



ORDER OF SERVICE

27 November 2022

ADVENT 1



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.

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 Rev Dr Jim Cunningham

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Today the ancient journey begins again,
taking us into the future.

Let us keep watch together,
for in the darkness light is growing
and into the darkness signs are pointing....

***Advent is here,
let us travel together towards the new birth,
towards the new start,
following the signs which show us the way.***

SILENCE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

WOV 193 'O come, O come, Emmanuel'

Adapted by Susan Jones December 2014
with acknowledgement to Isaiah 61:1-3 and Julian of Norwich

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and to us all your good news tell,
for you are pitching tent with us here
and so the Light of God will appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
***Emmanuel shall come to you,
and all things shall be well.***

O come, O son of David, come
and open wide the pathway to home;
draw us into your mystery
and close the way that leads to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice!

O come, bright dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by you advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and all dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice!.....

WELCOME

E te whānau a Te Karaiti
ngā mihi aroha ki a tātou katoa.
Kia ora tātou.

Talofa lava
Talofa

GATHERING

When our world is twisted by greed and bruised by violence
we come seeking signs of hope and healing.
When our concerns have become inward and narrow
we come seeking the Peace that passes understanding.
When our actions are small and our vision weak
we come to see the holy in all people.

PRAYER

Source of Life - who called the rich to travel toward poverty,
and the powerful to know their own frailty;
who gave to strangers a sense of homecoming in an alien land
and to stargazers true light and vision as they bowed to earth –
we lay ourselves open to your signs for us.

Stir us with holy discontent
over a world which gives its gifts to those
who have plenty already,

whose talents are obvious,
whose power is recognised;
***and help us both to share our resources
with those who have little,
and to receive with humility
the gifts they bring to us.***
(Silence)

Rise within us, like a star,
***and make us restless
till we journey forth to seek our rest in you. Amen***

JESUS' PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase

***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 ADVENT CANDLES

Lois Robertson

Today is the First Sunday in Advent. Advent is a time of waiting and preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It is a time to hope for peace between people, and to walk in the light God gives us, Each week between now and Christmas we will light a candle in our advent wreath. The wreath is a circle to remind us of God's never-ending love.

The branches are green to remind us of new life. The candles remind us of the light which came into the world with Jesus: light to brighten all of earth's dark places; light that grows stronger when we join in God's work of building and rebuilding lives.

One way we can do this is by supporting the work of Christian World Service.

Partner Story:

The Pacific Ocean links us with many people and lands who are facing the immediate effects of rising global temperatures.

Already people have had to move from their traditional whenua or land. Others are trying to cope with salty water and the lack of drinking water.

The Pacific Conference of Churches has been relentless in voicing the cry of their people for climate justice.

Like a canary in a mine, they have warned all people of the dangerous level of global warming in an effort to protect our common home for the unborn and future generations.

Together we live with hope for the whole creation.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

On this first Sunday of Advent we remember God's gift of hope and that we are called to be people of God's hope.

LIGHT THE CANDLE

PRAYER

***God of hope and possibility:
may we be people who shine the light of hope in your world
through our words and by our actions. Amen.***

SONG:

A candle as burning (Advent Song)

Tune: Away in a manger alternative tune.

A candle is burning a flame warm and bright,
a candle which brings **HOPE** and offers delight.
While we await our expectations are high,
our hearts rejoice gladly for Jesus is nigh.

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

FAMILY TIME

Frank Cook

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." Now that COVID-19 is here we ask that you pass the peace without shaking hands.

HYMN

COC 7 'Carol our Christmas'

Words: Shirley Murray, Music: Colin Gibson

Carol our Christmas, an upside down Christmas;
snow is not falling and trees are not bare.
Carol the summer, and welcome the Christ child,
warm in our sunshine and sweetness of air.

Sing of the gold and the green and the sparkle,
water and river and lure of the beach.
Sing in the happiness of open spaces,
sing a nativity summer can reach.

Shepherds and mustersers move over hillsides,
finding, not angels, but sheep to be shorn;
wise ones make journeys whatever the season,
searching for signs of the truth to be born.

Right side up Christmas belongs to the universe,
made in the moment a woman gives birth;
hope is the Jesus gift, love is the offering,
everywhere, anywhere here on the earth.

