

St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

Founded 1840

ORDER OF SERVICE

4th December 2016



Advent Two



‘Taking the risk of guarding new life’

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 gather to continue our Advent journey.
As we face old and new challenges
we follow a pathway through darkness to light.

Let us travel this pathway together.

Springtime blossom transforms into new leaves and fruit.
and crimson sprinkles of pohutukawa emerge from tiny buds.
We watch as the Advent candle of Hope shines brightly within the wreath.

Let us watch and wait together.

Let us watch and wait with hope.

As we continue our journey to Bethlehem
gale force winds are calmed into gentle zephyr breezes.
White capped waves settle into sparkling ripples on our harbour
We watch as the Advent candle of Peace gleams within the wreath.

Let us watch and wait together.

Let us watch and wait for peace.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

IHLPJ 26 'Midwife Divine is Bringing Life to Birth'

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Music: FINLANDIA Jean Sibelius arr. Larry E Schultz © 2006

Midwife Divine is bringing life to birth
She calls forth beauty every night and day.
With gentle power she moves throughout the earth,
and opens paths to new creative ways;
She gives her help to all who labour long,
and calms our fears with tender birthing songs

Midwife Divine is calling deep within,
through Holy Darkness guiding all the way;
She gives us hope new ventures to begin;

Her loving care forever with us stays.
She gives us visions of world reborn;
with her we labour for a peaceful morn.

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

CWS Partner Story from Lebanon

Dr Akram Ziadeh works at a medical clinic in Lebanon. Like many who have fled war in Syria, mothers attending the clinic worry about the future. In Syria most women work in the home. Living as refugees looking after the extended family with few resources has been a challenge. The women are eager to learn skills they need for their family's survival. In Lebanon and Jordan, the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees offers compassion and practical help. Medical clinics and health education are providing a lifeline to refugees from Syria.

Lighting the Candle of Peace

The first Advent candle represents our call to hope.

Today the second Advent candle represents our call to peace.

It reminds us of our dreams for peace in the world
and that Jesus brings peace.

It is a symbol of peace, comfort and strength.

Peace is at work in many places, making life better for all.

Peace means people have a chance to fully live.

Help us to be peacemakers, so that the world may know your Peace.

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Cameron Smart

BLESSING THE CHILDREN (All stand)

We send you to the Rainbow Room programme to hear stories, ask questions and have fun together.

We bless you. Amen.

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Patricia Booth

Gospel

Matthew 1: 18-25

Contemporary reading

'Carrying a Candle'

by Jan Sutch Pickard

Scottish poet, story-teller and former warden at Iona Abbey.

RESPONSE

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

THANKSGIVING AND LAMENT

We give thanks for the new life children bring to their worlds

***We give thanks for all villages of the world
who have raised children in their midst***

We give thanks for the community in which Mary, Jesus and Joseph lived.

***We give thanks for those, like them,
who courageously take risks so children will survive.
For this we give thanks.***

We lament that not all children are welcome in the world

and solo mothers are often rejected and poorly treated still.

We lament that because of prejudice,

people are afraid to step out and do the unusual,

to push boundaries, or stand up and be counted.

We lament limiting theology which may arise

in some places from this reading of the Word;

***We lament those times when for different reasons
people have not listened to or acted on their dreams.***

This is our lament

JESUS' PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

HYMN

AA 23 (ii) 'Come now, Lord, Jesus'

Words© Shirley Erena Murray. Music© Douglas Mews

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,
no place to receive you, few yet to believe you.

Come, poor and simple, our flesh your temple
in your body feeling hurt as well as healing.

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

AFFIRMATION

*From our experience we affirm
that the divine energy we call God
frequently breaks through in unexpected places,
so small beginnings can have large consequences.
We affirm that listening is important
and it is alright to change your mind;
We affirm Joseph listening to his dream
and realising a just man can act justly in many different ways.
We affirm divine presence is with us as it was with Mary and Joseph
as they stepped outside the norm and pushed boundaries.
We affirm virgin birthing is more than myth-as-fairytale
but a living parable of spiritual renewal
which can be born in us, any day, any hour.*

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!

REFLECTION

'Taking the risk of guarding new life'

Susan Jones

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.*

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Anna Smith

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Tuvalu and the Congregational Christian Church of Tuvalu. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Alfred Ngaro and Maureen Pugh List MPs. Here in Wellington, we pray for Hutt City Uniting Congregations.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

St Andrew's is an open community and all are invited to Christ's table.

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 to participate in the communion.

This is God's meal for all people.

HYMN

COC 48 'Where is the room?'

Words: © Shirley Murray. Music: © David Dell

Where is the room, where is the house of Christmas?

Where shall we welcome Jesus,
where are the signs of home? (repeat)

Let Christ have space, place at the heart of living,
centre for birth's new breathing,
cradle for hope and peace, (repeat)

Let there be room, room for the friend and stranger,
room without hurt or anger,
room for whoever come, (repeat)

Let love be here, love from the Christmas stable,
love at our open table,
love to be shared all year, (repeat)

COMMUNION LITURGY

on card

Communion is served by intinction. 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). Eat the bread dipped in wine or juice.

