



ORDER OF SERVICE

11 December 2022

Advent 3

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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 Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

PRELUDE

"Luckington" by Basil Harwood (1859 – 1949)

GATHERING

The season of Advent challenges us
to see God's vision of what is yet to be,
to hear God's voice calling anew,
to smell the scent of God in the world.
Let us celebrate life in the presence of an Advent God.

OPENING RESPONSES

Ann Weems

The Christmas spirit is the hope
which tenaciously clings to the hearts of the faithful
***and announces in the face of any Herod
the world can produce
and all the inn doors slammed in our faces
and all the dark nights of the soul***
that with God all things still are possible,
that even now: unto us a child is born!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA77 'Jesus comes to me as a Springtime tree'

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1. Jesus comes to me as a springtime tree
and I receive him as a springtime tree.
Fragrant the blossoming of the child,
fresh with laughter, free and wild,
and carrying the green of summer.

2. Jesus comes to me as a summer tree
and I receive him as a summer tree.
Warm in the sun and richly laid
with patterns of growth through light and shade,
and carrying the fire of autumn.
3. Jesus comes to me as an autumn tree
and I receive him as an autumn tree.
Season of ripeness, brightly ablaze
like a torch in the quietness of closing days
and carrying the wood of winter.
4. Jesus comes to me as a winter tree
and I receive him as a winter tree.
Gentle the cross and gentle the snow,
gentle the path where he and I go,
carrying the buds of spring.

WELCOME

E te whānau a Te Karaiti. Ngā mihi aroha ki a tātou katoa.

Kia ora tātou.

Talofa lava

Talofa

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE (Invite the latest birthday person to light)

Light three candles.

Joy is not a commodity that can be bought or sold, but lives deep in the human spirit. Help us to hear that truth and believe it. Let go of what our consumer culture says will bring us happiness – money, success, a scramble to the top that leaves us flat. If we have robbed others of what they need in our clamour and quest for more than our fair share, forgive us. Help us hear the call of John the Baptist to turn around and begin again. God of love, we were made in joy. May we live that way.

All: We light a candle for joy. May it light the way.

SING:

Tune: Away in a manger (alternate 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.*

*A candle is burning, a candle of PEACE,
A candle to signal that conflict must cease.
For Jesus is coming to show us the way;
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.*

*A candle is burning, a candle of JOY,
a candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow
as joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.*

PRAYER:

Source of Life - who called the rich to travel toward poverty,
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.

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.***

ADVENT 3

FACING THE CLIMATE CHALLENGE WITH JOY

In October, Hurricane Julia swept across Nicaragua causing widespread flooding and damage, including in the rural community of Aguas Calientes where Kelly lives. Like many people who live in the country, her family had few resources to cope, especially when the river they use for water became contaminated.

“My name is Kelly I live with my husband, my son, his wife and my grandson. They live next door because they are building a little house for themselves. I am a housewife.

My husband works on the land. He does not earn a lot, but we adjust to what we have.



Both my husband and my son work for farmers. One of the difficult situations we have in the community is that we live in the dry corridor and water is scarce. We have been through a terrible hurricane and ten latrines contaminated the river with faeces. The twenty families in the community depend on the river for water. We clean our clothes in the river or use rockpools after the rain (*see below*). Clean water has been a very serious problem in our communities for many years.

During the hurricane I was scared because the whole house was moving, and inside the house everything was getting wet. I had to put plastic and aluminium containers out so that the rain would not make mud inside the house and cover the things we have



inside. We thought we were going to lose everything, but we kept our faith in our Lord that he was going to protect us during those hurricanes.

When I heard about CEPAD it was a great relief for me because they arrived with food package. We were very happy because we were going to have something to eat for a while. Of that food that I received, I shared a part with my son and his family and kept the other part for my husband and I,” Kelly concludes.

CEPAD also supplied three litres of fresh water per person to Aguas Calientes and surrounding communities affected by the Hurricane each day.