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Gillian Feist

Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 2: 1-5

The Future of the House of God

New Testament

Romans 13: 11-14

An Urgent Appeal

Gospel

Matthew 24: 36-44

Necessity for Watchfulness

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION

Murray Overton

National Director, Christian World Service



HYMN

COC 48 'Where is the room?'

Words© Shirley Murray; Music© David Dell

Where is the room,
where is the house of Christmas?
Where shall we welcome Jesus,
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.

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

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

WOV 24 'Willing hands'

Tune: Duke Street WOV 24

Willing hands, to lead the blind,
heal the wounded, feed the poor.
Love embracing all our kind,
charity with liberal store.

OFFERING PRAYER

*We give thanks for our life
and the courage we are given to live it.
Let our gratitude for life
be expressed in our generosity.
Let our faith be expressed in living justly.
Let our hope for the future find full expression
in our daily attitude of mind.
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

David Douglas

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Turkey and the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Turkey. We hold all refugees in our hearts. We pray in particular for the 122 refugees still detained in Nauru. We give thanks for progress that has been made and pray that their calls for justice might yet find a compassionate response. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we

name Maureen Pugh (List) and Priyanca Radhakrishnan (Maungakiekie). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Silverstream and St Margaret's Presbyterian Church.

PRAYER FOR WHITE RIBBON DAY

(remembering those affected by family violence)

Where there is fear, hunger and thirst

may your love and light and compassion be shown by your people.

Where there is violence, anger and shame

may your love and light and compassion be shown by your people.

Where there is sorrow, suffering and grief

may your love and light and compassion be shown by your people.

Where there is distrust, anxiety and greed

may your love and light and compassion be shown by your people.

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 159 'Who is the child?'

Words: ©1992 Shirley Murray Music: ©1992 Colin Gibson Hope Publishing Company

Who is the child that is to be born, who is the child?
Less than a wisp of straw in a stable,
brighter than sun, the light from his candle,
this is the Christ, this is the Christ, this is the Christ.

Who is to sing the song of his birth, who is to sing?
All whom the story touches and changes,
hopeful and healed, whom love rearranges,
they know the song, they know the song, they know the song.

Who is to dance the dance of his birth, who is to dance?
Limbs that are leased a life into freedom,
hands that will hold the world in a welcome,
they know the dance, they know the dance, they know the dance.

Who are to be the bearers of Christ, who are they now?
All who give birth to lively compassion,
carrying peace as dearest possession,
they bear the Christ, they bear the Christ, they bear the Christ.

BLESSING

In our remembering may we have peace....
In our sharing stories may we have joy....
In revealing our pain may we find restoration....
In sharing our guilt may we find forgiveness....
In our hospitality may we find pleasure....
In our giving may we find delight....
In our friendships may we find understanding....
In our doubts may we find hope....

And now may the Grace of the Advent Christ,
the love of God,
and the creativity and encouragement of the Spirit
be with you and remain with you, now and always.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Bruce Corkill
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>

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

ST ANDREWS DAY

On 4th December we will be celebrating St. Andrew's Day, which falls on the 30th November. We will be having a special offering for the work of our church. We will supply special envelopes with St. Andrew's Day stamped on them and everyone will have the opportunity to put a free-will donation in the envelope different from your normal weekly offering. This will be an annual one-off donation specifically targeted towards our fund-raising goals of the church. It is entirely free-will. You will need to write your name on your envelope for tax refund purposes. Any gift will be greatly appreciated. Thanks, Fei.

CHRISTMAS BAKING FUNDRAISER

Christmas eats will be available after church in the Hall on Sunday 11th December.

Bakers wanted - please COOK A BATCH as well as Booking a Bach!

When you are baking for your family, double the recipe and bring some for the sale. Ideas include, small Christmas cakes (I have baking tins), Christmas puds, special meringues, gingerbread, truffles etc. If some are gf, or dairy free, wonderful - please label. \$2 shops have cellophane bags in different sizes..

And of course bring cash on the 11th and acquire some delicious treats that other people have baked. Contact Maxine Cunningham on jimax117@gmail.com.

