

ORDER OF SERVICE

23 September 2018

Humanity Sunday



THE ARCHANGEL RAPHAEL

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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

Vhari

We come here today from our own places, perhaps feeling wilted, a bit battered by the events of our world, or our own lives

We rest a while together, to heal, and seek replenishment of the spirit.

As we journey through life, creating our future,

We acknowledge our creative source, we feel the creative power of spring time.

And as we come together this morning, we enjoy the spirit of community: He waka eke noa

We are all in this together.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA 26 Come to our land

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Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of peace, Spirit of truth,
bring in the spring the hope and the green,
Spirit of growth, Spirit of youth

*And all the people will sing together:
Wairua Tapu, holy your name,
there's one great Spirit in all creation,
One great Spirit of God.*

Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of life, breath of new birth,
teach us to care for water and air,
nourish the seed and cherish the earth,

Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of bush, Spirit of bird,
speak to the soul of Aotearoa,
joy in your world, and joy in your Word.

WELCOME

Fiona

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

Fiona

God, our Creator,
you have wonderfully made us.
You have planted in us different gifts,
no two of us are the same.
On our own we may or may not shine,
but together in your company,
you turn us into a kaleidoscope of grace.

Sometimes we lament the busyness of our lives,
sometimes we bemoan the emptiness.
These are signs of our longing
for a fulfilment we cannot create,
but which we can receive
from the One who made us, knows us and loves us.

Lover of all and of each,
enable us here to be fully open to you,
to all you have to offer,
to all that you ask of us,
Amen

From the Iona Abbey Worship Book

JESUS PRAYER

Trish

O Parent of the Universe,
manifesting yourself as generative energy,
Bend over us and remove all that clutters our being
and set apart a place where your sacredness may dwell.

Fill us with your creativity,
so that we may be empowered to bear
the fruit of your vision.

Then, moving to the heartbeat of your desire,
make us the embodiment of your compassion.

Drawing from the ground of our humanity,
grant that we may renew each other
with love, understanding, and sustenance.

Empty us of frustrated hopes and despair,
as we restore others to a renewal of vision.

And let us not fall into agitation,
but save us from precipitous actions.

For you are the ground
of the fruitful vision, the birthing-power, and the fulfilment,
as all is gathered and made whole once again. Ameyn.

(Mark Hathaway and Neil Douglas-Klotz)
www.visioncraft.org

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

Jenn Keenan

Hebrew Bible

Genesis 2.7-8, 15, 19
translation by Norman Habel

Epistle

Colossians 1:15-20a
(The Message)

In "Birthed from the Womb of God: a lectionary for women" compiled by Rev Dorothy Harvey.

One of the most wonderful concepts that Hildegard gave us is the term "veriditas" or greening power. For her creativity and greening power are intimately connected. She believed that Christ brings "lush greenness" to "shrivelled and wilted people" and institutions. She celebrates the Divine Word in this fashion: "The word is all verdant greening, all creativity". For Hildegard, the Holy Spirit is greening power in action: salvation or healing is the return of greening power or moistness. It is the power of Springtime, a fruitfulness, a germinating force that comes from God. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is celebrated for being the viridissima virga, the greenest of green branches; she is a branch "full of the greening power of springtime." The source of Hildegard's rich concept of greening power is her homeland, the lush, green Rhineland where vineyards lace the hills and where later she was to build her monasteries".

RESPONSE

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

SOME REFLECTIONS

Trish McBride

Silence

A time for reflection: Creating a kaleidoscope of grace.

Sonia, Ellen and Fionnaigh

Germination

Transformation

Healing

Music:

Yo-Yo Ma & The Silk Road Ensemble

Avaz-e Dashti (Persian Traditional)

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PaGU_FgmsfU)

Chi passa per'sta strada

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FZeeCUjcZb8>)

HYMN

HIOS 26 'Every hair upon your head'

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Every hair upon your head, has been counted, Jesus said,
Though it's black or white or red or in between:
Every curl upon your mount has been counted in the count,
though it's beige or blond or blue or even green.

*We're the family of God who finds nothing strange or odd,
who delights in individuality:
be we bald or richly blessed, be we shaggy, shaved or tressed,
We're the family of God - yes you and me.*

Every tuft upon your top is selected from the crop,
though it's knotted in a knot or left to flow:
whether Cherokee or shorn, maybe lonely and forlorn,
though it's only just been born, it's in the know.