About Nicaragua

Nicaragua is the poorest country in Central America and is highly vulnerable to climate change. It lies in the pathway of hurricanes from the Atlantic and on major earthquake faults. Rising temperatures are producing more severe droughts and rainfall is increasingly unpredictable.



Rain can be heavy, causing flooding and landslides. Climate change will make it harder for farmers to grow the food the growing population needs to survive. A lack of safe water is likely to lead to greater poverty and poor health outcomes.

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

We light the rainbow candle to show we are an inclusive community and for our children.

FAMILY TIME

Cameron Smart

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.

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Anna Smith

Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 35:1-10

Gospel/New Testament

Matthew 11:2-11

Contemporary reading

The Bridge by Joy Cowley

There are times in life
when we are called to be bridges,
not a great monument spanning a distance
and carrying loads of heavy traffic,
but a simple bridge to help one person from here to there over
some difficulty
such as pain, grief, fear loneliness,
a bridge which opens the way
for ongoing journey.

When I become a bridge for another,
I bring upon myself a blessing,
for I escape from the small prison of self
and exist for a wider world,
breaking out to be a larger being
who can enter another's pain

and rejoice in another's triumph.

I know of only one greater blessing
in this life, and that is,
to allow someone else
to be a bridge for me.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN:

COC14ii 'Come now Lord Jesus, enter our Christmas'

Words: © 1992 Shirley Murray Music: Traditional Zulu 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 a child 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 anoint you.

REFLECTION

"Is he the One"

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

HYMN

COC30 'Look towards Christmas'

Words © 1996 Shirley Erena Murray, Music © Colin Gibson

1. Look towards Christmas! Advent is here:
welcome December, changing the year.
Whistle up, shepherds! Saddle up, kings!
Chorus up angels, flexing your wings.

Sing, sing, alleluia!
Sing, sing alleluia!
Sing, sing out the story,
sing about hope and 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.

Sing, sing, alleluia!
Sing, sing alleluia!
Sing, sing out the story,
sing about hope and peace.

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

Sing, sing alleluia!
Sing, sing alleluia!
Sing, sing out the story,
sing about hope and peace.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Cantilena” by F. Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)

OFFERING HYMN

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

OFFERING PRAYER

Faithful God, you ask us to be faithful people.

In this community, you ask us to be people of justice.

In this community, you ask us to be people of mercy.

In this community, you ask us to be people of peace.

Be with us as we try to be faithful

in large ways and in small ways

so your eternal community may come in every way.

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

Lois Robertson

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Uganda and the Christian World Service partner the Church of Uganda and their work focussing on infrastructure development, small scale enterprise, environmental protection, human rights, civic education, and community-based health care. We hold all refugees in our hearts. We pray in particular for the 111 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 the Hon Grant Robertson (Wellington Central) and Adrian Rurawhe (Te Tai Hauauru). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Taihape-Waimarino Presbyterian Parish.

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

COC8 'Child of Christmas Story'

Words: © 1992 Shirley Erena Murray, Hope Publishing Company

Music © 1992 Richard Madden

1. Child of Christmas story,
stable straw and star,
small and sweet and gentle,
tell us who you are.

2. Child whose baby finger
round our own is curled,
come to melt our hearts,
and come to change the world.

3. Child of Jew and gentile,
child of white and black,
teach us how to love you,
teach us what we lack.

4. Child of Mary's courage,
birthed in human pain,
tell us what your name is,
be our hope again.

BLESSING

Go forth to straighten the pathways of life for the child who is to come, even Jesus the Christ – that the healing power of God's love may rush without impediment into every wounded heart.

All: May we be nothing other than channels of God's truth and grace.

