



ORDER OF SERVICE

1 December 2019

Advent Sunday:
The season of waiting



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

In this season of watching, of mystery unfolding

We gather to wait

In this time of spacious silence

We gather to listen

In this place of community and belonging

We gather in faith

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA 113 'Our life has its seasons'

Words: © 1992 Shirley Erena Murray

Music by Colin Gibson © 1992 Hope Publishing Co.

Our life has its seasons, and God has the reasons
why spring follows winter, and new leaves grow,
for there's a connection with our resurrection
that flowers will bud after frost and snow.

Refrain: *So there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.*

There's a time to be planting, a time to be plucking,
a time to be laughing, a time to weep,
a time to be building, a time to be breaking,
a time to be waking, a time to sleep. *Refrain*

There's a time to be hurting, a time to be healing,
a time to be saving, a time to spend,
a time to be grieving, a time to be dancing,
a time for beginning, a time to end. *Refrain*

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

JESUS' PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase *on card*

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE – HOPE

Lois Robertson

CWS Partner Story from Uganda: Give Water, Give Life

Great Grandmother Farazia is 78 years old and lives in the dry south of Uganda. She saves every coin she can for a new rainwater tank. Every month she takes her money to the village caregivers meeting where it is recorded in her account. She can see the difference a tank makes to other families affected by HIV and AIDS like hers.

With a tank, her grandchildren will not have to walk for hours to collect water that needs to be filtered when they get home.

With clean water, they will be healthy and go to school every day. They will have energy for their chores and can grow better food. She wants this for her grandchildren. It is her prayer.

Gracious God

For those, like Farazia, who dare to hope for a better way

We give you thanks

For those who are the bringers of light

We praise you

For the relentless pursuit of this hope

We light this candle. Amen.

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Practice for Children's Service Dec 8th

BLESSING THE CHILDREN (All stand)

We send you to the Rainbow Room to practice for next Sunday's Children's Service.

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

Lynne Dovey

Hebrew Bible

Psalm 122

Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

Contemporary reading

From 'Through the Advent Door'

by Jan Richardson

In her book *The Vigil: Keeping Watch in the Season of Christ's Coming*, Wendy M. Wright relates words given to her by a Trappist retreat master, who said, "To be a Christian does not mean knowing all the answers; to be a Christian means being willing to live in the part of the self where the question is born." With this opening lection, Advent reminds us of this in a fashion that may seem painfully direct but can also be tremendously freeing: it tells us that we do not know everything, cannot know everything, are not responsible for knowing everything. It tells us that, ultimately, we live in mystery.

www.janrichardson.com

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION

'The season of waiting'

Catriona Cairns

OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

***We bring these gifts today, expressions of our gratitude,
and we bring ourselves, not yet knowing how we might be used,
but watching and trusting in the signs of hope for our 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 **briefly** from the lectern.*

For the benefit of newcomers, please introduce yourself before you begin.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Patricia Booth

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Taiwan and the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan. We remember the detainees of Manus and Nauru Islands, yearning that their cases be resolved. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Maggie Barry (North Shore electorate) and Andrew Bayly (Hunua electorate). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the Pacific Islander leaders and people of Newtown.

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

AA154 'Where is the room?'

Words: © 1992 Shirley Erena Murray

Music: © 1993 David Dell COC 48

Where is the room,
where is the house of Christmas?
Where shall we welcome Jesus,
where are the signs of home?
Where are the signs of home?

Let Christ have space,
place at the heart of living,
centre for birth's new breathing,
cradle for hope and peace,
cradle for hope and peace.

Let there be room,
room for the friend and stranger,
room without hurt or anger,
room for whoever come,
room for whoever come.

Let love be here,
love from the Christmas stable,
love at our open table,
love to be shared all year,
love to be shared all year.

COMMUNION LITURGY

on blue 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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN

AA89 'Light of lights beholden'

Words & Music © 1997 Jenny McLeod COC 29

Light of lights beholden
we from days of olden
sang this song,
for to understand
that peace upon this planet
was pledged to come.
Each to other, sister, brother,
Born for life and song.

