

ORDER OF SERVICE

1 September 2019

Ocean Sunday

Creation 1

Pentecost 12



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.

OPENING SILENCE

Let us be still
in this moment
allowing us to become more aware of the sacred at home within us.

Silence

GATHERING

We enter the month of Creation Sundays

celebrating oceans and storms, cosmos and creatures;

We ponder in awe the complexity of this planet

and wonder with grief at the destruction being wrought upon it.

May we not stop at simple admiration

but act to reverse damage already done.

May we not stop at our use of the earth's resources

but act to ensure no more wounding of this living planet.

May this bright blue teardrop, hanging in vast heavens

always pulse freely with life and love.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'In our word we find delight'

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In our world we find delight

For creation, day and night

Brings us solace, joy;

Spirit grows, refreshes, gleams

as the earth fuels richer dreams

just by being here;

May this beauty never end

May this solace always be here

May the human race take notice

And show divine compassion.

Water trickles, rushes, spouts
Deep calm lake drains to river mouth
Power wrested from snow;
Humans, animals and plants
need hydration, need the chance
to refresh and grow;

May this beauty never end
May this water last for everyone
May the human race take notice
And show divine compassion

Oceans stretch before our eyes
needing rescue before they die;
Plastic flotsam kills
We want oceans to be well,
fresh and clean, not a living hell
for defenceless fish

May their beauty be restored
Poor practice not ignored
May the oceans be clear blue again
As we show them compassion

It's a mystery who made this,
evolution, hand-made care;
multiple ideas.
But it's not a mystery who
needs to care for green and blue,
we have all been charged

To make sure this never ends
That this beauty does remain here
That the human race takes notice
And shows divine compassion

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

JESUS' PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase *on card*

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

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

Gavin Watson

Hebrew Bible

Genesis 1: 1-10

The Beginning

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Now the earth was formless and empty,

***darkness was over the surface of the deep,
and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.***

And God said, "Let there be light,"

and there was light.

God saw that the light was good,

and separated the light from the darkness.

***God called the light "day," and the darkness "night."
and there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.***

And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water."

So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it.

And it was so.

God called the vault "sky."

And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear."

And it was so.

God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters "seas."

And God saw that it was good.

Contemporary reading

"I brought"

by@wildcaughtword

I brought what burdened me to the ocean
Placed it down
Stepped back
And allowed the tide to take it

SILENCE

RESPONSE

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

SILENCE

REFLECTION

'Oceans of Tears, Sweat and Salt Water'

Susan Jones

OFFERING PRAYER

*Wide wide as the ocean, high as the heavens above
Deep, deep as the deepest Sea is my Saviour's love
I though so unworthy still am a child of God's care
for the Word teaches me that God's love reaches me everywhere*

The simple children's song carries a profound truth:
Love can reach everywhere.

***May our gifts today of food and money help to let others know
This profound truth:***

That love is theirs today whoever they are and wherever they may be
***May the work of this church which we help fund today
ensure people know they are worthy of love
and welcome here whatever they believe;
May these gifts of food help feed bodies and nourish souls
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

Catriona Cairns

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Senegal and the Muslim people in Senegal and throughout the world. We remember the detainees on Manus and Nauru Islands yearning for their cases to be resolved. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Stuart Smith (Kaikoura electorate) and Erica Stanford (East Coast Bays electorate). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Waikohu Cooperating Church.

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 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.

Order of distribution:

Please note that the order of serving used in this communion follows the concept of us all needing to be spiritually nourished before we serve others.

The minister and servers therefore take communion first. This order is intended to symbolise the preparation which all those who serve others need to make in order for their serving to be sustainable and authentic. This order of serving – minister, servers, people - is not intended as elitist or hierarchical. All of us follow Jesus our leader, who took time to refresh and renew himself so he could minister well to the people who flocked to hear him.

COMMUNION HYMN

CH4 593 'She sits like a bird'

on card

HYMN

'Song of the Waters'

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View anew the dark blue ocean,
Whales cavorting, spraying foam;
God at play with deep sea monsters,
feeling very much at home.
Sing a song of laughing waters,
pulsing through the veins of Earth.

