

ORDER OF SERVICE

23 December 2018

Advent 4



‘Love’

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

The mystery draws nearer to our heart's core

The timeless cycle of birth beginning a new era

The timeless image of love born in lowly origins

The timeless images of love curling trusting fingers around ours

Who knows when and how this first happened

We only know it is happening now. Deck the halls!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'A donkey walks his burden'

Words: ©2018 Susan Jones Music: 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.

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

JESUS PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

CAROL

COC 34 'Open, open, open the stable door'

Words and Music © 1993 Colin Gibson

*Open, open, open, the stable door,
welcome, welcome, welcome, the baby's born,
enter, enter, join in the celebration, fear not, here is room for us all.*

There's a flock of sheep and a cow and a donkey, welcome, welcome.
Here's a puffing shepherd, three wise men wonky, welcome, welcome.
Refrain

What a crowd of folk come to see the baby, welcome, welcome.
One of them is drunk and another's crazy, welcome, welcome.
Refrain

Can't afford a coat and the kids are crying, welcome, welcome.
Haven't found a friend yet, but I'm still trying, welcome, welcome.
Refrain

BLESSING THE CHILDREN (*All stand*)

Children, you can return to sit with family or stay at the front of the church and use the activity bags.

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

Jennifer Bush

Hebrew Bible

Micah 5: 2-5a

Gospel

Luke 1: 39-45

Contemporary reading

'Virgin Birth'

By Joy Cowley

We have within us a virgin place,
A holy space which belongs to God alone.
We know it by its hunger,
We name it by its need,
The space which will not be touched
By the people we love
Or the things we gather
Or the positions we hold.

We have within us a growing place,
An eternal space that exists for Truth,
Where the love of God overcomes us,
Where the life of God fills us,
The Emmanuel space where we conceive
And become pregnant of the Holy One
And day by day, give birth,
To Christ in the world.

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION

‘Love when you least expect it’

Susan Jones

OFFERING

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.

CAROL AS OFFERING PRAYER

‘The Light, the Christmas Light’

Words © 2005 Shirley Erena Murray. Music © 2018 Vivien Chiu

1. The light, the Christmas light
is born within the darkness,
a glimmer where the spark is
that Spirit will ignite:
Christ Jesus is this light (sing line 4 times)
2. The door, the stable door
that opens to all people,
the searching and the hopeful
who look and long for more:
Christ Jesus is this door (sing line 4 times)
3. The star, the cosmic star,
the pointer flying solo
that calls the wise to follow
where new horizons are:
Christ Jesus is this star (sing line 4 times)
4. The light has always shone;
the faith we lodge our hope in
will seek a door to open,
a star to light us on
*and draw a shining thread (sing line 3 times)
through all the year ahead.*

Ending:

*And draw a shining thread
through all the year (sing line **twice**)
through all the year ahead.*

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.

For your information:

DCM (formerly known as Inner City Ministry and then Downtown Community Ministry) has been working in the city of Wellington since 1969 to “focus on the needs of, and to help empower, those marginalised in the city.” (DCM Constitution) DCM has adopted the byline “together we can end homelessness in Wellington” which reflects our current focus on the needs of one key marginalised group – people experiencing homelessness, or who are at risk of homelessness, supporting them on a journey towards sustainable housing and wellbeing. Over the past decade we have supported literally hundreds of people to successfully exit homelessness and sustain housing.

Sitting in the heart of Wellington at 2 Lukes Lane on the site of Te Aro Pā, the most marginalised people in our city come to us because they genuinely feel welcome and because what we do works and makes a difference in their lives.

DCM is a stable organisation and has a diverse and sustainable funding base, including many Wellingtonians - individual donors, groups and faith communities - as well as the Wellington City Council, the Ministry of Social Development and charitable trusts.



Would you like to purchase a “welcome pack” for a person who is moving from homelessness in to their new home?

At DCM, we call the people we work with taumai, meaning to settle. Supporting taumai to sustain their housing is an important part of the work we do, so we have put together a “welcome pack” of items to help them care for their new whare.

\$100 will pay for one pack. If you can help, please donate to our bank account - details below. Use 'Welcome' as a code.

Donate via bank account

By donating directly to our bank account, you can ensure your full donation goes to DCM with no fees. Please enter your phone number in the Particulars section and your name in the Reference section.

DCM Wellington Westpac Courtenay Place Branch 03-0558-0060344-000

CAROL

HIOS 6 'Always there's a carol'

Words © 2001 Shirley Erena Murray
Music by Colin Gibson © 2001 Hope Publishing Co.

1. Always there's a carol
waiting for a voice,
always there's a candle
waiting for a flame,
always there's an angel,
telling us 'Rejoice!'
2. Always when we seek it,
shines the Christmas star,
always God is present
could we only see,
always God enfolds us,
holds us where we are,

*So, sing the carol, light the candle, join the angel praise:
Christmas is the day of all days!*

3. Always out of darkness,
countering the strife,
always comes the Christ child
leading us to peace:
always there's a baby,
crying for a life.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Cameron Smart

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Kuwait and all those working to find solutions to the problems posed by oil production. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Andrew Falloon (Rangitata electorate) and Nathan Guy (Otaki electorate). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Oroua Presbyterian Parish, Fielding.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

WOV 227 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing'

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88) alt. Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Hark! The herald angels sing
glory to the newborn king,
peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all the nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'
Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn king.

Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to live as one with earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hail the heaven-born prince of peace!
Hail the son of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn king.

VOW TO SERVICE

For those who look for love, but are abused,
For those who have lost family and friends,
For those who live where there is strife or war,
We have lit the candle of love.
We go out now to serve Love in the world

SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

Bruce Cash

Our Musician today

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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 Qy, 02-0534-0004022-02

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

DECEMBER

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.

JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Sunday Gathering 10am, 6 January 2019: Rev Norman Wilkins,

Sunday Gathering 10am, 13 January 2019: Rev Ross Scott,

Sunday Gathering 10am, 20 January 2019: Rev Ken Irwin,

Sunday Gathering 10am, 27 January 2019: Rev Dr Jim Cunningham.

Sunday Gatherings in February will be led by Rev Dr Susan Jones

DECEMBER 9TH'S PLASTIC-FREE BRUNCH

Thanks everyone for your thoughtful plastic-free brunch contributions. Personally, I found I had to think twice, at the last minute, about not grabbing a plastic bag to carry my food in! Now we have started with plastic-free brunches, do you think we can keep it up? I'm a starter! It may seem like a very small thing, but it is something.

(Margaret Rushbrook, Social Justice Coordinator)

ZITA AND MIKE'S TRIP

In October and November Zita and Mike spent a month in Peru and Chile. They had a great and interesting time but also some challenges. In case you might be interested in Peru, or you have been to Peru already, or you think you might like to go to Peru, Mike has made a blog of their travels. You can find it at the following link.

<https://zitaandmikeperutravel2018.blogspot.com/>

There are about 27 posts altogether ordered by days. It can take a bit of getting around. Thanks very much. Mike Wespel-Rose"

OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Church office closed Friday 21 December at close of business. It will reopen Tuesday 8 January.

HOLIDAY PASTORAL SUPPORT

Rev. Norman Wilkins (04 970 1010) can be contacted from December 31 to January 21 2019. After January 21 please phone the office in the first instance.

CUPPA AND CHAT

Cuppa and Chat will NOT meet on Wednesday, 26 December but will resume on Wednesday 2 January and meet through the month.

AFTER CHURCH EVENTS

The usual brunch, conversational conversation, social justice group and study groups will resume in February with a congregational conversation after the Sunday Gathering on Sunday 3 February 2019

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

RAINBOW WELLINGTON

Rainbow History Walk, Sunday 6 January 2019 at 1PM

Starts: Pukeahu Park (meet at the bottom of the steps to the war memorial), Tory Street, Ends: St Peter's church, Willis Street, 90-mins.

<https://walktoursnz.wordpress.com/red-tour/>

First RW Drinks for 2019 Friday 25 January 2019 details out closer to the time.

Lunch in the Wairarapa, Sunday 17 February 2019 (*note changed date*)

This will be a pot-luck lunch at Malcolm's country estate near Greytown. We are combining with WaiGuys for this event.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE ON THE TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

<https://www.facebook.com/PeaceMovementAotearoa/posts/1990061311041228>

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE CHRISTMAS APPEAL



For years, most south Indian girls suffered in silence. Their brothers ate the best food, attended school and did fewer chores. When they grew up, the same patterns continued. It was not fair. The number of violent attacks on women are increasing. EKTA has been a lifeline to men and women wanting change.

They do the research, educate men and women about gender, and run successful campaigns to stop discrimination based on gender and make the city of Madurai safer. Already they have lobbied local government to set up a desk at a major bus station to help children who are lost or in danger of being trafficked.

**Be the Lifeline to women and men seeking safety and fairness.
Support the 2018 Christmas Appeal.**

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	Margaret Pannett, Margaret Rushbrook
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Offering	John Morgan, Roger Jones
Coffee/tea	Caroline Glass, Sandra and Tony Kirby
Readings	Jennifer Bush
Prayers of the People	Cameron Smart
Musician	Bruce Cash

On duty Christmas Eve 24 December

Welcoming	Lynette and Brian Burrell, Lois Robertson, Trish McBride
Refreshments	Kath Kerr, Janet Newdick, Heather McFarlane, Gabrielle Ruben
Sound	Jennifer Bush
Readings	Vhari McWha, Marilyn Wallace, Frances Porter
Prayers of the People	Bronwyn White
Musician	Peter Franklin

On duty Christmas Day 25 December

Welcoming	Margaret and John Harper
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Time with the Children	Susan Jones
Readings	Margaret Pannett
Prayers of the People	Barrie Keenan
Musician	Peter Franklin

On duty Sunday 30 December

Welcoming	Lois Robertson, Richard Keller
Sound	Paul Satherley
Offering	Joan Tyler, John Morgan
Coffee/tea	Ann Barrie, Pam Fuller, Richard Owen
Readings	Roger Jones
Prayers of the People	Roger Jones
Musician	David Dobson
Rainbow Room Helper	Sandra Kirby

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

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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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