

# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

26 July 2020

## Pentecost 8



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# Hidden Leaven

#### 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.

Please note your nearest fire exit. The church and hall have been earthquake strengthened. In an earthquake: drop, cover and hold.

#### The Service is led by Rev. Dr Niki Francis

#### GATHERING

We gather again in this familiar place to listen to ancient stories we know well, and reflect on their meanings for us today here in Aotearoa. We gather to sing songs about these stories and for the sheer joy of lifting our voices and making music together. We come to pray, reflect and meditate in our own ways, to seek and make community, to ask questions about how to live justly with compassion and with joy.

We greet each other in peace knowing we belong knowing that whatever we believe and we do not believe we are welcome in this place.

#### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

'Ancient words ring through the aeons'

Words © 2018 Susan Jones Tune: Hyfrydol WOV 148 (ii)

Ancient words ring through the aeons Urging, chiding, giving praise; Prophets all, both men and women led the people through life's maze; They were those who lived the message of the true life, spirit-filled; They were leaders through life's passage They showed strong, courageous will. Living simply, prophets focus on the truth and how to live; They read well the heart of the people, marching to the Word, they give warnings, guidelines for true living, bravely they speak truth to power; they see through pretence and posture, they see when our leaders cower.

Knowing truth requires right action, speaking out, and staying true to those principles so ancient, knowing me and knowing you. May we too, like them, imagine worlds where true compassion reigns, where love shows its many faces where rights, justice, are sustained.

#### WELCOME

Kia ora tatou. *Kia ora.* 

#### PRAYER

Sometimes it seems life might be easier if we were given something that tells us clearly why we are here what it is we are here to do, to be, to offer, not just enigmatic parables, or signs or symbols.

We have stories of what has been, tales of lost hopes and failed dreams, ideas of what might improve life for us and others, what might give life meaning.

May this week's story and our community gathered here inspire us in ways that bring us hope and clarity about who we are what we can do, what our lives are about. As we walk together may we see only the love and passion, the fears and anxieties of those who walk with us, and may we respond with compassion. Amen

Gretta Vosper, heavily adapted.

#### **JESUS PRAYER**

**Eternal Spirit** Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker, source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, loving God, in whom is heaven: the hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.

#### LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

#### TIME WITH CHILDREN

**Rosemary Lawrence** 

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

We send you to the Rainbow Room to hear stories, ask questions and have fun together.

We bless you. Amen.

#### **PASSING THE PEACE**

Traditionally we shake hands to pass the peace and say "peace be with you". The response is "peace be with you, or "and with you." You can also simply say hello. Now that COVID-19 is here, we are all asked to take precautions again transmission. We invite you to try different methods of greeting each other. For example, place both hands together in the prayer position and bending the head towards the other person or a hand on one's upper chest and a slight bow slightly to acknowledge the other. Feel free to simply observe if you wish.

#### THE WORD IN TEXTS

**Hebrew Bible** 

Gospel

#### **Contemporary reading**

Genesis 18:1-8

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

#### From "Short Stories by Jesus"

By © Amy-Jill Levine, p.304

The parable should disturb. If we hear it and are not disturbed, there is something seriously amiss with our moral compass. It would be better if we perhaps started by seeing the parable not as about heaven or hell or final judgement, but about kings, politics, violence, and the absence of justice. If we do, we might be getting closer to Jesus.

#### RESPONSE

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

#### REFLECTION

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**Rev. Dr Niki Francis** 

#### HYMN

#### Faith of metaphor and mystery

Words: © Bronwyn Angela White Tune : Regent Square WOV 84

Faith of metaphor and mystery Christ of paradox and pun Sure foundation, revelation, Many facets of the One Sacred found in the familiar: phase of moon, and blazing sun. Ann Barrie

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God of living, dying, rising Goddess: maiden, mother, crone Word of sages, rock of ages Love transforming hearts of stone Meaning made in the familiar: spirit, body, breath and bone

Passover and visitation Parable and playful jest Seeking, finding; losing, binding Exodus and hero's quest Sacrament of the familiar: open door and welcome guest

Life in all its many stages Sense and senses, heart and head Meditation, celebration Hope new-risen from the dead Meaning found in the familiar: making peace and breaking bread.

