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**St Andrew's**  
on The Terrace

# ORDER OF SERVICE

20 December 2020

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**Advent 4**

## 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***, and 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.*

### Today's service is led by Fiona McDougal

#### GATHERING

Written by Jan Berry

God of birth,  
we watch in fear for your coming:  
scared of the pain and risk,  
the struggle of new life emerging  
and our own capacity to bear it.

God of waiting,  
***wait with us.***

God of the future,  
we watch in hope for your coming,  
anticipating an unknown future,  
uncertain of the unnamed reality,  
not sure what form it will take.

God of waiting,  
***wait with us.***

God of celebration,  
we watch in joy for your coming,  
expectant with promises of freedom,  
eager for new possibilities,  
delighting in the gift of birth.

God of waiting,  
***wait with us.***

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

## CC52 'You are born in us again'

Words © 1996 Mark Wilson. Music arr. Shona Murray, descant Colin Gibson (Vs x 3)

1. You are born in us again.  
Like the warmth of the summer wind you come,  
to melt away the icicles of vanity and pride;  
you come to blow the very doors of loving open wide.  
Like the warmth of the summer wind you come,  
like the warmth of the summer wind you come.
2. You are born in us again.  
Like the scent of the summer rain you come.  
You come to quench the thirsty and to freshen up the land;  
you come to clean away dust that's settled in our hand.  
Like the scent of summer rain you come,  
like the scent of the summer rain you come.
3. You are born in us again.  
Like the light of the summer sun you come,  
to give light to the places that have never seen the Son:  
you come now to embrace us, you're the holy, holy one.  
Like the light of the summer sun you come,  
like the light of the summer sun you come.

## WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

*Kia ora.*

## PRAYER and (JESUS' PRAYER) Jim Cotter paraphrase

As Christmas draws near, we take some time away  
from the hustle and bustle of preparation  
to calm and ground ourselves.

Time to breathe,  
time to settle,  
time to just be.

*Silence*

Resting in this holy place,  
we can release, a little, our grip on our worries and plans.....  
They will still be there when we leave,  
and we may find a better way  
to relate to them,

having reconnected with the Sacred  
present within us and between us now.

Drawing closer to the hour of Jesus' birth,  
may we notice life giving moments  
of insight, illumination and grace  
in our lives.

As the shepherds leave their flocks  
and wise men journey on,  
may we walk together,  
with intention and awareness,  
the last few steps to the manger.

***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.***

## **ADVENT CANDLE**

### **CANDLE OF LOVE**

#### **Partner Story:**

*We have a Food Bank for all who are in need*

Frances is in charge of the new Food Bank in Fiji. She can't grow enough cabbage and tomato on this church land for all those who have limited food options but she can show others what to do. During COVID-19, it is important for people to eat fresh food to boost their immunity and stay healthy, she says. We cannot feed everyone but we can make them think. We share God's love by giving people seeds to take home and caring for creation. We are hungry for love.

Today we remember 75 years of Christian World Service's Christmas Appeals. We celebrate the work of our Aid Agency labouring for love in our world.

Our Fourth Advent candle speaks to our hunger for love, it speaks to our world's hunger for love.

We have a Food Bank for all who are in need.

*(Light the candle)*

The candle represents a future of love-filled possibilities for a new way of living where love is real.

***We are hungry for love.***

## **LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE**

### **TIME WITH CHILDREN**

**Graham Howell**

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

We hold in love all the children of our whanau, those who are here, those on holiday and those far away.

***We bless you. Amen.***

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

*Traditionally we shake hands to pass the peace and say "peace be with you. Now that Covid is here we ask that you pass the peace without shaking hands.*

## HYMN

## CH4 287 'No Wind at the Window'

Words: John L Bell Music Irish Traditional  
Words and Music© WGRG The Iona Community 1992( vs x 4)

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1. No wind at the window, no knock on the door  
No light from the lamp stand, no foot on the floor  
No dream born of tiredness, no ghost raised by fear  
Just an angel and a woman and a voice in her ear.
2. Oh, Mary, Oh, Mary don't hide from my face  
Be glad that you're favoured and filled with God's grace  
The time for redeeming the world has begun  
And you are requested to mother God's son.
3. This child must be born that the Kingdom might come  
Salvation for many, destruction for some  
Both end and beginning, both message and sign  
Both victor and victim, both yours and divine.
4. No payment was promised, no promises made  
No wedding was dated, no blueprint displayed  
Yet Mary, consenting to what none could guess  
Replied with conviction, "tell God I say yes."

