

# ORDER OF SERVICE

22 December 2019

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## Advent 4



“A Christmas of the heart”

## 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

Today we are just about to celebrate Christmas

The greatest gift of all is always love

Today we wish to bring reality and life to our coming Christmas

With the eternal gift of love.

***We have come to find love***

***We have come to be friends***

***We are the rainbow people of God***

***Love our difference transcends***

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

## COC 14 (ii) 'Come now Lord Jesus'

Words: © 1992 Shirley Murray Music: Traditional Lulu arr. Roy Tankersley

1. Come now, Lord Jesus,  
enter our Christmas,  
be to us no stranger  
in this new-made manger.
2. Come, small and human,  
born of a woman,  
yet of a Son much greater  
of our own Creator
3. Come, cold and crying  
comfort denying,  
no place to receive you,  
few yet to believe you.
4. Come, poor and simple  
our flesh your temple,  
in your body feeling  
hurt as well as healing.
5. Come, gift and token,  
bread to be broken –  
star and sign still point you,  
myrrh will yet anoint you.

## WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

***Kia ora.***

## PRAYER

### JESUS PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase *on card*

### CWS The Partner Story from Indonesia:

Wendy Matthews

Tanti remembers the fear she felt when an earthquake destroyed her home in Central Sulawesi, Indonesia last September. She hugged her mother and ran from the house. Later a devastating tsunami hit the coast. This double disaster destroyed water and sanitation systems, leaving people thirsty and at risk of disease. Safe water was the top priority.

Tanti used to spend hours a day collecting water. Now thanks to the ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together of which CWS is a member), there is a water tap ten metres from her temporary home. One year later most communities have new boreholes, managed by local committees thanks to the ACT Alliance. Meeting the demand for water after a disaster is the beginning of recovery.

**Share safe water, save lives.**

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

Gracious God

For our brothers and sisters, battered by disaster

***We ask for your protection***

For those who are forgotten and in need of your healing touch

***We hold them to your embrace***

For the relentless pursuit of love

***We light this candle. Amen.***

### CAROL

**AA 154 'Where is the room?'**

Words: © 1992 Shirley Erena Murray, Music: © 1993 David Dell COC 48

### LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

### BLESSING THE CHILDREN *(All stand)*

**Lois Robertson**

Children, you can return to sit with family or stay at the front of the church for an activity.

***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

Maxine Cunningham

The developing story of love. Our first reading is Isaiah's prophecy of God's gift of a saviour born to a virgin. This could be understood as God's love for Israel. The second reading is Matthew telling how that became reality in Jesus, but it depended on Joseph playing his part, which could point to Joseph's love for Mary. The third reading may well be a guide to our loving today.

Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 7:10-16

Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

Contemporary reading

'The paradox of selfless love'

from Mark D. White, Chair of the Department of Philosophy City University of New York

Why would people want to withhold what they need from their partners? It may come from feelings of inadequacy, self-loathing, or a deep-rooted humility, such that people don't feel they deserve to have their needs met. It may come from an aversion to creating obligations or expectations, wanting the relationship to develop, grow, and prosper naturally, without either partner pushing in one way or another (for instance, by openly expressing needs). Also, it may come from a nurturing nature, wanting to care for others rather than be cared for. Any of these (and more) may lead people to hold back expressing their needs. Of course, this frustrates their loved ones; they care about their partners, so they want to help them and fulfil their needs, but they often don't know how. To meet your needs you have to let your partner know what those needs are. The person that withholds his or her needs out of selflessness (and an attempt to avoid being selfish) is not being fair to his or her partner, and therefore is actually being selfish, which is the paradox of selfless love.

Everyone wants to be desired and to be needed, so trying to conduct a relationship selflessly (for whatever reason) may very well be hurtful to one's partner, and, in the end, self-defeating. Selfless love may seem ideal, but it denies partners what they need—to be wanted.

## RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION

'A Christmas of the heart'

Norman Wilkins

## HYMN

## WOV 236 'Silent Night'

Words: Franz Gruber; Music: Joseph Mohr

Silent night, holy night: all is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child,  
holy infant so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night: shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing 'Alleluia';  
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night, holy night: wondrous star, lend your light;  
with the angel's let us sing  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ our Saviour is born, Christ our Saviour is born.

### OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

May these gifts bring love in practical ways as they are intended. Food to nourish bodies, money to sustain the work of this parish, our donations to Christian World Service to make life easier by providing clean safe water for families in Uganda.

***God may these varied offerings enable practical love to enrich people's lives.***

*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

**Cameron Smart**

### CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Togo and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Togo. 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 Dan Bidois (Northcote electorate) and Chris Bishop (Hutt South electorate). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of St David's Multicultural Parish, Petone.

## PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

*on card*

### HYMN

#### 'Love came down at Christmas'

Words: Christina G Rossetti, Tune: Garton (old Irish melody)

Love came down at Christmas  
Love, all lovely, love divine.  
Love was born at Christmas  
star and angels gave the sign

Love will be our token  
Love be yours, and love be mine  
Love from God to all of us  
Love for plea and gift and sign

### COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

#### WE BLESS EACH OTHER

#### VU 424 'May the God of Hope Go with Us'

Words: John Fawcett, Music Argentine folk melody

May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

*Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing, share our joy with all,  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

May the God of healing free the earth from fear,  
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.  
May the God of love keep our commitment clear  
to a world restored, to human life renewed.

*Refrain*

### POHUTUKAWA BLESSING

May the splash of rangimarie peace  
The blossom of tumanako hope  
The warmth of arohanui love cradle you

Amine

(Ken Irwin)

## SUNG AMEN

## THANK YOU

**Bruce Cash**

Our musician today

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acknowledged.

### 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 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. Dr Jim Cunningham.  
December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day – Fiona McDougal  
December 29<sup>th</sup> First Sunday after Christmas – Rev. Dr Jim Cunningham - reflecting on the meaning of Christmas. Quiet service of readings, reflections and music.

### **GATHERINGS IN JANUARY 2020**

- January 5 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Ken Irwin  
January 12 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Barrie Keenan  
January 19 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Ross Scott  
January 26 10am Sunday Gathering led by Bronwyn White

### **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).

### **OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**

The Church office closed Friday 20 December at close of business. It will reopen Thursday 9 January.

### **HOLIDAY PASTORAL SUPPORT**

Rev. Norman Wilkins (04 970 1010) can be contacted from 21<sup>st</sup> December to 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020. After 5<sup>th</sup> January, please contact Catriona at Cairns [catrionajcairns@gmail.com](mailto:catrionajcairns@gmail.com).

### **AFTER CHURCH EVENTS**

The usual Sunday brunch, Congregational Conversation, social justice group will resume in 2020.

### **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.



## **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***

### **PEACE MOVEMENT AOTEAROA ANNUAL APPEAL:**

If you feel inspired in this season of giving to make a donation to support our vital peace, humanitarian disarmament and human rights work, it will be gratefully received. Your generosity will be rewarded with a tax rebate receipt, a copy of our 2019 Annual Report, and the knowledge that you will be helping to ensure that we can keep on networking, providing analysis, information and resources in 2020 and beyond. You can support this year's appeal:

**by internet banking or direct credit:** to account no: 02 0536 0323908 97 - please email your name, postal address and the date of your donation to [icanz@xtra.co.nz](mailto:icanz@xtra.co.nz) if you would like a tax rebate receipt;

**by credit card:** <https://givealittle.co.nz/donate/org/peacemovementaotearoa> - Givealittle will automatically send your tax rebate receipt; or

**by cheque:** made payable to 'Peace Movement Aotearoa', posted to Peace Movement Aotearoa, PO Box 9314, Wellington 6141 - please include a note with your name and address so we can send your tax rebate receipt - thank you.

If you would like a copy of our 2019 Annual Report, please let us know in your email or note.

## 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**

Welcoming	Heather Macfarlane, Trish McBride
Sound	Frank Cook
Offering	Graham Howell, Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Barrie Keenan, Jenn Keenan, Lois Robertson
Time with the Children	Not required
Readings	Maxine Cunningham
Prayers of the People	Cameron Smart
Musician	Bruce Cash
Children	Lois Robertson

#### **On duty Christmas Eve 24 December**

Welcoming	Lynne and Brian Burrell
Refreshments	Margaret Harper, Marilyn Wallace, Maxine Cunningham, Jeni Bryant
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Offering	Joan Tyler and Kath Kerr
Readings	Anna Smith, Maxine Cunningham, Barrie Keenan
Musician	Peter Franklin

#### **On duty Christmas Day 25 December**

Welcoming	Linda and Norman Wilkins
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Children	Wendy Matthews
Readings	Francis Porter, John Morgan, John Harper and Wendy Matthews
Musician	Peter Franklin

#### **On duty 29 December**

Welcoming	Frank Cook, Patricia Booth
Sound	Paul Satherley
Offering	John Morgan, Margaret Pannett
Coffee/tea	Janet Horncy, Pam Fuller, Margaret Harper
Time with the Children	Not required
Readings	Ann Barrie
Prayers of the People	Wendy Matthews
Musician	Charles Sullivan
Children	Pam Fuller

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

**Sunday 22 December 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Norman Wilkins  
**Tuesday 24 December 7.30pm for 8pm start:** Christmas Eve Gathering with Communion led by Jim Cunningham.  
**Wednesday 25 December 10am** Christmas Day Gathering led by Fiona McDougal.  
**Sunday 29 December 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Dr Jim Cunningham.  
Note: Cuppa n Chat resumes on Wednesday 8 January,  
Wednesday Lunchtime concerts resume on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 12:15pm and  
Centering Prayer in the Centre resumes on Thursday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm.

# 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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