Darkness all around us,
light has always found us,
light will come
where the dark is deepest,
greater light will keep us
safe from harm.
Troubled times will always find
A voice of troubled doom,

*Chorus - look towards the light and carry on:
let the simple heart and hope among us
keep our family strong,
let the simple heart and hope among us
keep our family strong.*

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Thank you to Bruce Corkill

our musician today

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acknowledged. If Susan Jones is the worship leader any liturgy will have been written by her. These words
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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

GATHERINGS FOR DECEMBER 2019

- December 1st Advent 1 – Rev. Catriona Cairns – Interim Moderator.
- December 8th Advent 2 – Rainbow Room Children's Service – led by Rosemary Lawrence.
- December 15th Advent 3 – Service of Readings and Carols for Advent and Christmas led by Sandra Kirby
- December 18th (Wednesday) 12-15pm – Community Lunchtime Carol Service
- December 22nd Advent 4 – Rev. Norman Wilkins
- December 24th Christmas Eve - 7-30pm sherry/orange juice and Christmas cake.
8-00pm service led by Rev. Jim Cunningham.
- December 25th Christmas Day – Fiona McDougal
- December 29th First Sunday after Christmas – Rev. Jim Cunningham - Reflecting on the meaning of Christmas. -Quiet service of readings, reflections and music.

2020 COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE

There will be a short meeting of the 2020 Commemorative Committee: Sunday December 8th after Church.

AMNESTY EVENT – TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER

10th December is International Human Rights Day. Also on this day, world wide, Amnesty International is promoting a “Write for Rights” day. People all over the world will be writing letters on behalf of human rights advocates.

We will be organising a letter writing event here at St Andrews on that day between 12 noon and 2pm. We will have case information for several human rights activists, letter writing materials and letter writing guides.

This will be at the back of the church, near the front door. We hope to attract people to come in off the street and take part. But it would also be great if members of the congregation could also attend and write letters.

If you would like to think about this beforehand and maybe prepare a letter, Amnesty resources about the event are available at this link. <https://write.amnesty.org.nz/>

Thanks everyone, Mike Wespel-Rose and John Morgan

SUBMISSION PUBLIC SERVICE LEGISLATION BILL

Last Sunday, Graham Howell mentioned in the news the fact the government has introduced the Public Service Legislation Bill which is a rewrite of the State Sector Act 1988. Graham is willing to coordinate a group to make a submission. Closing date is 31 January. The Bill is long but the connection with St Andrews is that we are in the centre of government administration, many of us have, are or will work for the government and we will almost all interact with it, so the principles that drive the public service is of importance. Contact Graham via his email, grahamhowell022@gmail.com, or see him over the next few weeks.

ROSTER VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR OPERATING THE LAPTOP

Now new screens have been installed, we need to add another duty to Sunday rosters. If you would like 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.

BOOK LAUNCH, SUNDAY DECEMBER 15th,

Lloyd's latest book 'a time to speak' will be launched at morning tea at St Andrews on Sunday December 15th following the 10am Carol Service,. (In this volume Lloyd presents previously unpublished talks and lectures which will interest a wider audience than was originally intended.

The book is in two parts.

The first examines the relevance of Christian perspectives in a post-Christian global era, and asks whether they can help solve the massive problems now facing the world.

The second part focuses more closely on theology, and includes Lloyd's wry account of his so-called 'heresy trial' in the 1960s.)

Copies will be available for purchase on the day.

The event is being jointly hosted by St Andrews on the Terrace and the St Andrews Trust for the Study of Religion and Society.

HEALTH AND SAFETY CAN YOU HELP?

In our Health and Safety planning it would be good to know if we have medically trained personnel in our congregation, or trained first aiders, happy to be called on if needed during Sunday Gatherings and other church events. We would be discreet about such a list, but if Susan or other leaders of church event know who is qualified they can more rapidly turn to those people first. Of course in a city like Wellington we would very quickly ask for ambulance aid, but it is good to know who is trained in what to do initially. Please let Pam Fuller know if you are one of these people.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

METHODIST AND PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ADVENT GATHERING

Sunday 1st December 2019, at 2.30pm at Waiwhetu Uniting Church, Lower Hutt. All welcome. For more information see Lois Robertson.

ASIST APPLIED SUICIDE INTERVENTION SKILLS TRAINING

Wellington, 28-29 November 2019, 9am-5pm.
Info and booking link: www.a-0k.nz/asist

FESTIVAL SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND DRAMA CHRISTI CHILDRENS PLAY Festival Singers, "High Summer Holds the Earth"

Exquisite Choral Music for the Christmas Season

2:30pm Sunday 1 December 2019, St John's Anglican Church, 18 Bassett Road, Johnsonville, Wellington 6037. Tickets \$10. Book online through Eventbrite at www.festivalsingers.wordpress.com/

The choir will be taking a separate koha / collection at the door for the Wellington City Mission. Free admission for Primary and Secondary School pupils.

