

ORDER OF SERVICE

22 July 2018

9th Sunday in Pentecost



First Century Social Media

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

We move from the Hebrew Scriptures to the 2nd Testament

The earliest 2nd Testament books are letters written to the churches

We look at what was trending on the social media of the day

What messages from then inform our trending conversations today?

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Letters written to the churches'

Words: © 2018 Susan Jones

Music: Blauenwern WOV 165 (ii)

Letters written to the churches
give our earliest glimpses how
Jesus seemed to his generation,
who he was, both then and now;
They debated his role and stature
seeking how they should react;
How to meet and how to worship,
sorting anecdotes from the facts.

Paul with others travelled the circuit,
calming, urging, making things plain;
Nurt'ring those who followed Jesus
linking all groups into the main;
Creed and doctrine so developed,
rites and rituals grew to be,
customs, practice, all were fashioned
through words penned by such as he.

Writers then used ink and parchment,
texting now is short and sharp;
Twitter in the heat of the moment
limits thought, can exclude heart;
How will we in our generation,
let our wisdom have good space,
put our time to thinking through issues,
deal with others in love and grace?

Thanks be giv'n to those before us
who wrote words both living and true,
spent hard time in prison and travel
to ensure good news got through;
Thanks to those who carried those letters
for the danger and risks they took
all combining to remind us
Love shines forth from this sacred book.

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

JESUS PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Dawn Cowdry

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

Lynette Burrell

Epistle

Philippians 1: 1-14

John Dominic Crossan writes about the authenticity of letters apparently written by the apostle Paul

There is also a strong (but not massive) consensus among much of modern scholarship that a further three of those 10 letters were not written by Paul. In other words, we have seven letters certainly from the historical Paul (Romans, 1-2 Corinthians, Galatians, Philippians, 1 Thessalonians, Philemon), three others probably not from him (Ephesians, Colossians, 2 Thessalonians) and a final three certainly not from him (1-2 Timothy, Titus). Those are ... historical conclusions and not dogmatic presumptions. Well and good, but, even if correct, so what? And why should anyone care?

It is not just that we have factual and fictional letters of “Paul” or that those 13 letters are mixed between a Paul and a Pseudo-Paul. It is not just that, after Paul’s death, followers imagined him in new situations and had him respond to new problems — as if in a seamless if fictional continuity from past into present and future.

The problem is that those post-Pauline or Pseudo-Pauline letters are primarily counter-Pauline and anti-Pauline. What happens across those three sets of letters is that the radical Paul of the authentic seven letters (Romans, 1-2 Corinthians, Galatians, Philippians, 1 Thessalonians, Philemon) is slowly but steadily morphed into the conservative Paul of the probably inauthentic threesome (Ephesians Colossians, 2 Thessalonians) and finally into the reactionary Paul of those certainly inauthentic ones (1-2 Timothy, Titus).

In other words, the radical Paul is being deradicalized, sanitized and Romanized. His radical views on, for example, slavery and patriarchy, are being retrofitted into Roman cultural expectations and Roman social presuppositions.

... What is at stake in that sad progression from Paul to anti-Paul? Why is it of importance that — at least with regard to slavery — radical Christian liberty is being changed back into normal Roman slavery. It means this: Jewish Christianity is becoming Roman Christianity. And this: Constantine here we come!

https://www.huffingtonpost.com/john-dominic-crossan/apostle-paul-letters_b_890387.html

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION

‘First Century Social Media’

Susan Jones

HYMN

FFS 67 'We are many, we are one'

Words and Music © 1998 Colin Gibson

We are many, we are one, and the work of Christ is done
when we learn to live in true community,
as the stars that fill the night, as a flock of birds in flight,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the branches of a tree, as the waves upon the sea,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

All division is made whole when we honour every soul,
find the life of God in every you and me,
as the fingers of a hand, as the grains that form the sand,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the threads upon the loom, as a field of flowers in bloom,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

We will join creation's song, make a world where all belong,
build as one in peace and loving harmony,
as the voices of a choir, as the flames within a fire,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the snowflakes in the snow, as the colours of a bow,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

AFFIRMATION

with acknowledgement to *Liturgies for the Journey of Life*

by Dorothy McRae McMahan

***We believe in this world which has been created,
is being created and will continue to emerge;
We believe this world and its people are loveable
and are privileged to have the sacred come among us.***

***We believe we have been appointed
to be a light, to serve as a beacon of hope
to open blinded eyes and to release those imprisoned in different ways.***

***We, together, with people of goodwill around the world
and together with other churches here
are named as those who are enough to do the task
here and now***

*In faith we rise above fear and weakness
and announce again in line with all who have gone before us
that achieving justice,
showing compassion,
working for peace
and protecting liberty
are all divine and sacred work.*

OFFERING and OFFERING PRAYER

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

Sonia Groes-Petrie

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Guatemala and Belize and the indigenous communities working towards self-determination. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Louise Upston (Taupō electorate) and Tim van de Molen (Waikato electorate). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of St David's Multicultural Parish in Petone.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

'Guide me now to climb the mountain'

Words© 2018 Susan Jones Tune: Cwm Rhondda WOV 478

1.
Guide me now to climb the mountain
led by ancient sages old;
Matriarchs and prophets tell us
how to journey, to be bold;
Ancient writers, led by Spirit
found their way and showed us ours
found their way and showed us ours.