#### **OFFERING PRAYER** (said together)

#### We give these gifts in gratitude for what we have, grateful that we can share. 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**

#### **Linda Wilkins**

#### **CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

We think today of the people of Belarus and the Russian Orthodox church in Belarus and throughout the world. 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 Willow-Jean Prime and Maureen Pugh list MPs. Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of St Andrew's Union Church, Greytown and from the worldwide church for the Congregational Christian Church of Samoa.

#### **PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S**

Renew your people, God, and renew our life in this place. Give us a new spirit of unity with those of all faiths, and a new spirit of love towards all people.

Bless the city in which we live that it may be a place where honest dealing, good government, the desire for beauty, and the care for others flourish.

Bless this church that what we know of your will may become what we do, and what we believe the strong impulse of our worship and work.

Amen

#### 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

#### BLESSING

We go now, in peace and in love and we take that love with us to our wider community to live justly, respectfully and with compassion.

#### SUNG AMEN

#### THANK YOU

Mark Stamper 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

#### 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.

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, and do not park in carparks No.s 14, 19 & 20.

#### **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

#### **SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATION GROUP (today)**

After church today, from 11.45am until 1pm at the latest there will be a discussion on the Marijunna Law Reform referendum with an invited speaker from the New Zealand Drug Foundation. And an early reminder of a discussion the End of Life referendum on the fourth Sunday in August, which is August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### LIBRARY MATTERS

Hello everybody

Now that morning tea will be in the hall more often, we need to think about the library. What I propose for now is that the library will be opened by the rostered "library monitor" for 10 minutes before the service and about 15 minutes after church each Sunday. People who wish to browse, borrow or return books can do so during this time. I hope this suits everybody including our library volunteers. Thanks, Mike Wespel-Rose

#### LONELINESS AND ITS REMEDIES

Two weeks ago Jessie Mulligan in his afternoon RNZ programme interviewed Dr Vivek Murthy former Surgeon General during the Obama administration, who has just released his book "In a Sometimes Lonely World". It discusses the epidemic of loneliness in the western world and some possible ways to tackle this. I found the interview very touching and engaging. He summarised the theme of his book as "Put people first". Mike Wespel-Rose.

#### **AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

On Sunday August 9th we have a congregational lunch after church. At this time we will have an Amnesty letter writing table set up in the corner of the hall.

Hopefully you might find time to write a letter on behalf of a person being persecuted unjustly. These letter writing campaigns can help. But also they are taking a stand for what is RIGHT. At the table we will have copies of case studies and letter writing materials as well as guide letters for a variety of "prisoners of conscience".

If you wish to contemplate or even prepare/write a letter before the Sunday meeting you can visit the following link and make a choice yourself.

https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/campaigns/

When you choose a particular campaign, you will need to down load the pdf. (click the button). At the end of that pdf there will be a date indicating when correspondence should be completed by. Please check this.

Completed letters will be sent to the Amnesty office in Auckland who then post them on to the relevant governments.

Thanks for taking an interest in this human rights activity.

Mike Wespel-Rose and John Morgan

#### **BID FOR A BACH – PIPE ORGAN FUNDRAISER**

As a fund raising initiative in the final phase to our \$500,000 goal to restore the St Andrew's Croft pipe organ, we would like to run a "Bid for a Bach" campaign. We are seeking offers from members and friends of St Andrews of their baches, summer houses, bed and breakfasts and we would anticipate people making an offer for a specified number of nights.

If you, or family members, have a bach, a summer house or time in a B&B that you could offer this initiative, we would love to hear from you. In the first instance could you contact Andrew Matthews at wa.matthews@gmail.com with a brief description of the accommodation you have to offer.

Could you also let me know:

Where it is located;

How to reach it from Wellington and how long this usually takes;

How many people it accommodates;

What is provided (are sheets and towels included for example?);

When might it be available?

Also, if you already let your accommodation to people outside of your family, what do you usually charge so we can have a realistic idea of what is a reasonable price to accept.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely, Andrew Matthews (Member St Andrews Organ Restoration Committee)

#### SPIRITED CONVERSATION

To be held Tuesday, 4 August with a meal at 6.15 and speaker at 7.

Our speaker will share his experiences of being in a Korean religious movement as a 20 year old and his reflections after more than 10 years out. We'll be asking for a contribution of \$10 each towards the meal and towards a gift for the speaker. From next Sunday we'll be collecting names of those coming after church or you can contact Tony on tony@thekirbys.co.nz.

Thanks to our helpers and to the people who attended a fun and informative session with Marlon Drake this month.

#### NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY 9 AUGUST 2020 11:45 AM

There will be a Special General Meeting on the above date to consider and approve the model of ministry and terms of call for a new Minister to assist the work the Ministry Settlement Board for St Andrew's on The Terrace.

Paul Barber, Treasurer will also present the revised Budget for 2021 in light of COVID-19.

Lynne Dovey, Parish Council Convenor

#### **CENTERING PRAYER**

Following lockdown the Centering Prayer Thursdays at St Andrew's is renamed and rescheduled as A slice of silence – Wednesday lunchtime zoom

Gathering at 11.45am followed by Centering Prayer and Farewells Zoom address

https://zoom.us/j/98632944617?pwd=cmk3MHUwcUQxalQ0Vy9vR0swZHp3QT09

#### **BOOK OF MEMORIES**

This is our 180 Commemorative Project. We are placing writings, stories, and records in this bound book to tell future members what our parish was like in these years. Some members have already contributed and we do have several interesting records but we would like more.

Do you have a story or a memory? Is there a project or activity that should be recorded?

Please contact any of the below names who are working on this project. Lois Robertson Trish McBride Ann Barrie

If you would like to be in touch via email please email Trish at

trish.mcbride47a@gmail.com

#### MINISTRY SETTLEMENT BOARD: DRAFT PROFILE OF ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE

As I foreshadowed last Sunday, today we are making available hard copies of the draft profile for your information and comment. You can provide these by email to: <u>office@standrews.org.nz</u> or by writing on your hard copy and handing it to the office. Please put your name on anything you hand to the office so we can check with you if we have questions.

We would appreciate any comments by 26 July. We will do a thorough edit once we have received your comments and made any changes - but we are happy to have edits (typos, missing commas, etc) too.

This version has been reviewed by the Parish Council but not yet by the full Ministry Settlement Board. Lynne

#### **RENTAL ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED**

Ange is a friend of Niki Francis. She has a sight impairment and can't drive so needs to be on a good bus route so her daughter can get to the Steiner school in Tirohanga and Ange can get around her various commitments which are many as a community worker, volunteer, artist, caterer, DJ to name a few.

Rental accommodation required for mother and 15 year old daughter. Two or three bedrooms on a regular bus route. Preferably somewhere in Petone, Moera, Lower Hutt, Eastbourne and bays. Please contact Ange on 021 204 3626 or <u>ange@seedtofeeds.nz</u>.

#### AVAILABILITY FOR ROSTERS FOR SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER

A reminder for those who help on our rosters that we will be putting together a new roster for the period September to November shortly. If you have any dates during this period that you know you will be away please notify the office by **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August office@standrews.org.nz**. Thank you. N.B. Please reply with a quick " available throughout" if you have no away dates, so we don't include you in the "hasn't replied" list who may need reminding. Thank you Jillene and Rosemary

#### BRAZIL

Antonio Lima has sent on this letter from a human rights activist/ theologian re the situation in Brazil, asking for it to be circulated:.

https://www.brasilwire.com/frei-betto-a-genocide-is-taking-place-in-brazil/ Many thanks, Trish

## WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

#### **UPCOMING PUBLIC LECTURES**

#### Flourishing Futures: Theological Conversations on Important Issues

#### Tuesday 11 August, 7.30pm

#### Ramsey House, 8 Kelburn Parade, Kelburn, Wellington

#### Hovels, havens and homes: Just housing and health communities'

We enthusiastically sing Dave Dobbyn's de-facto national anthem, 'Welcome Home', but how can our homes be places of welcome when many are old, cold, damp, and overcrowded? Is home ownership still a realistic aspiration? Is it possible to reconstruct our society for more equitable housing outcomes? To what extent might the Christian tradition offer new ways of responding to these questions – both conceptually and practically?

Come along to hear how people's faith motivates them to explore creative housedesign, new patterns of living, and innovative policy as responses to New Zealand's housing crisis.

Panelists:

- Charles Waldegrave Family Centre Social Policy Research Unit
- Kate Day Advocacy Enabler, Wellington Anglican Diocese
- Wayne Kirkland Managing Trustee, Koinonia Community Housing Trust
- Danielle Webb Catholic Worker Movement, Berrigan House.