Or, remain in your seat to be served if mobility is difficult. If you don't wish to receive communion, please remain in your seat – we're glad you are here with us.

HYMN

COC 52 'you are born in us again'

Words and Music: © Mark Wilson
Arr Shona Murray descant Colin Gibson.

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

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Thank you to Mark Stamper
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 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 Quay, 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	Judith Cowley, Lois Robertson
Communion	Frank Cook, Colma Froggatt, Margaret Pannett, Vhari McWha
Sound	Bronwyn White
Offering	Norman & Linda Wilkins
Coffee/tea	Graham Howell, Peter Cowley, Sonia Groes-Petrie, Katrina Harper
Time with the Children	Cameron Smart
Readings	Patricia Booth
Prayers of the People	Anna Smith
Musician	Mark Stamper
Rainbow Room Helper	Molly Seah

On duty Sunday 11 December

Welcoming	Jon Schrader, Richard Keller
Sound	Jennifer Bush-Baumec
Offering	James Cone, 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 back of Church

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 4 December Sunday Gathering including Communion led by Susan Jones.

Followed by Congregational Brunch in the Hall. Please bring a plate of food to share.

Tuesday 6 December 5.15pm Way to go Home | Wellington Organists' Association series organ recital

Wednesday 7 December Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 7 December 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert | BRIO vocal quartet

Thursday 8 December 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert | Sophia Miao and Nicole Ting | music for violin and piano

Thursday 8 December 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre.

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

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

BRIDAL SHOWER

Linda writes: "We're holding a bridal shower for Melissa and Laura who will be married January in the US. All are invited for afternoon tea this afternoon **at 3pm** in the Centre. Let's "shower" this couple with best wishes and have a little fun!" Food provided.

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 3rd December**, and from the office during weekly office hours. Cost \$10 per packet of 6 cards pre-packaged 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.***

RAINBOW ROOM CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Chris Carey-Smith writes: “Our final Rainbow Room Christmas service is **Sunday 11th December**. The theme is giving and generosity. We will be presenting a number of Christmas traditions including stories of St Nicholas. We plan to wrap gifts during the service to give away through Presbyterian Support - Family Works. All are welcome to bring gifts (new, not second hand) any prior Sunday or on the day. Thanks, Chris”.

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 Waiiau 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 led 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 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

FOR CHRISTMAS COMES...

The annual Christmas Gathering for all Presbyterian Women, Methodist Women's Fellowship and all Wellington Women. To be held on **Monday 5th December**, 7.30pm at Johnsonville Uniting Church. Come and begin the Christmas season with some devotional thoughts with us. Please bring one plate per car to help with the catering. An offering will be taken up for CWS Christmas Fund. For further information contact Judith Dunlop Ph 478 5252 or Lois Robertson Ph 973 9713.

PROGRESSING A GLOBAL BAN ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS

A humanitarian disarmament forum with Dell Higgle, NZ Disarmament Ambassador Providing an update on the global ban treaty and other disarmament developments at the UN General Assembly First Committee

When: **Wednesday, 7th December 2016, from 12.30pm to 1.30pm**

Where: St Andrew's Conference Centre, 30 The Terrace, Wellington - BYO lunch, tea / coffee will be provided. A iCAN Aotearoa New Zealand forum. RSVP by email icanz@xtra.co.nz or visit www.facebook.com/peacemovementaotearoa

IS ACHIEVEMENT OF UN STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT GOALS A HUMAN RIGHT?

Time: Thu 8 December at 12pm-3.30pm

Venue: Rutherford House Lecture Theatre Level 2/23 Lambton Quay, Pipitea Campus, Victoria University of Wellington

RSVP: office@unanz.org.nz

CAROLS FOR OUR CLEANERS – SING FOR SECURITY

Celebrate winning pay rises for cleaners and security guards at Wellington City Council and support the Council's commitment to ensure every council worker receives the full NZ living wage. Civic Square, 5-6pm **Thursday 8th December**. For further details Ph 027 399158 or visit www.facebook.com/events/1769524663311822/

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.

No, I've never seen an angel (Rob Fergusson)

Music Colin Gibson

1.No, I've ne-ver seen an an-gel with love-ly gold-en wings harp-ing

4 on a - bout a mes - sage from a lof - ty king of kings. I've

6 ne - ver talked to Ga - bri - el or stepped up - on a star, or

8 seen Saint Pe-ter at the gates, not ev-en from a-far. But I've held your hand and

11 heard your voice, and seen your signs of love in the peo-ple all a-round me

15 ev'-ry day: when the hun-gry ones are fed, when the sick are put to bed, and the

18 hope-less find their is an-oth-er way. 2.No, I've

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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