**Sing: May the God of new beginnings, start with you and me
May the God of continuing story, speak through you and me,
May the God of infinite wisdom shine through you and me
May the God of safe homecomings, welcome you and me.**

BENEDICTION:

Go out into the world with Peace

We go knowing that the God of peace goes with us this day and in the days to come. Amen

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

"Cornet Voluntary" by William Walond (1725 – 1770)

THANK YOU

Peter Franklin
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

MORNING TEA ON SUNDAY

While we would normally be having a Parish Brunch this Sunday, a combination of having had one last month and a general sense of busy-ness led to a unanimous vote at last Sunday's service just to have morning tea. Just bring yourselves, not forgetting - of course - cash for the Christmas goodies sale. Sue

CUPPA AND CHAT

This coming Wednesday (December 14th), Cuppa and Chat will be at Valerie and Allan's place at 10:30. Please bring a plate if you can.

LUNCH ON CHRISTMAS DAY

In recent years a small group have gathered for lunch after church on Christmas day. If this is something you'd like to do again this year, could you please let me know?

Thanks and looking forward to hearing from you,

Pam Fuller, phone 475 8240 or email pjfuller@gmail.com

LET HOPE FLOW THIS CHRISTMAS-CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

In this year's Christmas Appeal we share stories from communities living with the climate disaster. They are building rainwater tanks, learning new growing techniques and preparing for disaster. People living on the frontline of climate change need new skills and resources to adapt to rising temperatures and more intense disasters. For those unable to adapt, they will need help to find new homes and support to carve out new ways of living. Together we can share in this life-giving task, giving hope in practical ways to people who face a dangerous and uncertain future. Please support this year's Christmas Appeal with generosity and love.

Donations can be made with the CWS Christmas appeal envelopes available at the back of the church or via <https://cws.org.nz/get-involved/give/christmas-appeal/>

CHRISTMAS BAKING FUNDRAISER:

This Sunday at morning tea time.

There will be shortbread, gingerbread Christmas trees, Bumble Bees, Stollen (a Christmas fruit bread with marzipan), Chocolate Leaves, a few Christmas cakes and lots more goodies. Some GF and DF. Buy some for gifts, for neighbours, for your own Christmas treats. BRING CASH and unless you are planning to spend up large, try not to bring \$50 notes!!!!!! Regards, Maxine

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 - URGENT

How about a Summer break away from Wellington?

'You need to book soon. The cottage in Greytown still has some nights free, (even including some weekends) between now and the end of January – it is not available in February. Be in to book your stay..

As a fundraiser for St Andrews on the Terrace to help boost finances affected by Covid-19 cancellations for the St Andrews 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

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

BACH CHOIR FINAL PERFORMANCE

In our final performance of 2022, the Bach Choir of Wellington and the Chiesa Ensemble present three works befitting a time of celebration. Christen, ätztet diesen Tag BWV 63 by J.S. Bach features a large orchestra with the choir. The Chiesa Ensemble presents Concerto Grosso by Arcangelo Corelli. G.F. Händel’s Te Deum for the Victory of Dettingen HWV 283 illustrates how masterfully Händel captures and recreates through music the tone and experience of a truly festive occasion. Saturday 17 December 2pm at St Mary of the Angels. Go to [eventfinda](https://www.eventfinda.co.nz) to buy tickets; \$40/\$35, school children free.

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	Trish McBride, Pat McGivern
Sound and Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	Jenn and Barrie Keenan
Coffee/tea	Johan van der Merwe and Andre, Marilyn Wallace
Family Time	Cameron Smart
Readings	Anna Smith
Prayers of the People	Lois Robertson
Rainbow Room Helper	Sandra Kirby
Library	Trish McBride
Musician	Peter Franklin

On duty Sunday 18 December

Welcoming	Jim and Maxine Cunningham
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Katrina Harper and Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Jenny, Gavin Watson and David Douglas
Family Time	Rainbow Room
Readings	Valerie Rhodes
Prayers of the People	Sue McRae
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Judy Dumbleton

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 11 December 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

Wednesday 14 December:

10.30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm Wednesday Lunchtime Concert - Resonance Choir – A Carol Celebration

Sunday 18 December 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

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 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

Minister	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Parish Council Convenor	Sue Hirst
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
Parish Administrator	Hayes Francis
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Roster Coordinator	Pam Fuller

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