

St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

Founded 1840



ORDER OF SERVICE

24th December 2022

Christmas Eve



**During the service an offering will be gathered for the
Christian World Service Christmas Gift Appeal.**

Today's Service is led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

ORGAN PRELUDE

INTROIT

GATHERING

Barbara Sampson (adapted)

In this southern place
pohutukawa stands all year,
green and murmuring,
wind whipped,
clinging to rocky shore lines.
But when pohutukawa breaks
glorious red
against a clear blue sky,
to the roar of rolling surf,
we know that Christmas has come.



Pohutukawa Christ,
you stand in our midst all year singing your
ever-green song of love. But at Christmas
you break out blood-red flesh, soft to the
sound of a baby breathing.

Gift beyond description we welcome you!

Let us celebrate life in the presence we name God.

PROCESSIONAL CAROL

'It came upon the midnight clear'

Words © Edmund H. Sears; Music (arr) Arthur Seymour Sullivan

1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth with news of joy foretold;
"Peace on the earth, good will to all from heaven's all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come, Love's banner all unfurled;
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains old echoes plaintive ring,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.
3. For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever circling years, shall the time foretold;
When peace shall o'er all the earth its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

WELCOME

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

Kia ora tātou.

Talofa lava, manuia le kirisimasi.

Talofa, manuia le kirisimasi.

DUET

O Holy Night

**Pepe Becker, Kate Lineham
(Pianist Dan Poynton)**

PRAYER

John Howell

Open us today to the new experiences of hope and love,
enable us to see that the way of faith and trust
is one that leads to new insight and riches
that no money can buy, nor politician deliver.
As we open our hearts and minds, comes the promise of new life.
Grant us our prayer. Amen.

CAROL

WOV 242 'Away in a manger'

Words adapted by © George Stuart
Music© William James Kirkpatrick, Cradle Song

1. Away in a manger, no pillow or a bed,
the baby boy Jesus is born in a shed;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the baby boy Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. While cattle are standing, the baby's asleep,
sought after by shepherds who leave all their sheep;
and wise men bring treasures; they've come from afar
to give gifts to Jesus; they followed a star.
3. Yes, Jesus is near me, I know he will stay
close by me for ever and love me each day;
he blesses all children; we know we will share
a wonderful friendship in his tender care.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We have waited with hope, *for God to bring justice and righteousness.*
We have waited with peace, *for God's shalom to be felt.*
We have waited with joy, *celebrating the things God has already done.*
We have waited with love, *awed by how God's love has been shown to us.*

Partner Story: Caleb knows hope and hard work. He lost both his parents to AIDS and his sister to the typhoid she caught from the local spring. Now that his sister has gone, it is up to him to collect the water he and his grandmother need to survive. Caleb has his eyes on a new rainwater tank. His grandmother has been saving every penny she can spare so they can build their own water tank. Clean water will quench his thirst, save him from long treks to fetch water every day and prevent illness. In this climate crisis, we are supporting partners like the Centre for Community Solidarity with our gifts and our prayers.

Tonight we light this candle to celebrate the light of God, coming into the world in the birth of Jesus.

*O God of hope and peace, joy and love:
from that stable so long ago your light
shines out into every corner of the world.
Help us to sing with angels of the joy of
your coming.
Help us to live by your light not only today, but
throughout the whole year, so that tidings of
peace and goodwill to all will truly transform
everything.*

SONG

'A candle is burning'

Words © 1986 Sandra Dean, Tune: Away in a manger - alternate tune

- 1. 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.*
- 2. 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.*

3. *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.*

4. *A candle is burning, a candle of **LOVE**,
a candle to point us to heaven above,
a baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth
for Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.*

5. *We honour Messiah with Christ's candle flame;
our Christmas Eve candles glad tidings proclaim.
O Come, all you faithful, rejoice in this night
as God comes among us, the Christian's true light.*

Children come to the front

STORYTIME FOR THE CHILDREN

"A mouse looked through the crack"

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

CAROL

WOV224 'Joy to the world!'

Words: Isaac Watts; Music: G F Handel Antioch

1. Joy to the world! the Promised One;
has come shalom to bring.
Let ev'ry heart prepare a room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns:
let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

3. Graceful and true, the Saviour rules,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of, the way of peace,
and wonders of God's love,
and wonders of God's love,
and wonders, wonders of God's love.

