



ORDER OF SERVICE

29 September 2019

Pentecost 16



Presbyterian
Support Central



Stories from Presbyterian Support

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

Supporting others is the theme of our words and thoughts today

Families who need information, encouragement and help

Elderly who need a place to live and rest and re-create

All come under the umbrella of divine love and care

All need a shoulder to cry on or an arm to guide

All need information and empowerment to make their own way

May we learn of compassion and grace this day

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA 85 'Let justice roll down like a river'

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Refrain:

Let justice roll down like a river,

let justice flow down to the sea;

let justice roll down like a river

let justice begin through me.

Justice for all who go hungry,

crying to God to be fed,

left in a world of abundance

to beg for a morsel of bread. *Refrain*

Justice for those who are homeless,

victims of war or of need,

trapped on the borders of nowhere,

lost in the canyons of greed. *Refrain*

Justice for all who are powerless,

yearning for freedom in vain,

plundered and robbed of their birth-right,

silently bearing their pain. *Refrain*

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

We especially welcome today visitors from Presbyterian Support Central: Pat Waite (CEO), Suzanne Simpson (Business Operations Manager, Enliven), Paul Eardley (Manager, Huntleigh Home and Apartments), Jacqui Ritchie (Fundraiser, PSC), and Deidre (Dee) Dahlberg (Regional Manager, Family Works).

PRAYER

JESUS PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card and screen

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Frank Cook

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

Frances Porter

Hebrew Bible

Deuteronomy 24: 10-13, 17-20

Gospel

Luke 6: 27- 31

Contemporary reading

Richard Rohr

<https://cac.org/at-home-in-god-2019-03-28/>

Mystics [across all spiritual traditions] love the Divine so much that they no longer see any boundaries between God and mortals. . . . They point to a single centre of their deepest knowing—that they are one with the Beloved, and that the further they go in this journey of love into the Beloved, the less clear any boundaries between God and self become...

Meister Eckhart [c. 1260–c. 1328] speaks of a place in the depths of our soul in which God alone can dwell and in which we dwell in God. Meeting God in this place, we are invited to sink into what he calls "the eternity of the Divine essence." Doing so, however, we never become the Divine essence.

The Christian mystics do not confuse themselves and God. They know that in union with God, human personality is neither lost nor converted into divine personality. But they also know the profound inadequacy of language to either hold or communicate these deep mysteries.

I have been blessed to have the opportunity to know well several people for whom union with God was not just a momentary experience but a relatively stable part of their ongoing journey. . . .

What struck me most as I related to them over time was that their ever-deepening journey into God made them more deeply human, not less human. . . . None showed an avoidance of the realities of life, and none seemed to use their spiritual experience as an escape. Although by this point, they had all established a contemplative dimension to their life, they all were active in serving others in the world. This, they knew, was their home, and it was here that they had learned to meet God.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

AA 83 'Just a cup of water'

Words and Music © 1986 Felicia Edgecumbe

Just a cup of water in his name
Jesus said will honour him.
Many need your love, Lord, make us see
and help us live in true charity

*"Love your neighbour as you love yourself."
Jesus' words come to us and they will not go away.*

Jesus had compassion and touched the lives
of all those whose needs he saw:
many need your help, Lord, make us care
and use us freely, your gifts to share. *Love your...*

All alone we're powerless to do God's work:
every strength must come from him.
You have sent your Spirit, you give life,
so lead in victory and be our light. *Love your...*

REFLECTIONS

Presbyterian Support Central
Pat Waite (CEO),
Suzanne Simpson (Business Operations Manager, Enliven),
Deidre (Dee) Dahlberg (Regional Manager, Family Works).

OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

We have brought what we are giving today out of duty and obligation
but also out of gratitude and love.

May this money be wisely used to benefit the work of this church here and
beyond these walls.

May this food help those who do not have enough.

May all who benefit from these gifts

know more of the Love which is theirs without conditions or limits.

