

ORDER OF SERVICE

1 July 2018

6th Sunday in Pentecost

Time of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs



The Mamas and Papas of ancient times

WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE

Wherever you are on your faith 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 usually sing the hymns without announcement.

To use the ***loop system*** in the church, turn your hearing aids on to the appropriate setting.
Printed copies of the reflection are available at the back of the church for people with extreme hearing loss. For others they can be picked up at the end of the Gathering.

Please note your nearest fire exit.

The church and hall have been earthquake strengthened. In an earthquake: drop, cover and hold.

GATHERING

Who were those long lost people,
the mothers and fathers of our faith?

What was their take on life?

What did they know? What do we know now?

In our time how will we

be mothers and fathers of the faith for those who come after us?

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

(music follows)

‘Christ, Be our Light’

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*Longing for light,
we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth,
we turn to you.
Make us your own,
your holy people,
light for the world to see.*

1. Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through
the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church
gathered today.
Longing....

2. Longing for peace,
our world is troubled.
Longing for hope,
many despair.
Your word alone
has pow’r to save us.
Make us
your living voice.
Longing...

3. Longing for food,
many are hungry.
Longing for water,
many still thirst.
Make us your bread,
broken for others,
shared until all are fed.
Longing...

4. Longing for shelter,
many are homeless.
Longing for warmth,
many are cold.
Make us your building,
sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.
Longing...

5. Many the gifts,
many the people,
many the hearts
that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants
to one another,
making your
kingdom come.
Longing.....

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Bernadette Farrell

Verses



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

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WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

JESUS PRAYER

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

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.

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**Bronwyn White****Hebrew Bible****Exodus 2: 23-25****Gospel****Acts 2: 1-8****Contemporary reading****Women of the Torah Were Co-Founders of Israel**

by Cynthia Astle

One of the great gifts of biblical scholarship is to provide a complete picture of how people lived during ancient times. This has been especially true for four women of the Torah – Sarah, Rebekah, Leah and Rachel – who are recognized as co-founders of Israel equal in stature to their more renowned husbands, respectively Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Traditional Interpretation Overlooked Them

The stories of Sarah, Rebekah, Leah and Rachel are found in the Book of Genesis. Traditionally, both Jews and Christians have referred to these "ancestor stories" as "the patriarchal narratives," writes Elizabeth Huwiler in her book *Biblical Women: Mirrors, Models, and Metaphors*. However, this label doesn't appear in the scriptures themselves, so directing the focus to the men in the ancestor stories apparently resulted from biblical interpretations down through the centuries ...

As with many Bible stories, it is nearly impossible to authenticate these narratives historically. Nomads such as Israel's matriarchs and patriarchs left behind few physical artifacts, and many of those have crumbled into the sands of time. Nonetheless, over the past 70 years, studying the stories of women of the Torah have given clearer understandings of the practices of their times. Scholars have successfully correlated hints in their narratives with major archaeological finds. While these methods don't verify the specific stories themselves, they provide a rich cultural context to deepen understandings of the biblical matriarchs.

Parenthood Was Their Common Contribution

Ironically, some feminist biblical interpreters have devalued these four women of the Torah because their contribution to biblical history was parenthood. This is an unrealistic and ultimately misguided approach for two reasons..

First, childbearing was a productive social contribution in biblical times. The extended family was not merely a kin relationship; it was the primary production unit of the ancient economy. Thus women who were mothers performed a tremendous service to the family and to society at large. More people equalled more workers to till lands and tend flocks and herds, assuring tribal survival. Motherhood becomes an even more significant achievement when considering the high rate of maternal and infant mortality in ancient times.

Second, all of the significant figures of the ancestral period, whether male or female, are known because of their parenthood. ... "Sarah might not be well known in the tradition if she were not remembered as an ancestor of the people of Israel – but the same is certainly true of Isaac [her son and the father of Jacob and his twin brother, Esau]." Consequently, God's promise to Abraham that he would be the father of a great nation could not have been fulfilled without Sarah, making her an equal partner in carrying out God's will.

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION

‘Mamas and Papas of ancient times’

Susan Jones

OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

We have much that we can use to shelter ourselves, to feed our bodies and grow our souls. From that plenty we bring these gifts so others can share in the good news we know and in the food we can afford to give away. May these gifts bless others. So may it be.

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, 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

Lynne Dovey

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Germany and the Council of Christian Churches in Germany. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Erica Stanford (East Coast Bays electorate) and Rino Tirikatene (Te Tai Tonga electorate). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and the people of the Pacific Island Presbyterian Church in Newtown.

