

ORDER OF SERVICE

27 October 2019

Pentecost 20 Reformers' Sunday



'What does being a Progressive Church mean?'

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

Over half a millennium ago, reformers spoke up.

and both church and world changed.

Now in our time, we face a point of discernment;

We are the actors now, will we be reformers or resisters?

As for them, now for us, how do we discern the way forward?

We are the ones called to decide

when to be literal and when to embrace the mythical,

when to be logical and when to embrace the mystical.

This is the time of the Great Emergence;

may we act so that in this time, great things will emerge

PROCESSIONAL HYMN(screen)

'A safe stronghold we may seek still'

Words: ©2017 Susan Jones Music:

Tune: WOV 8 'Ein Feste Burg' Martin Luther 1527-29

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER and JESUS PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Jennifer Bush

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

Lynette Burrell

Epistle

1 Peter 2:1-10

Gospel

Luke 6:46-49

Contemporary reading

"Formidable thinker and writer full of paradox"

by Peter Matheson, Otago Daily Times, 17 March 2017

The "tragic necessity of the Reformation" may be a useful mantra to chant. For Kiwis, though, tired of the worn-out language of much of Church life, the Reformation raises

quite fascinating questions. For Luther as a wordsmith is up there with Rabelais and Shakespeare. As a thinker, he is truly formidable and continued to fascinate generations to come; a Kierkegaard, a Bonhoeffer. Yet, he is a hard nut to crack, a "difficult hero", as has recently been said. The anti-papal ravings at the end of his life are bizarre and shameful. His anti-Judaic polemic was to be eagerly snapped up by the Nazis. So to enter his world is to be up to one's neck in paradox.

Yet, he opened up so much more than he closed down.

It was his lyrical devotional works that initially gained the ear of ordinary people. His 1520 treatise on freedom is quite ravishing. He could clown around like the best of us. He opened up the Bible to women as well as men. "I never knew Jesus could speak such good German," was an Augsburg artisan's reaction to his translation of the New Testament...

No, we don't find the historical Martin Luther a comfortable bedfellow. There is nothing of the blandness of much contemporary talk about spirituality. Yet, he addresses the God question in an unforgettable way, in hymns and prayers, in exegesis and polemic, in his whole life. He sought to remind the Church that it was more than an institution. That it was there to listen to God and serve humanity. If we are open to being surprised, we could do worse than bend an ear to him.

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION 'What does being a Progressive Church mean?' Susan Jones

HYMN (*screen*)

'Letters written to the churches'

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OFFERING PRAYER (*said together*)

We stand in silence to offer these gifts of food and money.

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 BASED ON THE 8 POINTS OF PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY (Adapted from the 8 points by Susan Jones 2015)

Desiring greater consciousness through searching within for awareness
I believe questions are more helpful than absolutes
and diverse sources of wisdom are available to us,

Knowing the true expression of what I believe
is how I behave towards others;

I value community which includes
all types and styles of faith, belief and people;

Seeking the grace of progress in my spiritual walk,
I commit, as I am able, to a path of life-long learning,
compassion, and selfless love.

Seeking understanding and experience of
the Sacred and the Unity of all life

I will follow, as I am able,

the spiritual practices involved in following the Jesus Way

Seeking peace and justice among all people and the integrity of our Earth;
I will work, as I am able, where there is damage and brokenness, for
restoration and reconciliation.

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

Maxine Cunningham

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Sudan and Christian World Service partner the Sudan Council of Churches. We remember detainees on Manus and Nauru Islands, yearning that their cases be resolved. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Kanwaljit Singh Bakshi and Darroch Ball list MPs. Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of St Anselm's Union Church, Karori.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN *screen*

'The church needs a foundation'

Words © Susan Jones Tune: WOV 385 Aurelia

BLESSING and SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

David Dobson

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>



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 Qy, 02-0534-0004022-02

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

SUNDAY GATHERINGS AT ST ANDREW'S IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

October 27 Reformers' Sunday: 'What does being a Progressive Church mean?'

November: Commemorative month

November 3 Parihaka Sunday led by Fionnaigh McKenzie. AGM follows

November 10 'Poppies: red and white' led by Susan

November 17 Transgender Day of Remembrance led by Susan; Glamaphones Choir visits. Exploring Faith study group final meeting for 2019.

November 24 St Andrew's Day. Susan's final service. Community lunch to follow

SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATION GROUP TODAY

At the Social Justice Education Group on 27 October after church, Trade Union Historian, Peter Clayworth, will speak on aspects of our trade union history particularly where people have been killed as a result of their union activities in Aotearoa.

