

# ORDER OF SERVICE

8 December 2019

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**



## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

Come, Christmas Child, come again in your wonder,  
changing the world with the light that you hold;  
burst through the mist and the dust of the ages,  
word for our time to unwrap and unfold.

## 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

This is God's house, a place of peace.

A place where we befriend one another  
in the name of Christ.

The Peace of Christ is here....to stay

**Thanks be to God**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

## WOV 197 ii 'Hark the Glad Sound'

Words: Philip Doddridge, Music Thomas Clark (Public Domain)

1. Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,  
the Saviour promised long;  
let every heart prepare a throne,  
and every voice a song!
2. On him the Spirit largely poured,  
exerts its sacred fire;  
wisdom and might and zeal and love,  
his holy breast inspire.
3. He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of his grade  
To enrich the humble poor.
4. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
your welcome shall proclaim,  
and heaven's eternal arches ring  
with your beloved name.

## WELCOME

Kia ora tatou

*Kia ora*

## PRAYER

## JESUS PRAYER

*Jim Cotter paraphrase on card*

Gracious God

For those like Meenakshi who bravely stand up for workers' rights

**We give thanks**

For those who work to preserve vulnerable environments from destruction

**We give thanks**

For those who work for peace and justice in our world

**We give thanks**

**Amen.**

**LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE – PEACE**

**Linda Wilkins**

**LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE**

**A CHRISTMAS STORY**

**Rosemary Lawrence**

**HYMN**

**COC 30 ii 'Look Towards Christmas'**

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1. Look toward Christmas! Advent is here:  
welcome December, changing the year.  
Whistle up, shepherds, saddle up, kings!  
Chorus up, angels, flexing your wings.  
*Refrain:*  
*Sing, sing sing alleluia!*  
*Sing, sing alleluia!*  
*Sing, sing, sing out the story,*  
*Sing about hope and sing about peace!*
2. Set the world singing, make the world glad;  
now is good reason not to feel sad!  
hear John the Baptist shout to prepare:  
Good News is coming, earth be aware. *Refrain*
3. Mary and Joseph, soon is the day;  
ready the donkey, start on your way.  
You are the chosen, willing to trust,  
joyful your burden, carrying Christ. *Refrain*

## A MOVING TABLEAUX

## Rainbow Room children St Andrew's Choir

1. Mother Mary, gently walking  
'neath the stars she makes her way.  
Wondrous stars so brightly shining,  
greet my child on Christmas day.
2. Wondrous Stars , they see her coming,  
bow their heads and bid her stay:  
"Take from us a crown of starlight  
for your child on Christmas day."
3. Mother Mary, gently walking,  
in the sun she makes her way:  
"Golden sun so brightly shining,  
greet my child on Christmas day".
4. Golden sun, he sees her coming,  
bows his head and bids her stay:  
"Take from me a golden sunbeam,  
for your child on Christmas day".
5. Mother Mary, gently walking,  
'neath the moon she makes her way:  
"Silver moon, so brightly shining,  
greet my child on Christmas day."
6. Silver moon, she sees her coming,  
bows her head and bids her stay:  
"Take from me a silver moon beam  
for your child on Christmas day."
7. Mother Mary, gently walking,  
down to earth she makes her way,  
Bearing gifts of heavenly splendour,  
for her child on Christmas day.
8. Father Joseph walks beside her  
close at hand to show the way:  
as she wears these gifts of splendour,  
for her child on Christmas day.
9. Loving children see her coming  
bow their heads and bid her stay:  
"Take our love, O Mother Mary  
for your child on Christmas day."

## SONG

## "A Kiwi Jingle Bells"

(To the tune of Jingle Bells) Book by Yvonne Morrison and Deborah Hinde

## READERS

## Angus and Callum Carnegie

*Sung chorus - congregation*

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells  
jingle all the way.

Oh what fun, it is to have  
a Kiwi Christmas day, hey!

## REFLECTION

## Christmases past

## 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!*

## OFFERING SONG

## AA127 "Take my gifts"

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1. Take my gifts and let me love you,  
God who first of all loved me,  
gave me light and food and shelter,  
gave me life and set me free.  
Now because your love has touched me,  
I have love to give away;  
now the bread of love is rising,  
loaves of love to multiply!
2. Take whatever I can offer -  
gifts that I have yet to find,  
skills that I am slow to sharpen,  
talents of the hand and mind,  
things made beautiful for others  
in the place where I must be:  
take my gifts and let me love you,  
God who first of all loved me.

### OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

***We bring these gifts today, expressions of our gratitude, and we bring ourselves, open to signs and opportunities of how we might be used, watching and trusting in the signs of peace 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 not already in the order of service, 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

**Jenny Simpson**

### CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Tanzania and the Christian Council of Tanzania. 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 David Bennett (Hamilton East electorate) and Paula Bennett (Upper Harbour electorate). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of the Ngaio Union Church.

## PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

*on card*

### HYMN

### 'Christ be our Light'

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1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.  
*Christ be our light!*  
*Shine in our hearts.*  
*Shine in the darkness.*  
*Christ, be our light!*  
*Shine in your church gathered today.*
2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.  
*Christ be our light!.....*
3. Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.  
*Christ be our light!.....*
4. Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.  
*Christ be our light!.....*

### BLESSING

### SUNG AMEN

### THANK YOU

**Judy Dumbleton**

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***

### **GATHERINGS FOR DECEMBER 2019**

- December 8<sup>th</sup> Advent 2 – Rainbow Room Children's Service – led by Rosemary Lawrence.
- December 15<sup>th</sup> Advent 3 – Service of Readings and Carols for Advent and Christmas led by Sandra Kirby
- December 18<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) 12-15pm – Community Lunchtime Carol Service
- December 22<sup>nd</sup> Advent 4 – Rev. Norman Wilkins
- December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve - 7-30pm sherry/orange juice and Christmas cake.  
8-00pm service led by Rev. Jim Cunningham.
- December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day – Fiona McDougal
- December 29<sup>th</sup> 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: after the gathering today.