## THE WORD IN TEXTS

Gospel

Lynette Burrell

Luke 1:26-56 NIV

*Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord;  
let it be with me according to your word.”*

—Luke 1.38

### A Blessing for After

This blessing  
is for the moment  
after clarity has come,  
after inspiration,  
after you have agreed  
to what seemed  
impossible.

This blessing  
is what follows  
after illumination departs  
and you realize  
there is no map  
for the path  
you have chosen,  
no one to serve  
as guide,  
nothing to do  
but gather up  
your gumption  
and set out.

This blessing  
will go with you.  
It carries no answers,  
no charts,  
no plans.  
It carries no source  
of light  
within itself.

But in its pocket  
is tucked a mirror  
that, from time to time,  
it will hold up to you  
to remind you  
of the radiance  
that came  
when you gave  
your awful and wondrous  
*yes*.

### RESPONSE

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

### REFLECTION

A triptych of grace

Fiona McDougal

### Music for contemplation:

“Magnificat”

by Keith Getty, Stuart Townend & Kristyn Getty.  
From the Album “Joy” by Keith and Kristyn Getty 2011

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

*We have spent time choosing gifts for friends and family, and know the pleasure of receiving presents, sharing meals and celebrating at this time of year. So now we share some what we have, money, food and prayers for others in our city, country, and world that they too may receive, share and celebrate.*

*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**

**Wendy Matthews**

## **CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

We think today of the people of Democratic Republic of Congo and the Presbyterian Community of the Democratic Republic of Congo. 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 Penny Simmonds (Invercargill electorate) and Scott Simpson (Coromandel electorate). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Crossway Church, Masterton.

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

*Renew your people, God,  
and renew our life in this place.  
Give us a new spirit of unity  
with all who follow the Way of Jesus  
and new bonds of love  
with people of other faiths.*

*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 36 'Every day I will offer you'**

Words © 1992 Shirley Murray

Music by Colin Gibson, © 1993 Hope Publishing Company (Vs x 3)

1. Every day I will offer you,  
loving God, my heart and mind,  
every way I discover you  
in the work your hand has signed;  
help me see I'm your image, and  
you have dreamed what I might be,  
every day in the Spirit,  
I'll find the love and energy!
2. Every day I will look to Christ,  
and give thanks for wine and bread  
through the pain and the emptiness  
where your world cries to be fed;  
help me see I can work for change,  
and wherever I might be,  
every day in your Spirit,  
I'll find the love and energy!
3. Every day I will take your word,  
answer your compassion's claim,  
celebrate every sign of hope,  
every deed done in your name;  
help me see you are always there,  
and your light can shine through me,  
every day in the Spirit,  
I'll find your love and energy!

## BLESSING

May you surrender to the possibilities that gleam within your life.  
So “gather up your gumption” now and set out.  
Know that the light of love shines within you,  
ancient promises held in hope will sustain you,  
and songs of joy will flow from you,  
as you labour to bring peace into being in our world.

## SUNG AMEN

## POSTLUDE

### “On Christmas Night”

by Quentin Thomas (b. 1972)

## THANK YOU

**Peter Franklin**

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.*

## 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***

### **DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY MINISTRY - FOODBASKET**

DCM appreciates the food basket contributions that St Andrew's makes which help provide food and essentials for those in need in Wellington. Currently, they are especially in need of toilet paper and laundry powder. Soups, tinned, packaged or cup of soups, muesli bars, biscuits and crackers are always gratefully received too. At this time of year some Christmas treats would be gratefully received. Brian Burrell.

### **CHRISTMAS CAKE FUNDRAISER FOR THE ORGAN**

Sales went very well - there is one beautiful small gluten free cake left over for sale at \$13.50 - order through Maxine. The funds raised came to approximately \$1,175.00. Many thanks to bakers Phillipa Woodcock, Linda Wilkins, Wendy Matthews, Sandra Kirby, Pauline Patchett, Pat McGiven, Sue Hirst and Jennifer Keenan.

### **WELCOME HOME CONCERT FOR THE ORGAN**

We weren't able to hold our Going Away concert in April this year before the organ was dismantled and shipped to the factory in Timaru due to the lockdown.

But we are certainly planning a Welcome Home concert for 2021. It will be a variety concert featuring singers, brass players and percussionists as well as the restored organ as well as the piano and baroque organ. A pretty exciting programme is shaping up with something for everyone. Please put **Sunday 2 May at 7 pm** in your diaries so as not to miss out!

