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Pentecost 4



'Bible - Literal or Symbolic: Bass Notes'

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 gather around the table

Seeking a community based on love

We welcome whanau to this place

They seek a community based on love

We will leave today and go out of these doors

Seeking to create and recreate communities of love

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'The church needs a foundation'

Words © 2015 & 2019 Susan Jones Music Aurelia WOV 385

The church needs a foundation though not of brick or stone For buildings are but shelter from rain or hailstorm. They symbolise commitment they resonate with praise But humans form the true church in these postmodern days.

Through Christendom's great worship the rafters have been wrung, We've gazed at stained glass windows, made sure the brass has shone. We've consecrated, maintained, we've renovated but Religion's modern rituals are those postmoderns cut.

God's commonwealth of spirit is not built out of wood But by our follow'ng Jesus with praxis that is good. Postmodern 'church' emerges in fresh expressions, new, With talk and acts of justice, compassion which is true.

In our time we now follow Jesus upon the Way, On terms for us authentic, and honest for this day. We see our 'church' re-forming, the Spirit helps it grow; We see again a future where faith will always flow.

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER and JESUS' PRAYER

O creative Breath, ebbing and flowing through all forms, Free us from all constrictions,

so that the current of thy life may move in us without hinderance. Empower us with thy creativity, and clothe us with royal dignity, So that, fully at one with the vortex of thy desire, sacred actions pour forth from us with each breath we release. Renew in us this day our lifebreath, vigour, and passion,

And untie the tangled threads of destiny which bind us, as we release others from the entanglement of past mistakes.

Do not let us lose ourselves in distraction,

but by the way of the breath, lead us into mindfulness.

For from thy depths pour forth

the Way, the Life, and the Splendour, from age to age, it is so. Ameyn.

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LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Susan Jones

RECEPTION OF WHANAU MEMBERS Alan Rhodes

I was born in Wellington spending the first twelve years living in Kent Terrace. I was schooled at Clyde Quay, then Wellington College. Teenage years saw me enjoying life on the water's edge at Lyall Bay. As an only child, I revelled in suburban friends and teenage activities. I married Valerie in 1955, settling in Upper Hutt. I choose Optometry as a vocation and practised in that rather quiet dormitory town. We had two children (now around 60!) and left in 1993 to build in Kelburn. Six years ago, we shifted to Herbert Gardens on the Terrace. My interests have been, and mostly still are, photography (with my own darkroom), playing the piano (still playing light heartedly), table tennis, croquet with Valerie, volunteering for twenty odd years at Zealandia in the maintenance workshop, video editing and playing both social and club bridge

Michael Parker

I was the first born (1946) to Dad a returning service man and Mum who had worked as a nurse. I grew up on the rugged South Coast Wellington and attended Wellington College. I left school in 1962 to work as a clerk in the cement business at Francis Holmes Ltd, then did some University papers at Victoria. In 1972 I bought 50% interest in Parker Ferguson Furniture. After marriage in 1973 to Judy, by 1979 we had 2 daughters and a son. By 1986 we were able to build overlooking Browns Bay, Whitby. Life was always demanding but in truth I delighted in all the challenges and children.

In 2007, our family experienced the life changing trauma of our son Nicholas' death in a truck/train accident in Australia. My health disintegrated. We sold the business and retired 31st March 2007. I slowly recovered over the next 5 years. We remain married today thanks to Judy's staunch character. Since 2018 we have lived near Pauatahanui.

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!

'Then shall the righteous shine forth' sung by Jamie Young

from *Elijah* by Mendelssohn. accompanied by Peter Franklin

THE WORD IN TEXTS Frances Porter

Hebrew Bible 2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalm 90: 11-12

Contemporary reading

from "Heresy, holiness, and Oprah: Rob Bell

interviewed" by Ed Thornton in *Church Times* 14 June 2018 https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2018/15-

june/features/heresy-holiness-and-oprah-rob-bell-interviewed



Away from the demands of preaching weekly to a congregation of thousands, [Rob Bell] he has done more or less as he pleases: hosting a weekly podcast

("The RobCast"); the comedy-club residency; writing books and a play; going on speaking tours; and surfing. He even had a slot on the Oprah Winfrey Network, in which he mixed motivational life-coaching — "You have more power to create your life than you realise" — with exposition of the Hebrew scriptures.