For further details, contact: and rew.shepherd@otago.ac.nz

#### Tuesday 25 August, 7.30pm

#### Ramsey House, 8 Kelburn Parade, Kelburn, Wellington Students, Citizens & Surveillance: Technology, Theology & the Future of Education and Democracy'

Digital technology is ubiquitous – tracking our movements, recording our consumer purchases, and now utilised extensively in our classrooms. What is the future for education in the time of Facebook? How does the phenomenon of social media deepen or diminish the concept of education for citizenship? What are the new possibilities and pitfalls posed to democracy in this brave new world? In the Judeo-Christian Scriptures, God is referred to as the one who "sees" the plight of the vulnerable (Gen 16:13). To what extent can digital technologies be utilised for the benefit of those marginalised within our society? This panel brings together a variety of perspectives on these questions from within the Christian tradition, with the aim of re-framing our understandings of technology, education, and citizenship, and stimulating deeper thinking about how we might live well in an age of "surveillance capitalism." Panelists:

- Dr Bronwyn Wood Senior Lecturer, School of Education, VUW.
- Adi Leason Waihopai saboteur
- Matthew Bartlett Executive Director or Citizen AI

For further details, contact: andrew.shepherd@otago.ac.nz.



# MUSIC FUTURES

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# Sunday 2 August 3 pm St Andrew's on The Terrace Entry by koha

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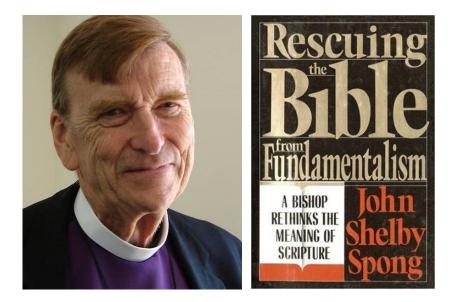
And:

Rāwhiti, Wellington East Girls' College choir, performing a new composition by Isaac Stone, and Mendelssohn

Generously sponsored by TG Macarthy Trust and Mokoia Masonic Perpetual Trust The Community of St Luke Remuera-Newmarket Community Centre

# RESCUING THE BIBLE FROM FUNDAMENTALISM

# **By John Shelby Spong**



# A study group led by Rev Glynn Cardy via a series of four Zoom meetings

Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm on 4, 11, 18 August and 1 September

NOTE: The Zoom link will be sent to all registered participants the day before each meeting

Cost: \$10 for the series

Registration: <a href="mailto:stlukes.org.nz/events">stlukes.org.nz/events</a> | pamela@stlukes.org.nz</a> | 09 520 0740

#### MARY POTTER HOSPICE STREET COLLECTION – 18th and 19th September

All the money raised at the Appeal will be used to help us keep our services free-ofcharge for anyone that may need us. If you can help us by volunteering at this year's street collection, please register your support on our website https://marypotter.org.nz/events/street-appeal/

### **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	Jim and Maxine Cunningham	
Sound	Sue Hirst	
Laptop	Margaret Rushbrook	
Offering	Barrie and Jenn Keenan	
Coffee/tea	James Cone, Sandra and Tony Kirby	
Time with the Children	Rosemary Lawrence	
Readings	Ann Barrie	
Prayers of the People	Linda Wilkins	
Library	Lloyd Jobson, Molly Seah	
Rainbow Room Helper	Rosemary Lawrence	
Musician	Mark Stamper	

On duty Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2020	
Welcoming	Fiona McDougal, Patricia Booth
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Laptop	Cameron Smart
Offering	Joan Tyler, Katrina Harper
Coffee/tea	Laura and Melissa Van Echten, Richard Owen
Time with the Children	Graham Howell
Readings	Bronwyn White
Prayers of the People	Mike Wespel-Rose
Communion	Frank Cook, Kath Kerr, Linda Wilkins,
	Margaret Pannett, Norman Wilkins
Library	Gillian Feist
Rainbow Room Helper	Graham Howell
Musician	Peter Franklin

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

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Dr Niki Francis followed by Social Justice

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>** Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>** 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert - Koru Trio -Anne Loeser (violin), Sally Isaac (cello), Rachel Thomson (piano).Beethoven Piano Trio op.70 no.1 in D major and Zemlinsky Piano Trio op.3

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm** Centering Prayer in the Centre

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 10am** Sunday Communion Service led by Rev. Catriona Cairns 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

Interim Moderator	Catriona Cairns
Parish Council Convenor	Lynne Dovey
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Facilities Management Group	Sandra Kirby
Pastoral Care Coordinator	Linda Wilkins
Church Music Coordinator	Mark Stamper
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	Claudia Monkhouse and Kate Crichton
Roster Coordinator	Rosemary Lawrence

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