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 which is God's meal for all.*

COMMUNION HYMN FROM COMMUNION CARD

CH4 593 'She sits like a bird'

Words & Music by Graham Maule, John L Bell

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COMMUNION LITURGY

on card

Communion is served by intinction (dipping). You are invited to come to the front and receive 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, please stay – we're glad you are here with us.

HYMN

AA156 'Where the road runs out'

Words & Music: © 1992 Colin Gibson

Where the road runs out and the signposts end,
where we come to the edge of today,
be the God of Abraham for us;
send us out upon our way.

*Lord, you were our beginning,
the faith that gave us birth.
We look to you, our ending,
our hope for heaven and earth.*

Not to be sung
[When the home is left and we journey on
To where the sky meets up with the sand
Be the God of Sarah then for us
Send us out across this land]

When the coast is left and we journey on
to the rim of the sky and the sea,
be the sailor's friend, be the dolphin Christ;
lead us on to eternity.

Lord, you were our beginning,

When the clouds are low and the wind is strong,
when tomorrow's storm draws near,
be the spirit bird hov'ring overhead
who will take away our fear.

Lord, you were our beginning,

SPOKEN BLESSING

SUNG BLESSING

AA 99 'Now as we go'

Words © 1992 Shirley Erena Murray

Music Colin Gibson, © 1992 Hope Publishing Company

Now as we go, kind Spirit keep us,
in all we see, Christ be our focus,
in all we do, his story shape us,
that we may grow to God's good purpose

Now as we go, sister and brother,
give us good care one of the other,
more hope to share, more strength to gather,
more life to know in faith together

POSTLUDE

Fantasia in C Minor (BWV 562)

by J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

THANK YOU

Thank you to Peter Franklin

our musician today

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acknowledged. If Susan Jones is the worship leader any such liturgy will have been written by her. These
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acknowledge the source.



AUDIO REFLECTIONS

Sunday reflections are usually available on our website.
<http://www.standrews.org.nz/category/sunday-gathering>

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.

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

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

JULY – REFLECTING ON SCRIPTURE

July has been designated Bible month - so let's look at the different genres within ancient scripture and how they speak to us now

July 1 – The Mamas and the Papas of ancient times

July 8 – Wisdom, where art Thou?

July 15 – Prophecy, Poetry and Imagination

July 22 – First Century Social Media

“SPIRITED CONVERSATIONS

Tuesday **July 10th** at 6.15pm in Conference Rooms 1 & 2.

Speaker tbc. Cost \$7.00. BYO

RSVPs in the blue folder at the back of the church or phone Pam Fuller 475 8240”.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

The Special General Meeting of congregational members will (now) be held on
Sunday 15th July at 11:30am.

The agenda will be:

1. Presentation of the fundraising plan for refurbishment of the pipe organ and request for ideas and support
2. Election of new Parish Councillors
3. Presentation of the Budget for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

HEALTH AND SAFETY CAN YOU HELP?

In our Health and Safety planning it would be good to know if we have medically trained personnel in our congregation, or trained first aiders, happy to be called on if needed during Sunday Gatherings and other church events. We would be discreet about such a list, but if Susan or other leaders of church event know who is qualified they can more rapidly turn to those people first. Of course in a city like Wellington we would very quickly ask for ambulance aid, but it is good to know who is trained in what to do initially. Please let Pam Fuller know if you are one of these people. Susan

COMMON GROUND 2018 CONFERENCE

The informal Progressive Christianity Aotearoa Network invites you to

New Zealand's 3rd Progressive Spirituality Conference

Friday 7–Sunday 9 September 2018, St Andrew's on The Terrace,

hosted by the St Andrew's congregation.

Creation: Ecology, Theology, Revolution



Purposes of the Conference include:

- to bring together, support, encourage and engage with those already in, or associated with, the Progressive Christian movement
- to explore the boundaries and outreach of spirituality and faith, especially in the areas of evolving theology and social justice
- to share how we can honour the earth and care for the environment
- to draw in and meet with others: interfaith or no faith, 'spiritual' progressives, those working for social justice—anyone whose ideals are compatible with, or who wish to know more about, Progressive Christianity in New Zealand.

Sign up for updates & registration at www.progressivechristianityaotearoa.com

Can you help?

We'll need volunteers to staff the kitchen, serve morning and afternoon teas, lunches and a dinner; "local experts" to help attenders find their way around the Conference Centre and around Wellington; meet and provide transport from airport or ferry; manage lost property etc. Let us know if you're interested in helping—it's not a commitment yet—by emailing progressivechristianitynz@gmail.com.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

TWO-WEEK JULY (9 – 20) HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – NORTHLAND KIDZ CLUB

Join us in our adventures each day as we explore the Wellington region.