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.*

AFFIRMATION

***In our world there are those who have many resources
and those with few***

***There are those who can offer comfort and support
and those who need it***

***We all pass through stages
in which we may be the helper or may be needing help
We move through life
from dependence to independence to inter-dependence.***

***We affirm our intention that
when we can, we will help in grace-filled ways,
when we need it, we will ask for grace to accept help offered.***

***We affirm our intention to show compassion with and for
all sorts and classes of people
young and old, the struggling and the successful
those in the centre and those at the margins***

We affirm all are loved, all are worthwhile, all are our kin.

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

Jenn Keenan

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Somalia and the Christian World Service funded women's programme of the Lauru Land Conference of Tribal Communities, which seeks to improve women's role in decision-making and sustainable living. We remember the detainees on Manus and Nauru Islands, yearning that their cases be resolved. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Tim van de Molen (Waikato electorate) and Hamish Wagner (Clutha-Southland electorate). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Hutt City Uniting Congregations, Lower Hutt.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card and screen

HYMN

'We shall go out'

Words by June Boyce Tillman © 1993 Stainer & Bell Ltd

Tune: Londonderry Air CH 4 729

We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.

We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life who sets us free.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.

We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story
including all within the circles of our love.

SPOKEN BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

Bruce Cash

Our Musician today

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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.



AUDIO REFLECTIONS

Sunday reflections are usually available on our website.

<http://www.standrews.org.nz/category/sunday-gathering>

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

SUNDAY GATHERINGS AT ST ANDREW'S IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

September: Season of Creation

29 September 'Stories from Presbyterian Support.'

October: Being Church

This is the second half of a 6-part series on the Pillars undergirding St Andrew's' life

October 6 'Theological Education and Reflection: Thinking about what we feel'

October 13 'Community and Place: Who are we in the world?'

October 20 'Faith in Action: walking the Talk'

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

LECTIO DIVINA GROUP 8TH OCTOBER AT 7PM.

You are invited to join a group on the 2nd Tuesday of every month for Lectio Divina or "sacred reading". This will involve meditating in silence for a period then focusing on the words of a poem or reading.

Everyone is welcome- no previous experience required as some guidance will be offered. Please speak to Fiona McDougal or contact by email fionaredsquirrel@gmail.com

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES WEEKEND WORKSHOP 15th -17th November

Friday 7pm-9pm, Saturday 10am-12 and 130pm-4pm, and Sunday 1-3pm.

"Lectio Divina literally "sacred reading", is an ancient Christian contemplative prayer practice enjoying a revival among laypeople.... a practice of being present to each moment in a heart-centered way". (CV Paintner). If you are interested in coming along or want to find out more, please contact Fiona McDougal fionaredsquirrel@gmail.com

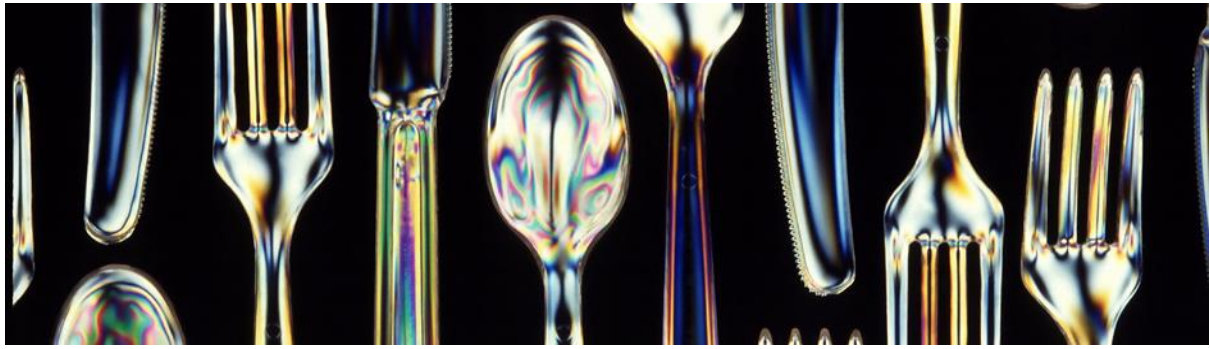
HEALTH AND SAFETY IN EMERGENCY

Increasingly defibrillators are available if you are sure someone has had a heart attack. Of course, the first thing to do is to call 111 for an ambulance! If a defibrillator is needed, Bolton Hotel in Bolton St are happy for us to request their defibrillator. If you are not qualified in first aid, please follow the directions of, firstly, any medical doctor present, or trained nurse or trained first aider.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