Watch once more the windswept storm clouds;
Suddenly the sky has wings!
God has come to rain among us,
giving hope to all dry things.
Sing a song of splashing waters,
pulsing through the veins of Earth.

Taste the moisture of the morning,
smoother than the best red wine;
toast the lifeblood of the planet:
Here's to God's wild wet design!
Sing a song of flowing waters,
pulsing through the veins of Earth.

Feel the breath of God move softly,
gentle mists that brush the skin;
Earth is breathing God's own spirit,
life renewed from deep within.
Sing a song of living waters,
pulsing through the veins of Earth

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C BWV 553

by J.S Bach (1685-1750)

THANK YOU

Thank you to Peter Franklin
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>

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 SEPTEMBER

September: Season of Creation

- 1 September 'Ocean Sunday' led by Susan Jones
- 8 September 'Storm Sunday' led by members of the Parish Council
- 15 September 'Cosmos Sunday' led by Susan Jones
- 22 September 'Flora and Fauna Sunday' led by Fiona McDougal and team.
- 29 September 'Stories from Presbyterian Support.'

October: Being Church

The 6-part series on the Pillars undergirding St Andrew's' life will recommence on October 6, 13 and 20. (Note slight change of dates)

October 27 'What does being a Progressive Church mean?'

2020 COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

The 2020 Commemoration Committee will meet after The Gathering and morning tea on **Sunday 8th September** down at the front of the church.

Welcome to anyone interested in these activities for next year. Lois Robertson

SATRS

Spring Course

Compassionate Non-Violent Communication (NVC) with Sophia Tara.

Friday evening **September 6th**, 6 - 8pm.

In Conference Rooms 1 & 2, St Andrews conference Centre.

NVC supports connection with oneself and others so everyone's needs are equally valued. This allows people to create strategies and meaningful solutions that resolve issues and create thriving relationships in all aspects of life.

Cost: \$30 members, \$40 non-members.

Registrations to admin@satrs.org.nz or phone Pam Fuller 475 8240.

"Wellbeing in Local Government"

Pukehinou / Lambton Ward Candidates Evening;

7 pm, Friday September 13th at St Andrews on the Terrace.

Jointly hosted by St Andrews Church and St Andrews Trust for the Study of Religion and Society



SPIRITED CONVERSATION, TUESDAY, 10 September upstairs at St Andrews

Gathering and meal from 6.15 and presentation followed by discussion from 7. \$10 to cover catering. Please indicate whether you can help set up or in the clean up.

Speaker - Lee Muir, Strengthening Families Co-ordinator, Wellington

The organisation has been operating since the 1990's and eleven government agencies have committed to supporting the process. Others can be co-opted!

Lee's role is to support families who have multi agency involvement with their children and often the whanau itself. They may be struggling with both their own needs and dealing with the agencies involved, let alone being able to have their voices and dreams heard. Lee does not belong to any particular agency. Her independence is an important factor in the success of her role in co-ordinating agency involvement and sometimes holding these agencies accountable for the tasks they have committed to.

Lee will share her passion for her work and the way she holds families at the forefront of all she does.

Please RSVP to tony@thekirbys.co.nz, in the blue folder at the back of the church or talk with Pam or Tony directly.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

NZ STATEMENTS: ARMS TRADE TREATY CSP5

Link to share: <https://www.facebook.com/PeaceMovementAotearoa/posts/2385239041523451>. New Zealand's statements at the Fifth Conference of State Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty in Geneva this week, are uploaded to the NZ disarmament statements page at <http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/nzdist.htm> as they are received. The first two statements - during the thematic discussion on gender and gender-based violence on 26 August 2019, and on international assistance (the ATT Voluntary Trust Fund, which New Zealand will Chair from the end of this week) on 27 August - were delivered by Ambassador for Disarmament Dell Higginson, and are available now

LIVING WAGE

Living Wage Wellington is holding three forums at which candidates for local body elections will be asked to commit to an increased adoption of the Living Wage. Hutt City at Avalon Intermediate Thursday September 12th 5.30 – 7.00. Wellington City at St. Peter's on Willis Thursday September 19th 5.00 – 6.30, Porirua City at Pacific Islanders Presbyterian Church, 207 Champion St. Wednesday September 25th 5.30 – 7.00. If you can, please come for a full venue carries enormous influence with the candidates. Commitments candidates will be asked to make will be circulated soon.