Unshackled from the expectations of a congregation, he has also voiced support for same-sex marriage. "Whoever you are, gay or straight, it is totally normal, natural, and healthy to want someone to go through life with," he told Oprah... "The past few years have been... shall I use the word 'fun'?" Bell says. "It's just been absolutely amazing... The environment here in Los Angeles is ... like being home."

Bell's job and location might have changed, but his fundamental sense of calling has not: he believes the sermon is "an art form" which needs reclaiming as "somewhere between guerrilla theatre and performance art". "I've been trying to reclaim the sermon for everybody, not for a group of religious people over here, but for everybody, about what it means to be human."

This desire to open the sermon up to people outside Christian subcultures has always animated him, he says: it led to his starting Mars Hill, in a disused shopping mall; to his touring clubs and theatres with shows such as *Everything is Spiritual* and *The Gods aren't Angry*, and his hugely popular Nooma DVDs; and, ultimately, to where he is today, talking about Ecclesiastes in a sweaty comedy club.

People outside the churches are hungry for depth, he says. Western culture is consumed by "treble notes", the "of-the-moment, pressing concerns, what hit the internet 17 minutes ago". People increasingly crave "the bass notes", he says: the deeper matters that human beings have talked about for thousands of years. "And when somebody can tell you a story, can quote a text, they can help you see that the thing that you are facing, that you are struggling with, that you are confronted by — oh yeah, people have been wrestling with that for thousands of years. And here's some of the truths, some of the insights, some of the wisdom in the shared human experience. It's amazing how much we're craving this. And especially as people leave what you think of as conventional religion — they're desperate for bass notes."

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

'Let us reach down deep inside us.'

Words © 2015 Susan Jones Tune Gaelic Traditional Melody. Arr © John Bell. FFS 10(i)

Let us reach down deep inside us to the place where quiet reigns; Find the Self who lives inside us knows our joy and knows our pains: Let our ego stand aside there, shadow sharing space with light. Let our inner selves rejoice at how Love shines in darkest night.

Wind and fire and earthquake pass but Spirit is not found in them; Still, small voice is hardly heard, but brings Love which does not condemn. In lives buffeted by windstorms, rocked by quakes and scorched by fire, stillness brings surprising solace as we find there, hearts' desire.

Sacred calm means minds can settle, hearts grow quiet, souls grow still; Busy thinking slows its rhythm, gives compassion chance to fill. Even long-forgotten scars heal as new balm brings a new way; Every space and every crevice warms as Love arrives to stay

REFLECTION 'Bible – Literal or Symbolic: Bass Notes' Susan Jones

OFFERING PRAYER (said together)

We bring what we can to support the work done by this church here and beyond these walls. We bring food for those who need it. May both money and food be used well so they achieve the purposes which they can effect in this 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 <u>briefly</u> from the lectern. For the benefit of newcomers, please introduce yourself before you begin.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sandra Kirby

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Poland and the Polish Catholic Church. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name James Shaw and Jamie Strange list MPs. Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Stratford.

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 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. This is God's meal for all people.

COMMUNION HYMN

'She sits like a bird'

on card

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). You are invited then to 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

WOV 478 'Guide me O Thou Great Redeemer'

Words: William Williams (1717-1791) tr. Peter Williams & Williams Williams. Music: Cwm Rhondda WOV 478

Guide me, O thou great redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty, Hold me with thy powerful hand; Bread of heaven, bread of heaven Feed me till I want no more; Feed me till I want no more. Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;

Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through: Strong deliverer, strong deliverer; Be thou still my strength and shield; Be thou still my strength and shield. When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside; Death of death, and hell's destruction Land me safe on Canaan's side:

Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;

I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Toccata (IV) from Opus 25 "Suite Gothique"

by Boëllmann (1862 – 1897)

THANK YOU

Thank you to Peter Franklin and Jamie Young

our musicians today

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AUDIO REFLECTIONS

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

Wellington City Council now charges for weekend parking on the street. As well as that, there is a two hour parking limit. If you have parked on the street initially and are staying for an after-church activity, it may be possible to move your car into the St Andrew's/Braemar car park but please be careful that you do not block anyone in.