PSC'S (Presbyterian Support) 110TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

5pm Monday 21 October 2019 at Presbyterian Support Central, 3-5 George Street, Thorndon, Wellington.



'Celebrating Chaplaincy'

You are invited to...

WELLINGTON FORUM DINNER

PRESBYTERY CENTRAL

@ St Andrew's on The Terrace,

30 The Terrace, Wellington.

6pm, Tuesday 8 October 2019

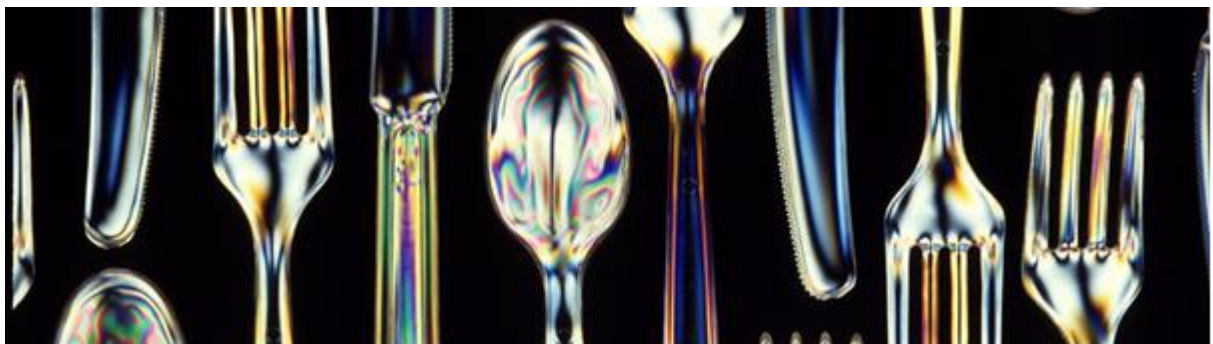
Speaker Rev Amy Finiki, M. Div.,

'Chaplaincy: Opportunities and Challenges'

Admission \$20

RSVP by Sunday 6 October

office@standrews.org.nz



NOTES

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

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| Welcoming | Jim and Maxine Cunningham |
| Sound | Jennifer Bush |
| Offering | Catriona Cairns, John Morgan |
| Coffee/tea | Richard Keller, Roger Jones, Janet Horncy |
| Time with the Children | Frank Cook |
| Readings | Frances Porter |
| Prayers of the People | Jenn Keenan |
| Musician | Bruce Cash |
| Rainbow Room Helper | Pam Fuller |

On duty Sunday 6 October

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| Welcoming | Anne Barrie, Heather Macfarlane |
| Sound | Sonia Groes-Petrie |
| Offering | Paul Satherley, Sue Hirst |
| Coffee/tea | Andrew and Wendy Matthews, Richard Owen |
| Time with the Children | Graham Howell |
| Readings | Margaret Rushbrook |
| Prayers of the People | Sandra Kirby |
| Communion | Catriona Cairns, Lois Robertson, Sandra Kirby, Vhari McWha, Tony Kirby |
| Musician | Bruce Cash |
| Rainbow Room Helper | Graham Howell |

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 29 September 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones and members of Presbyterian Support Central.

Tuesday 1 October 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre

Wednesday 2 October Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 2 October 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert - Students of the NZSM (New Zealand School of Music) Guitar Programme

Thursday 3 October 12:15pm Lunchtime Concert - NZSM Piano Students

Sunday 6 October 10am Sunday Gathering with Communion led by Susan Jones followed by congregational conversation.

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

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| 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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