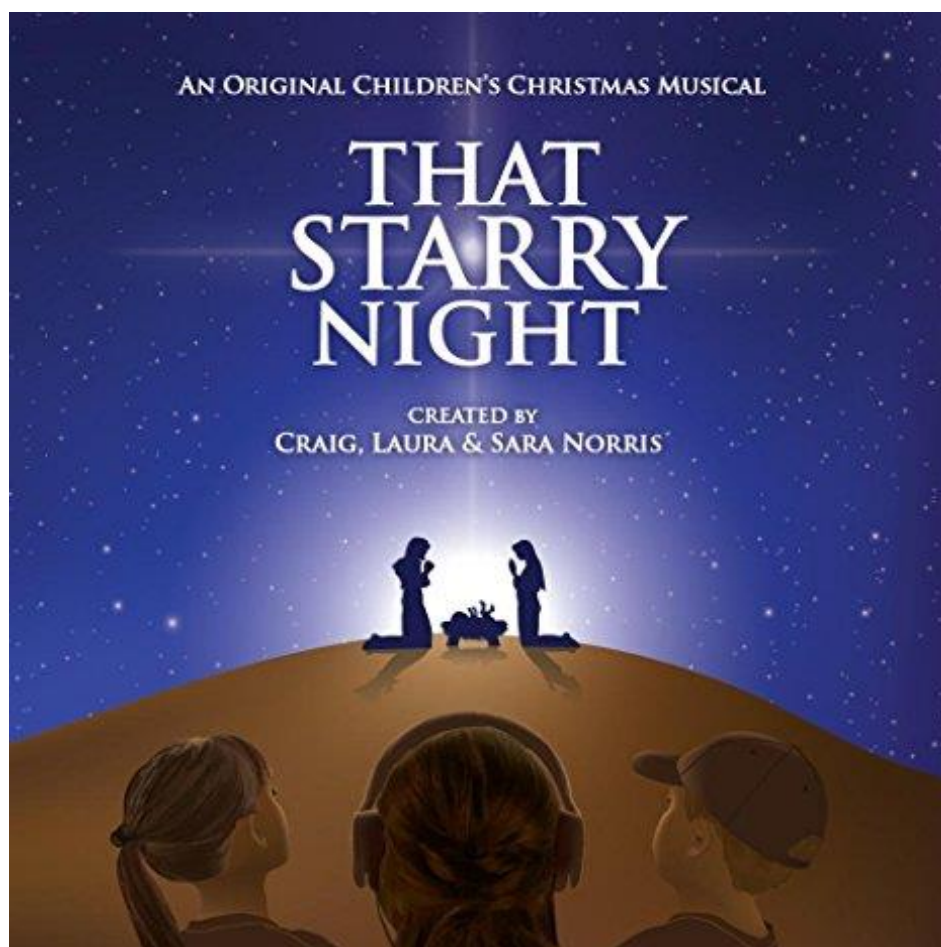


ORDER OF SERVICE

2 December 2018

Advent Sunday



'That Starry Night'

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.

CWS PARTNER STORY FOR ADVENT ONE



Climate Change is making storms more intense. Finau has lived many years on Tonga's 'Eua island, so when she says that Cyclone Gita was the worst she had experienced, it is the truth. The cyclone damaged the front of her home. Her husband is not well.

Thankfully, the women in her local Ama Takiloa group have been a lifeline for her. They have repaired rainwater harvesting systems and are replanting

community gardens so they will be able to eat traditional foods like taro again.

Be the Lifeline to communities facing the worst effects of climate change.

Support the 2018 Christmas Appeal.

GATHERING AND THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Today we begin the advent journey to Bethlehem

We find travelling with us, parents-to-be, shepherds and wise ones

Energised by Hope, we know something momentous is happening

Let hearts be open and minds alert, ears listening

Let Hope have its advent into the world again and again and again

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

COC 30 (i) Look towards Christmas'

Words © 1996 Shirley Erena Murray, Hope Publishing Co., Carol Stream IL 60188

Music © Jillian Bray

Look toward Christmas! Advent is here:
welcome December, changing the year,
whistle up, shepherds! saddle up, kings!
chorus up, angels, flexing your wings,

Refrain:

sing, sing alleluia! sing, sing alleluia!

sing, sing out the Story, sing about hope and peace!