We'll be ice-skating, swimming, go-karting and playing mini-golf ; going to a kids theatre production, touring the National Library, doing a circus workshop and watching magician Nigel Kennedy at work, not to mention Time Cinema where we'll see another selection of original cartoons and films.

\$45 per child per day (third child onwards :\$20), 8.30 a.m to 6 p.m each day.

For details, check out our website (www.nkc.org.nz) , or contact Jan on

cell (022-140-2612), e-mail (nkc.jan@gmail.com).

WORLD CHRISTIANITY

A Public Lecture from St John's Visiting Scholar in Religion lecture for 2018
Professor David Maxwell: "World Christianity: Conceptualising Local and Universal Expressions of the Christian Faith". Tuesday **17 July**, 6-7pm. Council Chamber, Hunter Building, Victoria University of Wellington (Gate 2, Kelburn Parade).

THE LIVING WAGE MOVEMENT AGM

Wednesday, **July 25** 2018, : 5.00-6.30pm (Wesley Church, 75 Taranaki St), refreshments from 4.45pm. Nominations for positions on the Governance Committee are open until 11 July. Please email annie.newman@livingwage.org.nz for nomination forms.

Living Wage submission on Hutt City Council's 2018-2028 Long Term Plan

Link to reply to submission from Hutt City Council: <http://www.standrews.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/DAP18-118-N.-Wilkins.pdf>

Council voted to adopt the Living Wage from 1 July 2018, meaning all Council staff will shift to a minimum wage of \$20.55 per hour. Councillors also asked the Chief Executive to continue to work on options

DCM BOOKFAIR

DCM's 23rd annual, fundraising Bookfair will be held on Saturday **4 August 2018** at Shed 6, Queen's Wharf, from 8am-6pm. They're calling on your help to make it a huge success for DCM once again. If you're able to volunteer this year on tills, floor, handing out bags/maps at door, crown control, publicity, please let them know your name and phone number and the shift you can do. Book donations will be appreciated and these can be left in the donation bin in the foyer. Facebook event link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/915426378628750/>

CLIMATE CHANGE

The government is currently consulting on a 'Zero Carbon Bill' - a proposed new law on climate change. People can have their say until 19 July, either by filling in a form online (via [Generation Zero](#) or [Ministry for the Environment](#)) or by posting in their thoughts. You can even send in a prayer, poem or piece of art as a submission, so long as your name and address are on it, it counts!

Public events

"Churches: Have your say on the Zero Carbon Act"

7pm, Thursday **28 June**, St Peters on Willis St.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/154129285445181/>

Ministry for the Environment public events

6-8pm, 4 July – Wellington <https://www.mfe.govt.nz/have-your-say-zero-carbon>

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	Lloyd Jobson, Molly Seah
Sound	Paul Satherley
Offering	Barrie Keenan, Sonia Groes-Petrie
Coffee/tea	Pam Fuller, Richard Owen, Sue Hirst
Time with the Children	Frank Cook
Readings	Bronwyn White
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Communion	Margaret Rushbrook, Peter Cowley, Frank Hanson, Lynne Dovey
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Ellen Murray

On duty Sunday 8 July

Welcoming	Jeni Bryant, Margaret Pannett
Sound	Peter Cowley, Carmen Goldsmith
Offering	Fiona McDougal, Margaret Pannett
Coffee/tea	Barrie and Jenn Keenan, Tony Kirby
Time with the Children	Jenny Simpson
Readings	Margaret Rushbrook
Prayers of the People	Sandra Kirby
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Rainbow Room Helper	Molly Seah

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 1 July 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones followed by Rhythm of Life Group

Tuesday 3 July 12.45pm Centering Prayer in the Centre. **Note change of date**

Wednesday 4 July Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 4 July 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert – Music for solo and duo guitars – Jane Curry and Owen Moriarty

Sunday 8 July 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones followed by Social Justice Education group

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	Pam Fuller (temporary)
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Facilities Management Group	Lynne Dovey (acting)
Pastoral Convenors	Linda Wilkins and Maxine Cunningham Lois Robertson, Brian Burrell
Church Music Coordinator	Vivien Chiu
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	TBC
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Jules Collinson
Centre Manager	Laetitia Brunell
Office Administrator	Jillene Everett
Custodian, SATRS Administrator	Peter Cowley
Facilities Assistant	Lillian Norman
Centre Assistant	Hilary Penwarden
Roster Coordinator	Rosemary Lawrence

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