2.
Though their times were then not now
human issues are the same;
Missionaries, writers all found
life was more than Empire's fame;
They stood strong with inner courage,
they proclaimed a journey true,
they proclaimed a journey true.

3. Scripture's texts, obscure and puzzling
to our eyes, yet show the way;
Law and hist'ry, prophets, authors
tell the truth found in their day;
Sacred was their constant calling,
we need follow them today,
we need follow them today.

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

"Tuba Tune in D Major, Op. 15"

by C.S. Lang (1891 – 1971)

THANK YOU

Peter Franklin

Our Musician today

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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 to 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 Qy, 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 22 – First Century Social Media. Gathering led by Susan Jones

July 29 - How interesting is your God? Less familiar Biblical portrayals of God
Gathering led by Pat Booth

AUGUST – BEING CHRISTIAN

August 5 – Peace Sunday Gathering led by Fiona McDougal, Paul Barber and Jim Cunningham with contributions from Russell Feist and Sue McRae.

During the rest of August the Gatherings are led by Susan:

August 12 Being Christian - Truth, Talk and Anger

August 19 Being Christian – Seize the Day

August 26 Being Christian – Suit up.

BOOK LAUNCH - WITNESS TO CHANGE

“Reflections on Reaching 100” By Lloyd Geering

Steele Roberts Aotearoa Publishers, 2018

Friday **August 17th** at 6pm in Conference Rooms 1 & 2, St Andrew’s on the Terrace.

This book starts with the address Lloyd gave at the luncheon to celebrate his 100th birthday and then proceeds to narrate the many changes he has witnessed during his lifetime. This is followed by a collection of addresses and sermons in which he discusses the changes that took place in Christian thought and practice during the 20th century, as a result of which his own thinking also underwent a radical change.

It concludes with a sketch of the life of 'God' from conception to death.

Guest Speaker: Mary Harray.

Creation: Ecology, Theology, Revolution

Common Ground 2018 Conference

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

REGISTER NOW!

Thank you to all who’ve offered to help—but don’t forget to register.

Guest Speakers

Prof **Martin Manning**: *One Earth, One Future, One People*

Dr **Emily Colgan**: *A Place to Call Home? Reading the Bible from the Perspective of Earth*

Hon **Grant Robertson** MP: *People, environment, economy—the triple bottom line*

Matt Matāmua (Te Kakano: Presbyterian Māori Pastorate)—*Wellbeing for tangata whenua*

Workshops

Creating down to earth prayers—Bronwyn White

Earthed! Progressive Funerals—Rev Dr Jim Cunningham

Full immersion: Jungian slow release from the Christian ties that bind—Sande Ramage

+ *Labyrinth* and guided local walks

Lively panel discussion: *How we “do” Progressive Christianity*

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

Any questions? Please contact working group secretary Bronwyn White at

progressivechristianitynz@gmail.com



ROSTERS FOR SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER

A reminder for those who help on our Sunday rosters that we will be putting together a new roster for the period from August to September to shortly. If you have any dates during this period that you know you will be away please notify the office by 7 August - office@standrews.org.nz. Thank you.

KEEPING THE CHURCH HEALTHY AND SAFE

In recent months a lot of work has been done sorting cupboards. Sometimes we have changed where goods are stored. Please return objects and especially hazardous substances to where you found them, even if it is a strange and new location for you. If you notice anything unsafe around the buildings please let the Office know. Incident reporting forms are available in the foyer, please use them if anything happens so we can follow up and eliminate or minimise risks.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

WINTER SUNDAY AFTERNOON CAFÉ GUITAR

22nd July - 2pm until 3pm (approx) - The Days Bay Pavillion - Mike Wespel-Rose – Solo Fingerstyle guitar -Classical, Jazz and Pop- Including music by: John Dowland, J.S. Bach, Astor Piazzolla, Harold Arden (Over the Rainbow), Duke Ellington, Sting, Luiz Bonfa, Beatles, Metallica, Charlie Byrd.

DRAMA CHRISTI

"Potted Austen" by Lou Treleavan is a play of radically abbreviated versions of six Jane Austen novels, run as a whole show

- Sense and Sensibility, Pride and Prejudice, Mansfield Park, Emma, Northanger Abbey and Persuasion.