Drama Christi presents between the lines

Two children find themselves inside a storybook and discover the characters are not what they expected. 75 Taranaki Street. Sunday 1 December 4:00pm.

www.dramachristi.org.nz Bookings 389 9879. Entry by koha for Christian World Service.

PEACE MOVEMENT AOTEAROA

West Papua flag raising at parliament, Wellington, Monday, 2 December, at 1pm

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/729949114173855>

THE WORLD'S BIG SLEEP OUT HUTT CITY, NEW ZEALAND

On the 7th of December, 50,000 people will be sleeping out under the stars, to help those who have no other choice.

Join us and Sir Richard Taylor at McEwan Park and be part of one of the 50 major sleep out events happening globally.

With performances confirmed from Will Smith, Dame Helen Mirren, The Script, Tom Walker, Travis, Frank Turner, at many of our events across the world, you will be joining a global campaign to call for an end to global homelessness.

Register at <https://www.bigsleepout.com/join-a-sleep-out/hutt-city>

CELEBRATING 180 YEARS

In 2020, St Andrews on the Terrace will celebrate 180 years.

This is the logo we will be using throughout the year.



Gathering Memories. A lot of historical material is stored in the church cupboards; two complete histories have been already printed and two overviews written – one for the Presbytery 50 Years Celebration and one for our website. There are many other records of actions and declarations St Andrew's has made in recent years.

We decided we would collect all this material and more for a bound book we are calling "**Our Book of Memories**". We have permission to use three chapters from the Rev Jack Sommerville's life story which cover his time at St Andrews and also a Memoir from the Rev John Murray. There are others, including Susan. There will be Orders of Service, hymns and prayers we are using now. Some activities that will be recorded include the building and the operation of the St Andrew's Centre and 'Saving St Andrews'.

Several people have already been asked, but we invite any member to write a memory for this book, how they came to attend St Andrews or what they value. There are also three activities planned throughout the year:

A Gathering at the Iona Cross on Petone Beach, 2pm, Sunday 23rd February. This is the anniversary of the landing of the first members of St Andrews Parish with Rev John Macfarlane, a man renowned for his rapport with Maori, his advocacy for Maori and his fluency in te reo. This event is still being shaped and discussions about the final outcome are continuing as we speak.

A Celebration Dinner will be held in July - planning for this will start after Easter.

A Historical Sunday Gathering later in the year will use mainly historical material.

There are a lot of interesting "objects" of significance in the church. We hope to give little talks, as part of a Gathering, on some of these throughout the year.

"Gather the people, Tell the stories, Break the Bread" - Marcus Borg
Lois Robertson

RAINBOW WELLINGTON END OF YEAR LUNCH

Sunday 8 December 2019 12.30pm at The Southern Cross (Tree House area), Abel Tasman St, Wellington. For something different this year we are holding a lunch three course buffet style with Vegetarian/Vegan and gluten free options available. Cost: \$40 for Rainbow Wellington Financial members, \$50 for Non-Members Please reserve your place by making an online payment to: Rainbow Wellington, Bank Account 03-0566-0164688-000. In the Payee information please include your name and reference "Lunch".

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 Rushbrook, Trish McBride
Sound/Laptop	Tony Cowdry, Cameron Smart
Offering	Bridget Martin, John Morgan
Coffee/tea	Gillian Feist, Lois Robertson, Mike Wespel-Rose
Time with the Children	Rainbow Room
Readings	Lynne Dovey
Prayers of the People	Patricia Booth
Communion	Ann Barrie, Frank Cook, Graham Howell, Kath Kerr, Norman Wilkins
Musician	Bruce Corkill
Rainbow Room Helper	Ellen Murray

On duty Sunday 8 December

Welcoming	Graham Howell, Pam Fuller
Sound	Paul Satherley
Offering	Bridget Martin, Norman Wilkins
Coffee/tea	Catriona Cairns, James Cone, Kath Kerr
Time with the Children	Rainbow Room Children
Readings	TBC
Prayers of the People	Jenny Simpson
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Rainbow Room Helper	Children's Play

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 1 December 10am Sunday Gathering, Communion led by Rev. Catriona Cairns followed by congregational conversation

Note Centering Prayer in the Centre will resume Thursday February 20th at 12:30pm.

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

Wednesday 4 December 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert - Maaik Beekman and Simon Christie-Solos and Duets

Sunday 8 December 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rosemary Lawrence – Children's play

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

Interim Moderator	Catriona Cairns
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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