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

SUNDAY GATHERINGS AT ST ANDREW'S IN JULY

7 July Sunday Gathering: Communion led by Susan Jones welcoming new whanau.

'Bible: Literal or Symbolic?' followed by congregational conversation.

14 July Sunday Gathering led by Fiona McDougal

21 July Sunday Gathering: led by Susan Jones 'Myth Misunderstood at the well'

28 July Sunday Gathering: led by Susan Jones 'Martha and Mary and Myth.'

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE WORKSHOPS. "LECTIO DIVINA".

Lectio Divina (literally "divine reading") is an ancient Christian Contemplative prayer practice which involves meditating on a short passage or poem. This can open us to glimpses of insight and wisdom which may support or challenge us in our daily lives. Each session involves some theoretical input, and meditation on a poem/passage. Dates: Wednesday evenings 7-9pm, 7th /14th /21st /28th August and 4th and 11th and 18th September. At: St Andrew's on The Terrace Conference Centre. Any queries contact Fiona McDougal by email fionaredsquirrel@gmail.com or text 021 2538911, or Susan by email minister@standrews.org.nz or text 027 321 4870.

GIFT OF ST ANDREW'S MIRROR TO QMC

We've gifted a St Andrew's mirror to the College to mark their centenary. Overall cost is around \$700. If anyone wishing to contribute, please pay into the church bank account; use QMC Mirror as reference. The account number is: 020534 0004022 50. The mirror was designed by Sue McRae, her husband Rob Sowman and Basia Smolnicki to be given to Lynne Dovey and Douglas Wood to mark completion of 'Saving St Andrew's'.

JULY SPIRITED CONVERSATION

Tuesday July 9th at 6.15pm in Conference Rooms 1 & 2. Cost \$10. BYO. Speaker: Marie Preston long-time member of St Andrews who has recently launched her book "Living

with Cancer" will share a little of the journey of living with cancer, some principles for the journey and what this meant for her and the deepening role of the journey with God with each tumour. Her partner, Anne Hadfield, will be joining us and is happy to share her role as the Carer. RSVP via blue folder at back of the church.

2019 ORGAN FUNDRAISING CONCERTS IN CHURCH

The next Organ fundraising concert takes place on **Sunday 21 July** at 3 pm featuring Roy Tankersley MNZM, former organist and choir director at St Andrew's on The Terrace.

Roy is the independent consultant to our organ restoration project. It'd be great to show Roy our appreciation of all that he still does for us. Please come and bring a friend.





HOW DOES AN ORGAN WORK?

As you know Roy Tankersley is giving an organ recital on 21 July at 3 pm. Roy is a man of many talents, one of these being that he is a teacher.

One way of teaching how organs work is through a mechanism called a WOOFYT. This is a mechanical tabletop device that 14 people operate to demonstrate action of an organ. Roy has kindly offered to bring his WOOFYT with him on 21 July and will be happy to demonstrate it, with assistance, after his recital. Vivien is assembling a WOOFYT team at present. If you are interested please contact her. Otherwise just come along and be part of the fun. Children and families especially welcome, but no-one is too old to participate! Lynne

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

"Family violence - working our way through a complex problem."



Speakers: Dawn Elder and Dr Ben Gray. **Friday July 26th 6pm** at St Andrew's on the Terrace Light refreshments on arrival.

Registration: email admin@satrs.org.nz.

Cost \$10

AMNESTY NEWS

Subsequent to our Amnesty Service Parish Council has agreed to us having 3 letter writing sessions after church (and during shared lunch) during the year. Next session in August. More details to come. The two people managing the relationship between Amnesty International and our church are Mike Wespel-Rose and John Morgan. I have just received details about how we might help support refugees on Nauru and Manus Islands. The details are as follows:

Solidarity action for Nauru and Manus: Here's an action ask from our Amnesty colleagues in Australia. The action seeks to show refugees they are not alone. So, take action for refugees today by doing one or both of the following:

- 1. Photo action: To show refugees that they are not forgotten, print one of the posters downloadable here https://www.amnesty.org.au/standwithrefugees/and share a selfie of you holding it on social media with #withrefugees
- 2. Solidarity action. Please send a message of hope and solidarity to the women and men of Manus and Nauru and let them know we care and will not give up fighting for them. Leave your messages here https://bit.ly/2ZJpd54