Though it's turning old and grey, though it's like a field of hay,
though your friends and neighbours say it will not do;
though it's frizzy, though it's lank, though it stands up like a bank
it is loved and counted precious 'cos it's you.

Every follicle is named, not a split end will be blamed,
not one hair need be ashamed to show its head:
and the colour will be right in a loving parent's sight
though it's dull or dark or bright, so Jesus said.

OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

Fiona

We marvel at the variety of humanity
At the skills and talents you have given each one of us.
We delight in the sharing of these,
***and offer them now, with these gifts of money,
to be part of the collective energy
for healing and wholeness in our world.***

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.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Iran (Islamic Republic) and the Synod of the Evangelical Church of Iran. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Darroch Ball and David Carter, list MPs. Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Upper Hutt Uniting Parish.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

AA 36 'Every day I will offer you

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Every day I will offer you,
loving God, my heart and mind
every way I discover you
in the work your hand has signed;
help me see I'm your image,
and you have dreamed what I might be --
every day in your Spirit,
I'll find the love and energy!

Every day I will look to Christ,
and give thanks for wine and bread,
through the pain and emptiness
where your world cries to be fed;
help me see I can work for change,
and wherever I might be,
every day in your Spirit,
I'll find the love and energy!

Every day I will take your word,
answer your compassion's claim,
celebrate every sign of hope,
every deed done in your name;
help me see you are always there,
and your light can shine through me,
every day in your Spirit,
I'll find the love and energy!

BLESSING

Fiona

Every day we receive blessing upon blessing,
though the sun shines or the wild winds blow.

Every day we see your generous presence
in the world around us and the people we meet.

Bless us now as we go from this place,

Loving creatively,

Living peacefully,

Working joyfully,

in the spirit of Jesus,

- every day.

SUNG AMEN

A contribution from Laura about the Archangel Raphael, whose icon is on the front page.

“The Archangel of Springtime is Raphael, guardian of the healing forces working from the universe into man. These flow in on the breath which the human being breathes in, makes his own, and expels as the stream of air on which he speaks. Raphael brings the forces of healing from above into the sick nature of man below, in the service of Christ who brought, within himself, the divine power of healing from the heavens to the earth”

From: “Festivals in North & South”
Evelyn Frances Capel, Edinburgh Floris Book, 1979, p. 16

“Raphael works for the health of the human organism as a whole, especially in the rhythm of breathing and the beat of the heart. He gives enthusiasm to our speech, through their contemplation of the deed of Christ”.

“All those who truly work for healing are members of the community of Raphael. One man alone could never heal. Everyone who works in this realm [healing] needs the support and understanding of others whether from among the living or from among the dead. It is never one person’s cleverness alone which can bring health. Thus Raphael is the teacher bringing insight and the power to heal for illnesses both of youth and of age”.

From: “Human needs and cosmic answers: the spirit of the circling stars”
Adam Bittleston, Floris Books, 1993, p.161

THANK YOU

Vivien Chiu
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 pay and display 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 Qy, 02-0534-0004022-02

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

SEPTEMBER – ENJOY CREATION MONTH WITH US

Sunday 23 September – 'Humanity' led by Fiona McDougal with friends. Exploring the Faith Study.

Sunday 30 September – 'Following in Francis' footsteps.' Gathering led by Susan Jones.

FOCUS GROUP ON VALUE OF HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

The Focus group will meet with Noel Tiano after morning worship **next Sunday 30 September** in the Green Room.

WORM FARM LIQUID FERTILIZER FOR SALE

Jon Schrader has fertilizer for sale at \$5 per 2 litre bottle (many report good results). Orders to Jon after the service on Sunday or call Ph 389 7082. Delivery and payment the following Sunday. Thank you.

KEEPING THE CHURCH HEALTHY AND SAFE

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.

ST ANDREW'S TRUST FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION AND SOCIETY

**Annual General Meeting on Friday Sept 28th at 6pm,
In Conference Rooms 1 & 2 of the St Andrew's Centre**



The evening will begin with a light meal, followed by the business of the AGM at 6.30pm and conclude with a presentation by Rev. Dr. Susan Jones on the topic:

“The Interface between Religion and Society; Re-enchanting the world”
SATRS began in 1984. How has the world changed since then?
What shifts have occurred in religion and society?
Where were we then? Where are we now?