Set the world singing, make the world glad!
Now is good reason not to feel sad,
hear John the Baptist shout to prepare:
Good News is coming, earth, be aware. *Refrain:*

Mary and Joseph soon is the day,
ready the donkey, start on your way:
you are the chosen, willing to trust,
joyful your burden carrying Christ, *Refrain:*

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

THAT STARRY NIGHT

a play by Craig, Laura and Sara Norris alt Susan Jones
presented by Jules Collinson and the Rainbow Room children

THE WISE MEN SET THE SCENE

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see you lie
Above your deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in your dark streets shines out
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in you tonight

For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love
O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
Praises sing, O let them ring
And Peace to all on earth

MARY AND JOSEPH ENTER

AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in the manger, no pillow or bed,
The baby boy Jesus is born in a shed
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay
The baby boy Jesus asleep on the hay

While cattle stand quietly, the baby's asleep
Sought after by shepherds who leave all their sheep;
And wise ones bring treasure; they've come from afar
To give gifts to Jesus; they followed a star

THE SHEPHERDS GET INVOLVED

THAT STARRY NIGHT

O the shepherds were gathered in the field one night
They were watching their flocks under the pale moonlight
When the angels descended in a glorious sight
Proclaiming the birth of the Lord

So they hurried to Bethlehem to see the birth of the Son
Who was sent to bring us peace on earth
Then the wise men arrived with gifts of priceless worth
To honour the birth of the Lord

On that starry night so long ago
Lay a newborn baby on the straw below
Born in Bethlehem a gift from God
To show how to love and bring peace to the world.

THE WISE MEN ENTER THE STORY

SILENT NIGHT

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

FINAL THOUGHTS AND APPLAUSE

OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

The wise men brought gifts we are told, so long ago

We bring gifts of food and money

May they do their work as we hope they will

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

Patricia Booth

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Kiribati and Nauru. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Sarah Dowie (Invercargill electorate) and Ruth Dyson (Port Hills electorate). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Knox Presbyterian Church, Dannevirke.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

REFLECTION

'Outward signs of inward grace'

Susan Jones

ORDINATION OF AN ELDER AND COMMISSIONING OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

ORDINATION AS ELDER

Lois Robertson

COMMISSIONING

Parish Council Convenor:

Lynne Dovey

Elders: Catriona Cairns, Pam Fuller, Tony Kirby, Rosemary Lawrence, Andrew Matthews, Margaret Rushbrook, Lois Robertson. Councillors: Gillian Brookes, Sue Hirst, Laura van Echten.

PROLOGUE

(based on 1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

There are many gifts,
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving,
but it is the same Spirit who is served.

Faith works through different people in different ways,
*Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,
to use it for the common good.....*

RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT

Christ calls us all to share in his ministry.
Let us, then, dedicate ourselves anew. Please stand.
Whanau, members and elders of this congregation:
putting your trust where it will not be betrayed,
do you commit yourselves to love and serve this Church
and the Commonwealth of God?

We do.

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!

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*St Andrew's is an open community and all are invited to Christ's table.
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
to join in the communion. This is God's meal for all people.*

COMMUNION HYMN

COC 52 'You are born in us again'

Words © 1996 Mark Wilson

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
Like the warmth of the summer wind you come

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
Like the scent of the summer rain you come

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
Like the warmth of the summer wind you come

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

'A donkey walks his burden'

Words © 2018 Susan Jones

Music Old Welsh melody ca 1700s. Tune as for 'Deck the halls with boughs of holly'

A donkey walks his burden onward
Telling us that Advent's on the way
Bearing Mary, bearing Jesus,
Under his load, the donkey sways.
We rejoice to see this journey
For it offers hope and joy
We rejoice to hear this story
For it means much more than "It's a Boy"!

Worldwide, donkeys bear great burdens
Whether in Israel or Haiti
Bearing people, bearing cargo
working all the day on tired feet.
They are transport for the poor
Always being asked for more.
They are key to family business
They are animals worth giving for.

Mary and her stalwart Joseph
Ride the road to Bethlehem
They are trusting in the story
which was shocking news to them.
They are travelling, so we're told, to
Joseph's family's ancient place
They are trusting in the future
What are all the dangers they will face?

When the baby Jesus grew
He taught compassion was the way
He believed we should give water,
feed the hungry, love each day,
Dignity is paramount
For humankind and donkeys too
Every advent, let's all shout out
To all those who carry burdens new.

VOW TO SERVE

FOR ADVENT SUNDAY, THE SUNDAY OF HOPE

For those whose dreams are squashed,

For those whose life is very hard,

For those who despair for the future,

We go out to light candles of hope in their darkness

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

'Sleigh Ride'

by Leroy Anderson (1908 –1975)

THANK YOU

Thank you to 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 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

DECEMBER

Sunday 2 December 10am First Sunday in Advent led by Susan with the Rainbow Room Christmas play. Communion includes commissioning Parish Councillors and welcoming of newcomers. Followed by congregational conversation (if we have any energy left!)

Sunday 9 December 10am Second Sunday in Advent. Gathering led by the Parish Council followed by a 'plastic-free' Christmas brunch in the hall.

