flutes).*

Thank you to all our volunteers this evening

Setting up:	Lynne Dovey, Sonia Groes-Petrie
Welcoming	Lynnette and Brian Burrell, Valerie Rhodes and Jeni Bryant
Communion	Andrew Matthews, Kath Kerr, Bronwyn White, Paul Barber, Colma Froggatt
Sound	Jennifer Bush-Daumec
Reader	Anna Smith
Offering	Anne Barrie, Paul Satherley
Prayers of the People	Paul Barber
Refreshments	Heather MacFarlane, Ben Gray, John Schrader, Katrina Harper
Clear Up	Brian and Lynette Burrell, Colma Froggatt

## CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION

St Andrew's on The Terrace **10-10.45 am tomorrow**

Everyone is welcome.

We wish you a happy Christmas Day for 2016 and hope that 2017 is a good year for you and yours.

The St Andrew's office will be closed until **9<sup>th</sup> January 2017**.

During that period for **urgent** pastoral matters contact

Rev Dr Jim Cunningham Dec 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>,

Rev Norman Wilkins Dec 30<sup>th</sup> – Jan 13<sup>th</sup> and Jim again from Jan 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>.

(See below for phone numbers)



## HOLIDAY DATES:

- **Office** closed Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2016, reopens Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017
- **Cuppa and Chat** resuming Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017.
- **Centering Prayer** resumes Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017
- **E-news:** Last for 2016, Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2016, resumes Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017
- **Christmas Day** Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016 Service 10-10.45am led by Susan
- **Gatherings in 2017:** (all at 10am)
  - Jan 1<sup>st</sup> led by Trish McBride and team,
  - Jan 8<sup>th</sup> led by Norman Wilkins,
  - Jan 15<sup>th</sup> led by Jim Cunningham,
  - Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> led by Ross Scott,
  - Jan 29<sup>th</sup> led by Susan Jones.
- **Susan's annual leave** Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016 to Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017 (inclusive).

For any urgent pastoral needs, please contact in the first instance

Lynne Dovey, parish council Convenor Mobile: 029-2798120.

Available for urgent pastoral care while Susan is on leave are:

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Rev Dr Jim Cunningham Jan 14<sup>th</sup> – Jan 16<sup>th</sup> (inclusive) Mobile: 027-6801159

# 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

<b>Minister</b>	Susan Jones
<b>Parish Council Convenor</b>	Lynne Dovey
<b>Parish Council Clerk</b>	Maxine Cunningham
<b>Treasurer</b>	Paul Barber
<b>Facilities Management Group</b>	Douglas Wood
<b>Pastoral Convenors</b>	Lois Robertson, Brian Burrell, Linda Wilkins
<b>Church Music Coordinator</b>	Vivien Chiu
<b>Theologian in Residence</b>	Lloyd Geering
<b>Presbytery Representative</b>	Heather Macfarlane
<b>Concert Coordinator</b>	Marjan van Waardenberg
<b>Rainbow Room Coordinator</b>	Chris Carey-Smith
<b>Church, Conference and Arts Manager</b>	David Medland
<b>Office Administrator</b>	Karyn Bishop
<b>Custodian, SATRS Administrator</b>	Peter Cowley
<b>Facilities Assistant</b>	Rebecca Nodwell
<b>Roster Coordinator</b>	Rosemary Lawrence

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