WOLFSKEHL ANNIVERSARY

Celebrate the 150th birthday of poet Karl Wolfskehl (who spent last 10 years of his life in NZ) on: Tuesday **17th September**, 6-7.30pm at: Goethe-Institut (Level 6, Goethe-Institut-Haus, 150 Cuba Street, entrance Garrett Street, Te Aro 6011). Academics and artists will contribute a range of presentations, and we shall launch a new English language biography of Wolfskehl. RSVP by 12th Sept to Paulina.Falky.extern@goethe.de

MS COLLECTION DAY WELLINGTON

MS Collection Day Wellington is Wednesday **18 September**, and Jenny Simpson would be very grateful for people able to help for 1-2 hours collecting at Thorndon New World or Chaffers St New World. Collection at Northern suburbs, Hutt Valley, Kapiti and Masterton happening Thursday 19th, Friday 20th. Any help would be such a support. Please call Jenny (04)3899426, 0272318464 or simpsoth@xtra.co.nz.

2019 BOULCOTT SEMINAR @ WELLINGTON CENTRAL BAPTIST

Speaker for 2019 is Mike Frost, author, speaker and agitator; Head of Missiology at Morling College, Sydney. Mike's focus is on a mission-shaped approach to being and doing church. On **Saturday, 21st September** starting at 10:00 am, Mike will share some of his story, thinking and experience of being church in 21st century contexts. Opportunity for discussion and reflection. Morning tea and lunch included, finish at 4:00pm. Cost for the day: \$25. You can find out more about Mike here: <https://mikefrost.net/> and register here: <https://www.central.org.nz/the-boulcott-seminar/>

RAINBOW WELLINGTON

Spring Dinner, Saturday **28 September 2019**, 6.30pm - no end time
café Pasha Turkish Restaurant/BYO, 62 Dixon Street, Te Aro Wellington
www.cafepasha.co.nz, Authentic Turkish food served as a banquet. 6.30PM for pre-dinner drinks (BYO wine possible) starters served 7.00PM followed by main course and dessert. Vegetarian and gluten free option available if requested when you book. Cost: \$40 for financial members, \$50 for Non-Members. Reserve your place by making an online payment to: Rainbow Wellington, Bank Account 03-0566-0164688-000. In Payee information include your name & reference "Pasha" or pay cash at RW drinks.

OCTOBER 2019 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – NORTHLAND KIDZ CLUB

Every day is a trip day with our two-week holiday programme. \$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).

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	Paul Satherley
Offering	Graham Howell, Sue Hirst
Coffee/tea	Ann Barrie, Catriona Cairns, Gillian Feist
Time with the Children	Jennifer Bush
Readings	Gavin Watson
Prayers of the People	Jenny Simpson
Communion	Barrie Keenan, Fiona McDougal, Maxine Cunningham, Trish McBride, Jim Cunningham
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Rosemary Lawrence

On duty Sunday 8 September 2019

Welcoming	Sandra Kirby, Gillian Feist
Sound	Bronwyn White
Offering	Katrina Harper, Paul Satherley
Coffee/tea	Laura and Melissa Van Echten, Pam Fuller
Time with the Children	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Lois Robertson, Tony Kirby
Prayers of the People	Catriona Cairns
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Rainbow Room Helper	Roger Jones

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 1 September 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones followed by congregational conversation.

Tuesday 3 September 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre

Wednesday 4 September Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 4 September 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert – Leider Recital – Georgia James Ems (soprano), Bruce Greenfield (piano), Erich Korngold's Opus 9 Song cycle.

Sunday 8th September 10am Sunday Gathering led by Parish Council followed by the 2020 Commemoration Committee meeting.

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
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Lois Robertson
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Faith in Action 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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