ZITA AND MIKE'S BLOG

Dear all, Zita and I have been away. One of our activities was riding bicycles the length of the \UK from Lands End to John O'Goats. We had a demanding and interesting trip. I made a blog about it with plenty of pictures and a few videos.. In case you are interested you can have a look at the following address

<https://zitamikeridelejog.blogspot.com/> Mike Wespel-Rose.

SUBMISSIONS ON THE EDUCATION (PASTORAL CARE) AMENDMENT BILL

Parliament has given until 1 November (All Saints/Souls Day) for submissions on the Education (Pastoral care) Amendment Bill to bring in a mandatory code of conduct for hostel providers and others at our tertiary institutes. Graham Howell is willing to prepare a short submission for the parish, but as 1 November is the closing date, time is short. Anyone who is supportive please see Graham after church. Many of our members have been at tertiary institutions or have children there and many of our near neighbours are tertiary students and need pastoral care.

ROSTERS FOR DECEMBER TO FEBRUARY

A reminder for those who help on our rosters that we will be putting together a new roster for the period December to February to shortly. If you have any dates during this period that you know you will be away please notify the office by 5 November office@standrews.org.nz. Thank you.

ROSTER VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR OPERATING THE LAPTOP

Now the new screens have been installed in the church, we need to add another duty to the Sunday rosters. If you would like to be included on the roster to operate the laptop, (sitting alongside the sound operator at the back of the church), please let Jillene know by emailing office@standrews.org.nz.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

The AGM for St Andrew's on The Terrace will be held on **Sunday 3 November** after church starting at 11:45 am. All are welcome, but note that members and associate members only are eligible to participate in voting. The Annual Report will be available in draft (because we are waiting for the audit to be completed) at least one week in advance. There are no new gaps on Parish Council this year. Katrina Harper and Lynne Dovey are eligible for re-election for a second term of 3 years. Parish Council.

SUSAN'S FAREWELL

Parish Council is planning a farewell lunch for Susan and Roger on Sunday 24th November after church in the hall. (This will take the place of the monthly brunch on the 2nd Sunday in December). Several people have asked about making a donation for a farewell gift. This would be much appreciated. Please hand your donation as soon as possible to the office or make an internet payment direct to St Andrew's bank account – BNZ 02 0534 0004022 02. Please put 'Minister farewell' as the reference so we know what the deposit is for.

Thanks, Lynne Dovey Parish, Council Convenor.

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES WEEKEND WORKSHOP 15th -17th November

Friday 7pm-9pm, Saturday 10am-12 and 1:30pm-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.

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

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING BENEFIT RIGHTS SERVICE

Friday 8th November 2019 4.30 pm Benefit Rights office, Anvil House, 138-140 Wakefield St, Wellington Please RSVP to: Ph (04) 210 2012 / (04 260 1019) / txt 021 292 7636 Email: benefitrights@gmail.com. This service helps those on the poverty line and who need support. See Susan for more information.

ASIST

Applied Suicide Intervention Training upcoming workshops in Wellington:

2 Day suicide Intervention Training - 7-8 November www.a-oknz.com/asist

EVERYONE needs to know how to help persons with thoughts of suicide in ways that increase their safety.

1 Day recovery and growth Training - 22 November - www.a-oknz.com/suicide2hope.

Recovery and growth for persons previously at risk of and currently safe from suicide.

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	David and Pauline Patchett
Sound	Bronwyn White
Offering	Bridget Martin, Frank Cook
Coffee/tea	Kath Kerr, Laura and Melissa Van Echten
Time with the Children	Jennifer Bush
Readings	Lynette Burrell
Prayers of the People	Maxine Cunningham
Musician	David Dobson
Rainbow Room Helper	Lois Robertson

On duty Sunday 3 November

Welcoming	Wendy Matthews, Richard Keller
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Offering	Norman and Linda Wilkins
Coffee/tea	Barrie Keenan, Gillian Feist, Jenn Keenan
Time with the Children	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Valerie Rhodes
Prayers of the People	TBC
Communion	Andrew Matthews, Trish McBride, Margaret Rushbrook, Sue McRae, Sonia Groes Petrie
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Pam Fuller

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 27 October 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones followed by Social Justice – speaker Trade Union Historian, Peter Clayworth

Tuesday 29 October 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre

Wednesday 30 October Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 30 October 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert – Cello Recital from the Golden Age – Inbal Megiddo (cello) and Jian Liu (piano)

Sunday 3 November 10am Sunday Gathering led by Fionnaigh McKenzie; 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

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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