### **LUNCHTIME CONCERT COORDINATOR MARJAN VAN WAARDENBERG RETIRES**

Marjan has been organising and hosting the lunchtime concerts at St Andrew's for 15 years. The story she tells is that she agreed to take on the role for a 'few weeks' back in 2005. Like all good professionals (although it is a completely voluntary role) she has found someone to replace her and that person is Kristina Zuelicke. Kristina is a musician who often performs at St Andrew's. Kristina ran a lunchtime series in Palmerston North for a number of years.

With this change we are planning to establish a roster of concert hosts so that the requirement to be here every week doesn't fall on just one person. Kristina will however do all of the behind the scenes organisation. If you are interested in being part of such a roster please contact Jillene Everett in the office: [office@standrews.org.nz](mailto:office@standrews.org.nz) St Andrew's on The Terrace has been very fortunate to have Marjan in this role and is very grateful to her for all the work she has done to bring together the lunchtime concerts. We welcome Kristina into the role. Concerts in 2021 will not start until late March as the organ will be reinstalled from mid-February through to mid-March.

## **CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

The theme of the 2020 Christian World Service Appeal is 'When I Was Hungry'. This December Christian World Service marks 75 years since the first Christmas Appeal for "the millions in the east and the west, who are hungry, cold, and homeless". These words from Archbishop West Watson from the then National Council of Churches have shaped work that started in Greece and moved from Palestine to the rest of the world. Your gifts have touched three generations of people, sharing food, warmth, shelter and justice.

Your donations to the 2020 Christmas Appeal for people facing hunger and fear will give them food and a path to a better livelihood.

This Christmas give families the basics of a sustainable life.

**Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church or you can donate directly online at: [christmasappeal.org.nz](http://christmasappeal.org.nz).**

## **CHRISTMAS 2020**

### **Thursday 24 December**

7.30pm. Sherry/juice and Christmas cake,

8pm Christmas Eve Carol service & communion

### **Friday 25 December**

10am Christmas Day Gathering

All Sunday Gatherings during December and January begin at 10am and include morning tea.

St Andrew's Centre re opens 14 January

Queries: 04 472 9211 or [office@standrews.org.nz](mailto:office@standrews.org.nz)

See [www.standrews.org.nz](http://www.standrews.org.nz) for recordings of Gatherings

## **HOLIDAY PASTORAL SUPPORT**

Rev. Dr Jim Cunningham (04 297 1694 & 027 680 1159) can be contacted from 23<sup>rd</sup> December to 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021. After January 14 please phone the office in the first instance.



This is the cake enjoyed by members after the service on 29 November.

# 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	Michael Parker, Pat Booth
Sound	Frank Cook
Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	Bridget Martin, Sonia Groes-Petrie
Coffee/tea	Gavin and Jenny Watson, Janet Horncy
Time with the Children	Graham Howell
Readings	Lynette Burrell
Prayers of the People	Wendy Matthews
Rainbow Room Helper	Graham Howell
Library	Gillian Feist
Musician	Peter Franklin

#### **On duty Sunday 27 December**

Welcoming	Brian and Lynette Burrell
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Laptop	Cameron Smart
Offering	Joan Tyler, Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Lois Robertson, Maxine Cunningham
Time with the Children	Dawn Cowdry
Readings	Trish McBride
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Rainbow Room Helper	Not required (School holidays)
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Judy Dumbleton

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

**Sunday 20 December 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Fiona McDougal

Followed by Congregational Conversation.

**Thursday 24 December 7.30pm for 8pm start:** Christmas Eve Gathering led by Jim Cunningham with Communion

**Friday 25 December 10am** Christmas Day Gathering led by Rev. Barrie Keenan.

**Sunday 27 December 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Jim Cunningham

Note: Cuppa n Chat resumes on Wednesday 13 January

Wednesday Lunchtime concerts resume 24 March 2021 at 12:15pm and

Centering Prayer in the Centre resumes on Thursday 4 February at 12:30pm.

#### **STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE**

1st Sunday Communion during service, followed by Exploring Faith.

2nd Sunday Congregational Brunch on even months Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec

3rd Sunday Congregational Conversation

4th Sunday Social Justice

5th Sunday if there is one - nothing planned

# 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>	To be confirmed
<b>Parish Council Convenor</b>	Lynne Dovey
<b>Treasurer</b>	Paul Barber
<b>Facilities Management Group</b>	Sandra Kirby
<b>Pastoral Care Coordinator</b>	Linda Wilkins
<b>Church Music Coordinator</b>	Mark Stamper
<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 Assistant(s)</b>	Tom Crichton
<b>Roster Coordinator</b>	Pam Fuller

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For pastoral care matters contact Rev. Dr Jim Cunningham (027 680 1159) in the meantime