Thanks, Maxine

SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATION GROUP

The Social Justice Education Group will meet after morning tea on Sunday, 27 November. We are privileged to have as guest presenter Murray Overton, the National Director of Christian World Service (CWS). Many in our parish support the work of CWS. This will be an educative session with opportunity also for questions and discussion. No technology muck up this month! Everyone welcome. (Margaret Rushbrook)

THE GLAMAPHONES FRIENDS AND WHANAU YEAR END KNEES UP

THURSDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2022 FROM 18:30-20:00

Wellington's LGBTQI community choir invite you to join us for our end of year wrap up as we sing through our best of from 2022. Think more open rehearsal than polished performance. Free entry (koha always appreciated).

LIVING WAGE CHRISTMAS CATALOGUE

Give your Christmas shopping a Living Wage theme this year. Explore the Living Wage Christmas Catalogue https://www.livingwage.org.nz/christmas_catalogue that shows the amazing range of 361 accredited Living Wage Employers and includes links to special offers and online shopping.

RECYCLING OF HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

As a result of a recent Congregational Conversation, Brian Burrell has provided a list of Wellington City locations where used household batteries can be dropped off for FREE. They are Karori Library, Kilbirnie Library, Manners Street near Willis (inward bus stop), Island Bay Community Centre, Newlands Community Centre, Tawa Community Centre, and the Southern Landfill Tip Shop. Thanks, Brian.

BID FOR A BACH 2022

How about a Spring or Summer break away from Wellington?

As a fundraiser for St Andrew's on the Terrace to help boost finances affected by Covid-19 cancellations for the St Andrew's Centre, we have 3 holiday homes on offer for a short holiday. The owners of these 3 holiday homes have generously agreed to donate all rent received to St Andrews.

Bid for a date at:

- 1) A classic cottage in Greytown at \$90 per night;
- 2) A house in Whanganui, with a view over the city and all mod cons including Sky TV, for \$100 per night;
- 3) A holiday home at Whatamango Bay, nestled in native bush in the Marlborough Sounds, accessible by car with a 15 minute drive from Picton, for \$100 per night.

The Cottage in Greytown sleeps up to 4 people (2 bedrooms: one queen, two singles). A separate sleep out has 2 single beds for a larger group.

The house in Whanganui and the house near Picton both sleep up to 6 people.

You need to provide your own towels and sheets.

For the houses in Greytown and Whanganui, you are responsible to leave the property as you found it.

For the holiday home at Whatamango Bay there is a \$50 end cleaning fee.

Send me an email to see if the property you would like to rent is available. Weekends tend to be at a premium so book early.

If your requested dates are available, you will be sent confirmation and detailed information about the holiday home and how to reach it, how to get in, instructions about water and power, and you will be sent bank account details for you to pay for your stay.

Contact me, Andrew Matthews at: wa.matthews@gmail.com

NOTICES FOR THE SUNDAY ORDERS OF SERVICE

If you have notices please email the office at: office@standrews.org.nz in the normal way - with Notices in the subject line - and copy Adelina in: manager@standrews.org.nz

FINISHED A LOAF OF BREAD OR BOTTLE OF MILK?

Please save the bread bag and the clip (plastic only)/tie and milk bottle tops. The bags are used at the Compassion Soup Kitchen for "takeaway" lunches and the tags and milk bottle tops get recycled. Please fold the bags and pack separately. There is a collection box on the North Vestry table. Thanks—Kath, Trish and Brian.

SUPPORT FOR DCM (DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY MINISTRY)

We are grateful for the many services provided by the DCM and one way we can offer our support is to FILL the food baskets at the back of the church each Sunday. They are collected every Monday by a DCM worker.

Suggested items:

Tinned – soup, fish, baked beans, stews and fruit / pasta and curry sauces / Jam, honey Marmite/Vegemite and peanut butter / porridge, biscuits and muesli bars / instant coffee and tea bags / soap, toilet paper, toothpaste and tooth brushes. (Please no fresh fruit/vegetables)

DCM has been working in the city of Wellington since 1969 with a mission to "focus on the needs of, and to help empower those marginalised in the city, with a current focus on people experiencing homelessness, or at risk of homelessness."

For other ways to support the work of the DCM visit <https://www.dcm.org.nz>.

Brian Burrell

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The 10th December each year is designated as World Human Rights Day. It is the same day that Amnesty International promote their Write for Rights campaign – encouraging people to write letters on behalf of people detained or persecuted for standing up for a just cause. This year Amnesty will focus on 10 cases. These include:

- human rights lawyer Chow Hang-Tung detained for commemorating Tiananmen Square crackdown;
- Environmental activist Shahnewaz facing imprisonment for raising concerns about the possible environmental damage of a new coal-fired power plant;

- Iran's Vahid Afkari, who comes from an activist family who challenge inequality and political repression;
- Congolese mum and hairdresser Dorgelesse sentenced to 5 years in prison while undertaking her first protest.