Thursday 13 December - last Parish Council Meeting at Susan and Roger's home

Sunday 16 December 10am Third Sunday in Advent, Carol services led by Susan with the St Andrew's Singers.

Wednesday 19 December 12.15pm Lunchtime singalong Carol Service "Carols Old and New", led by Susan Jones with Bruce Cash, organist.

Sunday 23 December 10am Fourth Sunday in Advent led by Susan.

Monday 24 December 7.30pm for 8pm start: Christmas Eve Gathering with Communion led by Susan.

Tuesday 25 December 10am Christmas Day Gathering led by Susan.

Sunday 30 December 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan.

PLASTIC-FREE CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Following the Dec 9th service. We used to be plastic-free for parish get-togethers! So look out that non-plastic plate or that cake tin or that shoe box lid or similar, and then throw some lunch paper, or a clean tea towel or similar over your food. A plastic-free parish brunch is possible! (Just remember to pick up your plate and covering at the end!) Look forward to seeing you there Margaret Rushbrook, Social Justice Coordinator (PS If you really can't manage plastic-free, still bring food and come.)

KNITTING WOOL – THANK YOU

From Jean Knowles: A big THANK YOU to all the people who responded to the request for knitting wool. The blankets will be appreciated by the young mothers next winter.

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

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

SINGALONG MESSIAH CONCERT

Sunday 2 December 2018 at Wesley Methodist Church, 75 Taranaki Street, Wellington. People are invited to sing with us or just come and enjoy listening to this wonderful music. Two choirs, Festival Singers (director Jonathan Berkahn) and Northern Chorale (director Monika Smith) join the Tawa Orchestra (conductor Thomas Nikora) to host this concert. Soloists: Shayna Tweed – Soprano, Linden Loader – Alto, Declan Cudd – Tenor, William King – Bass. Entry is \$20, primary school children free. Tickets from Choir & Orchestra members. Limited Door sales (Cash only. No EFTPOS). **Singers:** Bring your own score. Come at 6:30 for seating in your SATB sections. Note parking at the church is limited, so plan to park elsewhere or catch public transport. More info about the concert, including the choruses the public will sing with us, at: <https://festivalsingers.wordpress.com/>.

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Monday 10th December, 2:45pm – 6:30pm,

Old Government Building Lecture Theatre 1 (GBLT1).

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/70th-anniversary-of-the-signing-of-the-universal-declaration-of-human-rights-tickets-53114546037>.

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – NORTHLAND KIDZ CLUB

Every day, we're out-and-about exploring the Wellington area.

We'll be ice-skating, swimming, go-karting and playing mini-golf, seeing kids theatre, productions, going on tours, playing ten-pin bowls, not to mention “Mission Inflatable”, “Time Cinema”, going to Somes / Matiu Island, doing a Circus Workshop and much more. \$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).

NUCLEAR BAN TREATY / NOBEL PEACE PRIZE FORUM

Forum with Beatrice Fihn and Nobel Peace Prize, Wellington, 3 December 2018

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/315759325880655>.

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, Graham Howell
Sound	Jennifer Bush-Daumec
Offering	Joan Tyler, Sonia Groes-Petrie
Coffee/tea	Janet Horncy, Kath Kerr, Sue Hirst
Prayers of the People	Patricia Booth
Communion	Jim Cunningham, Norman Wilkins, Pam Fuller, Trish McBride
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Linda Wilkins

On duty Sunday 9 December

Welcoming	Tony Kirby, Pam Fuller
Sound	Sue Hirst
Offering	Barrie Keenan, John Morgan
Coffee/tea (Community lunch – plastic free)	Andrew and Wendy Matthews, Laura and Melissa Van Echten
Time with the Children	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Andrew Matthews
Prayers of the People	Lois Robertson
Musician	Bruce Corkill
Rainbow Room Helper	Roger Jones

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 2 December 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones with Communion, Rainbow Room play, Commissioning of Parish Councillors and elder's ordination, followed by congregational conversation.

Tuesday 4 December 12.45pm Centering Prayer in the Centre

Wednesday 5 December Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 5 December 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert – Stringendo – Wellington's Children's Orchestra. Excerpts of works by Vivaldi, Albinoni, Telemann and Graupner.

Sunday 9 December 10am Sunday Gathering led by Parish Council followed by a 'plastic free' Christmas brunch in the hall.

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, Brian Burrell and Pat Booth
Church Music Coordinator	Vivien Chiu
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Lois Robertson
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Social Justice Co-ordinator	Margaret Rushbrook
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Jules Collinson
Centre Manager	Laetitia Brunell
Office Administrator	Jillene Everett
Facilities Assistants	Hamish Dick and Susana-Christie Malaki
Roster Coordinator	Rosemary Lawrence

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