## **CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE (CWS) CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

CWS appeal envelopes are at the back of the church. Donations will be taken at the Christmas Eve service and can also be made through the website [cws.org.nz](http://cws.org.nz).

## **LECTIO DIVINA GROUP**

Lectio Divina group meets **Tuesday 10th December** in the St Andrew's Centre. We spend some time in silence, then meditate on a short poem or text. Please join us. Contact Fiona McDougal [fionaredsquirrel@gmail.com](mailto:fionaredsquirrel@gmail.com) for further information

## **WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS DAY – LETTER WRITING AT ST ANDREW'S**

**Tuesday 10th December** it is World Human Rights day. On the same day Amnesty International is promoting a "Write for Rights" letter writing event worldwide. People across the globe will write millions of letters on behalf of those whose human rights are being attacked. ***We at St Andrews will be one location for this letter writing at the back of the church near the front door between 12 noon and 2 pm.***

This year there is an emphasis on young people fighting for human rights.

We will have letter writing resources, also case notes for each person /group and exemplar letters. You can write either to the government concerned or the person needing support or both.

The people are:

**Emil Ostrovko** (17) - from Belarus - unfairly imprisoned.

**Grassy Narrows Indigenous youth** from Canada - severely affected by mercury poisoning of the local environment

**Yiliasijiang Reheman** from China - illegally arrested in Egypt and returned to China

**Sarah Mardini and Sean Binder** - Jailed in Greece for aided refugees who were in danger at sea.

**Marinel Sumook Ubaldo** - attempting to gain justice for poor communities in the Philippines suffering from effects of climate change.

***If you can join us on the day or write a letter beforehand and pass it on to us that would be very much appreciated.***

Wishing everybody peace and justice - Mike Wespel-Rose and John Morgan

## **BOOK LAUNCH, SUNDAY DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>**

Lloyd's latest book 'a time to speak' will be launched at morning tea at St Andrews on Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Andrew's on the Terrace and the St Andrew's Trust for the Study of Religion and Society.



## **SPONSOR A PIPE THIS CHRISTMAS!**

A special promotion of the Sponsor a Pipe fundraiser is now under way. Be an organ donor this Christmas, and receive an attractive seasonal certificate recording the sponsor/giftee's name, and identification of the pipe or family of pipes you have selected! Please play your part in saving our heritage organ. Brochures are available at the rear of the church; the details are also on the St Andrew's website.

Many thanks, Bruce

## **SUBMISSION PUBLIC SERVICE LEGISLATION BILL**

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. The 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](mailto:grahamhowell022@gmail.com), or see him over the next few weeks.

## **ROSTER VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR OPERATING THE LAPTOP**

Now that the 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](mailto:office@standrews.org.nz).

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY PLEASE BE AWARE**

The health and safety of everyone in our community is important. It is good that lots of people remain after the Gathering for morning tea. Here we have a lively mixture of hot drinks, elderly people, children and a number of people in a small space. Please watch for children. We have supplied areas to sit and enjoy your conversation. Please feel free to move chairs in the last couple of rows to make more room. 'All' are welcome, let's keep 'all' safe!

## ***WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES***

### **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".

## CELEBRATING 180 YEARS

In 2020, St Andrew's 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 Andrew's'.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

### **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	Graham Howell, Pam Fuller
Sound	Paul Satherley
Offering	Bridget Martin, Norman Wilkins
Coffee/tea	Catriona Cairns, James Cone, Kath Kerr
Time with the Children	Children's Tableaux
Readings	Angus and Callum Carnegie
Prayers of the People	Jenny Simpson
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Rainbow Room Helper	-

#### **On duty Sunday 15 December**

Welcoming	Jeni Bryant
Sound	Norman Wilkins
Offering	Catriona Cairns, Joan Tyler
Coffee/tea	Frank Cook, Margaret Harper, Richard Owen
Time with the Children	Not required
Readings	John Harper
Prayers of the People	Ellen Murray
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Fionnaigh McKenzie

#### **This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's**

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

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

**Wednesday 11 December** Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

**Wednesday 11 December 12.15pm** Lunchtime Concert – Music for the Festive Season

**Sunday 15 December 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Sandra Kirby

# 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

<b>Interim Moderator</b>	Catriona Cairns
<b>Parish Council Convenor</b>	Lynne Dovey
<b>Treasurer</b>	Paul Barber
<b>Facilities Management Group</b>	Sandra Kirby
<b>Pastoral Convenors</b>	Linda Wilkins, Maxine Cunningham, Brian Burrell and Pat Booth
<b>Theologian in Residence</b>	Lloyd Geering
<b>Presbytery Representative</b>	Lois Robertson
<b>Concert Coordinator</b>	Marjan van Waardenberg
<b>Faith in Action Co-ordinator</b>	Margaret Rushbrook
<b>Rainbow Room Coordinator</b>	Jules Collinson
<b>Centre Manager</b>	Laetitia Brunell
<b>Office Administrator</b>	Jillene Everett
<b>Facilities Assistants</b>	Julia Caulfield and Nick Lee
<b>Roster Coordinator</b>	Rosemary Lawrence

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