For every single one of our 10 cases you'll be able to easily take action online, including solidarity actions. And there's also a link to help amplify our campaigns via your social media feeds.

In case you would like to do something on behalf of any of these cases, to get to the case information for each person you can go to the following link:

Amnesty International Aotearoa New Zealand

or

<https://amnesty.org.nz/write-for-rights>

(That can be letter writing or online action)

I will also put the new cases on the display board at the back of the church above the Library Cabinet – when they arrive.

Unfortunately I will be away this year through December so I will not be able to organise an actual letter writing event as John Morgan and I have done in the past. I would note as well that last year Graham Howell was my letter writing star – he completed something like 12 letters. Thank you Graham!

Mike Wespel-Rose

DCM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We hope you are able to join us for DCM's Annual General Meeting, to be held at St. John's in the City (large hall), 170 Willis Street, on Monday 28 November 2022.

Refreshments will be served from 5:30pm with the meeting starting at 6pm.

DCM's Manahautū, Stephen Turnock, will offer a reflection.

Please RSVP to this email: suzy@dcm.org.nz by Wednesday 23 November and if you are unable to attend but would like a copy of the Annual Report, please let me know; I would be delighted to see you receive one.

Suzy Cain, DCM.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON CHAMBER CONCERT

Sunday 27 November at 4pm at St Ronan's Church, Eastbourne

TRIO MURITAI (Rebecca Steel – flute; Roger Brown – cello; Rosemary Barnes – piano) will play 'Spring into Summer'.

Gaubert: Pièce Romantique

Haydn: Trio in D Major Hob XV-16

Saint-Saëns: Softly Awakes my Heart

Weber: Trio in G Minor Opus 63

Programme: About 55 minutes - No interval

Admission: \$20 - General admission - Children free (<12 yrs)

Tickets: Limit 120 - No door sales – Information: slang@xtra.co.nz

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	Sandra and Tony Kirby
Sound and Laptop	Sue Hirst and Sonia Groes-Petrie
Offering	Katrina Harper, Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Laura and Melissa van Echten, Lois Robertson
Family Time	Frank Cook
Readings	Gillian Feist
Prayers of the People	David Douglas
Rainbow Room Helper	Ellen Murray
Library	Ann Barrie
Musician	Bruce Corkill

On duty Sunday December 4

Welcoming	Pat Booth, Jeni Byrant
Sound	Frank Cook
Laptop	Margaret Rushbrook
Offering	Lynette Burrell, Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Marilyn Wallace, David Douglas, Sally Gray
Family Time	Dawn Cowdry
Readings	John Harper
Prayers of the People	Wendy Matthews
Communion	Sandra and Tony Kirby, Paul Barber, Rosemary Lawrence, Doug Lendrum, Janet Martin
Rainbow Room Helper	Lois Robertson
Library	Catriona Cairns
Musician	Judy Dumbleton

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday date 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Jim Cunningham followed by Social Justice Education Group

Wednesday 30 November:

10.30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm Wednesday Lunchtime Concert - Stringendo – Wellington Children's Orchestra

Thursday date (1ST Thursday of the month) Centering Prayer in the Centre

Sunday 4 December 10am Communion Service led by Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Exploring Faith.

STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE

1st Sunday Communion service followed by Exploring Faith.

2nd Sunday Congregational Brunch on even months Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec and Younger members' (Y) group meets after morning tea/brunch.

3rd Sunday Congregational Conversation

4th Sunday Social Justice Education Group / 5th Sunday if 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

Minister	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Parish Council Convenor	Lynne Dovey
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Facilities Management Group	Sandra Kirby
Pastoral Care Team	Pat Booth, Brian Burrell, Maxine Cunningham, Katrina Harper, Lois Robertson
Church Music Coordinator	Mark Stamper
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Lois Robertson
Concert Coordinator	Kristina Zuelicke
Faith in Action Co-ordinator	Margaret Rushbrook
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Vacant
Centre Manager	Adelina Reis
Office Administrator	Hayes Francis
Facilities Assistant(s)	Amy de Bruin
Roster Coordinator	Pam Fuller

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