Performances are run over two weekends;

Friday 20 July at 7.30pm, Saturday 21 July at 4pm, Sunday 22 July at 4 pm.

Thursday 26 July at 7.30pm, Friday 27 July at 7.30pm, Saturday 28 July at 4pm, Sunday 29 July at 4pm.

Bookings Ph.389 9879, Email pawf@xtra.co.nz for tickets

Door sales also available if not already booked out. Tickets; \$10 unwaged & \$15 waged.

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>

MUSIC FUTURES

Music Futures is delighted to be offering its annual 'The Sound of Wellington Youth Music' concert here at St Andrew's on The Terrace on Sunday **29 July** at 3 pm. Door sales only: adult \$15 and students \$5. We have a great line-up of talented young people again this year. Do join us for this delightful concert.

12TH NATIONAL INTERFAITH FORUM

28 July – Youth Forum. National Library, Thorndon.

29 July – National Forum Day 1. National Library, Thorndon.

30 July – National Forum Day 2. Parliament.

Online registration:

<https://merefiore.typeform.com/to/SvCeD8>

Or email [wtgninterfaithcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:wtninterfaithcouncil@gmail.com) for

link or hard copy or go to facebook for updates

<https://www.facebook.com/Wellington-Interfaith> (Info at back of the church).

The Sound of Wellington Youth Music

3pm Sunday 29 July, 2018
St Andrew's on The Terrace

Featuring

Wellington Young Voices
Timeless Trio - violin, clarinet and piano
Kapiti College - 7 cellos and voice
NZSM Guests: Wind Trio - flute, clarinet and bassoon
...and more

Tickets: Adults \$15 Students \$5
Door sales only

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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.

Facebook event link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/915426378628750/>

MS SOCIETY COLLECTION

The MS Society's collection day in Wellington is Wednesday **August 29th**. It is to fund the field workers for greater Wellington/Wairarapa/Kapiti.

Jenny Simpson is arranging the collection at Thorndon and Chaffers St New World, and would be really grateful if anyone could collect for 1-2 hours sometime at either site.

Please call 3899426 or email simpsath@xtra.co.nz.

RAINBOW WELLINGTON

Save the date! The RW Spring dinner is on Tuesday **18 September 2018** 6.30-9pm at Mediterranean Foods. More details to come in August.

PEACE MOVEMENT AOTEAROA

Nuclear Ban Treaty: Select Committee report released

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/PeaceMovementAotearoa/posts/1756877967692898>

The Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Select Committee has now reported back to parliament on the international treaty examination of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) which concluded last week,

<https://www.facebook.com/PeaceMovementAotearoa/posts/1750734711640557>

NZ's instrument of ratification will be lodged later this month, after Tokelau has indicated whether it also wishes to ratify - Tokelau currently does not have a separate international legal personality, and NZ therefore enters into binding treaty obligations on Tokelau's behalf following consultation and a decision by the General Fono.

Nuclear ban treaty: First birthday

From nuclear weapons-free Aotearoa New Zealand to a nuclear weapons-free world ... happy birthday wishes from iCAN Aotearoa New Zealand on the first anniversary of the adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons are available on Facebook at

<https://web.facebook.com/PeaceMovementAotearoa/posts/1762779590436069> and Twitter at <https://twitter.com/PeaceMovementA/status/1015403154085560320>

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	Frank Cook, Lois Robertson
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Offering	Joan Tyler, John Morgan
Coffee/tea	Margaret Harper, Mike Wespel-Rose, Richard Owen
Time with the Children	Dawn Cowdry
Readings	Lynette Burrell
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Roger Jones

On duty Sunday 29 July

Welcoming	Sandra and Tony Kirby
Sound	Frank Cook
Offering	Graham Howell, Norman Wilkins
Coffee/tea	Caroline Glass, Laura and Melissa Van Echten
Time with the Children	Paticia Booth
Readings	John Morgan
Prayers of the People	Sue McRae
Musician	Bruce Corkill
Rainbow Room Helper	Rosemary Lawrence

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 22 July 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones followed by Exploring the Faith Study Group

Tuesday 24 July 12.45pm Centering Prayer in the Centre

Wednesday 25 July Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 25 July 12:15pm Lunchtime Concert – Participants from the 2018 ASQ International Music Academy

Thursday 26th July 12:15pm Lunchtime Concert – Tutors from the 2018 ASQ International Music Academy

Sunday 29 July 10am Sunday Gathering led by Pat Booth.

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 (temp)
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 (on leave)
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Lois Robertson TBA
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Jules Collinson
Centre Manager	Laetitia Brunell
Office Administrator	Jillene Everett
Custodian, SATRS Administrator	Peter Cowley
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