St Andrews members are warmly invited to attend.
There is no charge but for catering purposes please email admin@satrs.org.nz
or phone Pam Fuller on 475 8240 if you are able to come.

NORMAN AND LINDA WILKINS

Norman and Linda will be away until October 3rd but Norman is up to date with organ fund jobs so if you have any smallish jobs that you want doing please save them till he gets back.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

ORGAN DONATION VS ORGAN TRAFFICKING

Join Human Rights Documentaries NZ for an interactive panel discussion about New Zealand's lack of organs. Examine the options available, as well as the dilemmas and consequences of receiving transplants overseas.

24th September 2018, 6pm – 7.30pm at Room GBLT1, Old Government Buildings, Victoria University, Stout Street, Wellington. Light refreshments will be provided
RSVP / margo.macvicar@endorganpillaging.org or visit tiny.cc/etac-panel-nz.

BNP PARIBAS GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION IN NZ, 26 SEPTEMBER 2018

Link to share: <https://www.facebook.com/events/236102220397952>

SUICIDE TO HOPE

A one-day workshop for those who work with persons recently at risk of suicidal behaviour and suicidal experience.

26 September 2018 9am-5pm Book Online www.a-ok.nz/bookings.

INVITATION BOOK LAUNCH

Friday **28th September 2018**, 5:30pm for a 6pm start,
Goethe-Institut (6th Floor, Goethe-Institut-Haus, 150 Cuba Street, entrance Garrett St.)
Please RSVP by Monday 24th to rsvp@wellington.goethe.org or (04) 385 6924.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT CALLS FOR KILLER ROBOT BAN

<https://www.facebook.com/notes/peace-movement-aotearoa/european-parliament-calls-for-killer-robot-ban-nz-must-do-the-same/1865388433508517>

KIDS THEATRE PRODUCTION COMES TO NORTHLAND (WGTVN) IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Wednesday, 3 October, 2 p.m at St Anne's Hall (behind the brick church by the Northland Shops, on the corner of Northland & Randwick Rds).

Suitable for all ages, "GoldiSNOWerellaHOOD" (by Dramatic Giraffe) is very interactive – you, the audience, help to tell the real story. \$5 per person (a gold coin donation for under-3's). Limited seats available.

Book with Jan on cell (022-140-2612) or e-mail (nkc.jan@gmail.com). See you there !

CIVIC TRUST FORUM - WELLINGTON AFTER PARIS - SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMMES

Links to information: <http://www.standrews.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Wellington-After-Paris-profiles-final.docx>
<http://www.standrews.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Wellington-After-Paris-program-final-1.docx>, <http://www.standrews.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Wellington-after-Paris-invitation-flyer.pdf>

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, Jeni Bryant
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Offering	Graham Howell, Jon Schrader
Coffee/tea	Janet Horncy, Laura and Melissa Van Echten
Time with the Children	Dawn Cowdry
Readings	Jenn Keenan
Prayers of the People	Patricia Booth
Musician	Vivien Chiu
Rainbow Room Helper	Lois Robertson

On duty Sunday 30 September

Welcoming	Fiona McDougal, Trish McBride
Sound	Sue Hirst
Offering	John Morgan, Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Pam Fuller, Katrina Harper, Mike Wespel-Rose
Time with the Children	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Readings	Tony Kirby
Prayers of the People	Jenny Keenan
Musician	Bruce Cash
Rainbow Room Helper	Ross Scott

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 23 September 10am Sunday Gathering led by Fiona McDougal and others

Followed by Exploring Faith Study Group

Tuesday 25 September 12.45pm Centering Prayer in the Centre

Wednesday 26 September Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 26 September 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert – Woodwind Students of the NZSM

Sunday 30 September 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones followed by focus group on value of hospital chaplaincy.

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
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Facilities Management Group	Sandra Kirby
Pastoral Convenors	Linda Wilkins, Maxine Cunningham and Brian Burrell
Church Music Coordinator	Vivien Chiu
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Lois Robertson
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Jules Collinson
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