Thanks everyone, Mike Wespel-Rose

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

TWO EVENTS AT ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

- 1. Join them for an important conversation with fresh-thinking exploring mission with others of Presbytery Central: **Tuesday 9th July**, 2-4pm in the St John's Centre, St John's in the City, Wellington. "Along with Professor David Tombs from Otago University, we are blessed to have some overseas academics in mission and theology visiting us to stimulate our thinking and discussion..." **Kirsteen Kim**, PhD, Professor of Theology and World Christianity, Fuller Theological Seminary and **Sebastian Kim**, Assistant Provost for the Korean Studies Center and Professor of Theology and Public Life, Fuller Theological Seminary. This is our opportunity as contributors to God's mission in the lower North Island to attend either in person, or via Zoom (similar to skype) if you can't travel to gather in the room with us. This is a great opportunity to listen to, and ask questions on the church's mission and/or the theology of mission.
- 2. Please consider having dinner in the city and staying for the Public Lecture at 6:30pm (9th July)'A Church in and for the World' also in the St John's Centre. If you are attending by Zoom, please feel free to email Susan Blaikie missioncatalyst@presbyterycentral.org.nz a question you'd like to ask which she can bring to the meeting. Zoom will require your registration, which you can do here: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/c1ac3aba9a5f92a64ac87b605f06faf5

TABLE TALK

Invitation to a Table Talk lunch event, Saturday 13 July 2019 in Johnsonville, Wellington. (see below) It is an opportunity to make new connections and enjoy conversations over lunch.



JUDITH COWLEY'S WALK A MILE FILM

I am excited to let you know that our film "Walk a Mile" will be screened with 4 other short films at the NZIFF on **Saturday August 10th** at the City Gallery. Be in quick to book as there is only one Wellington screening. Judith Cowley.

DCM BOOKFAIR

This year's Bookfair will be held on Saturday 17 August, 8am-6pm, at Shed 6 - and we need your help to ensure it's a huge success. Please join and share our Facebook event to help us spread the word - www.facebook.com/events/2200885046614000
We are looking for great locations for signage to help advertise this year's Bookfair. Do you have a prominent fence or front garden in Wellington we could utilise? Please get in touch! Deliver your quality secondhand books for our Bookfair until 20 July - find out how here: www.dcm.org.nz/bookfair. Can you volunteer at the DCM Bookfair? Email us at events@dcm.org.nz

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	Norman Wilkins	
Offering	Graham Howell, Paul Satherley	
Coffee/tea	Gillian Feist, Graham Howell, Sue Hirst	
Time with the Children	Susan Jones	
Readings	Frances Porter	
Prayers of the People	Sandra Kirby	
Communion	Rosemary Lawrence, Heather Macfarlane, Kath Kerr, Fiona McDougal, Cameron Smart	
Musician	Peter Franklin	
Rainbow Room Helper	Lois Robertson	
On duty Sunday 14 July		
Welcoming	Fiona McDougal, Graham Howell	
Sound	Sue Hirst	
Offering	Barrie and Jenn Keenan	
Coffee/tea	Katrina Harper, Lois Robertson, Richard Keller	
Time with the Children	Susan Jones	
Readings	Pat Booth	
Prayers of the People	Linda Wilkins	
Musician	Vivien Chiu	
Rainbow Room Helper	Ellen Murray	
This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's		

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Sunday 7 July 10am Sunday Gathering with Communion, led by Susan Jones, including welcoming new whanau members, followed by Congregational Conversation.

Tuesday 9 July 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre

Wednesday 10 July Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 10 July 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert - Margaret Medlyn (mezzo), Richard Greager (tenor), David Barnard (piano). Music by Berg; Poulenc; R.Strauss; Puccini, Rachmaninov and Ross Harris: 4 Songs for Richard Greager. (World Premier), Poems by Vincent Sullivan.

Sunday 14 July 10am Sunday Gathering: Fiona McDougal.

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	Julia Caulfield and Nick Lee
Roster Coordinator	Rosemary Lawrence

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