PASSING THE PEACE

The Holy Child of peace has come to dwell among us!
Let us share the peace with one another.
Christ has come among us!
The peace of Christ and the joy of Christmas be always with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Gavin Watson

Hebrew Scripture:

Isaiah 9: 2-7

Unto us a child is born

Gospel

Luke 2: 1-7

The Birth

Luke 2: 8-14

The Angels

Luke 2: 15-20

The Shepherds

Contemporary Reading: Christian Love Father Alexander Schmemmann

Christian love is the 'possible impossibility' to see Christ in another person, whoever he or she is, and whom God, in God's eternal mysterious plan, has decided to introduce again into my life, be it only for a few moments, not as an occasion for a 'good deed' or an exercise in philanthropy, but as the beginning of an eternal companionship in God's power, which transcends the accidental and the external in origin and intellectual capacity, and reaches the soul, the unique and uniquely personal 'root' of a human being, truly the part of God in them. If God loves every human being, it is because God alone knows the priceless and absolutely unique treasure, the 'soul' or 'person' God gave to every human being. Christian love, then, is the participation in that divine

knowledge and the gift of that divine love. There is no 'impersonal' love because love is the wonderful discovery of the 'person' in the human being', of the personal and unique in the common and general. It is the discovery in each human being of that which is 'loveable' in him or her, of that which is from God.

HYMN

COC40ii 'Star-Child, Earth-Child'

Music: © Colin Gibson and Carlton R Young. Words: © Shirley Murray

1. Star Child, earth-child
go-between of God,
love Child, Christ Child,
heaven's lightning rod, *Refrain:*

*Refrain: This year, this year, let the
day arrive, when
Christmas comes for
everyone, everyone alive!*

2. Street child, beat child
no place left to go,
hurt child, used child,
no one wants to know,
Refrain:

4. Spared child, spoiled child,
having, wanting more,
wise child, faith child,
knowing joy in store,
Refrain:

3. Grown child, old child,
mem'ry full of years,
sad child, lost child,
story told in tears,
Refrain:

5. Hope-for-peace Child,
God's stupendous sign,
down-to-earth Child,
star of stars that shine,
Refrain:

REFLECTION

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

CAROL

COC 52 'You are born in us again'

Words© Shona Murray; Music © Mark Wilson COC 52

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 the dust that's settled in our hand.

Like the scent of the 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pat Booth

THE 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 all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom come on earth!
With the bread that 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 forever. Amen.*

DUET:

Noel Nouvelet

Pepe and Kate

OFFERING FOR CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION



COMMUNION

St Andrew's is an open community and all are invited to Christ's table. Wherever you are on your faith's journey, wherever you have come from and wherever you are going to, whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe, you are welcome to share in the communion. This is God's meal for all people.

COMMUNION HYMN

COC7 'Carol our Christmas'

Words© Shirley Erena Murray. Music© Roy Tankersley

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.

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.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Michael Morwood (adapted)

On this special night of nights once again we celebrate a
Creative Mystery we name God. A serendipitous creativity
beyond our words and beyond our images.

A creativity which undergirds our human existence in all
its complexity and all its diversity.

All our collected human wisdom is a visible
expression of this Creative Mystery,
active in all places, at all times, in individuals and cultures, seeking
expression in the creation of a just and peaceful world.

As Christians we rejoice in the birth of Jesus in whom
we see the fullness of human possibility: to make God
visible in our lives.

In Jesus we have seen this Mystery come to expression in human form.
Like us he grew in wisdom:
questioning;
searching for meaning;
shaping conviction;
enacting justice;
experiencing love, and coming to know love's connectedness with God.

Jesus stood firmly in his own religious tradition and preached good news to all people dreaming of a better world.

We rejoice that Jesus led people to discover the sacred in the ordinary:

in the crowd, in the rejected ones, in everyday life, in human yearnings to be better people, and in being neighbour to one another.

And so we recall the ancient story.

At the end of a journey, among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and shared the bread with his friends, asking them to gather in memory of him, and to live in a covenant of love, with their God.

Let us share this bread and be strengthened, loving as Jesus loved and bringing peace and justice to the world.

We take this wine, mindful of our responsibility to be bearers of forgiveness, tolerance and understanding.

We drink committing ourselves to allow the Spirit of generosity that took flesh and moved so boldly in Jesus to move in our lives.

To this commitment we give our 'Amen' and offer it as our Christmas gift to our family, friends and neighbours and to all the earth.

God of life, with this bread and this wine, we celebrate the birth and life of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to follow his way.

Bless us and these gifts, so that we may take light and hope, love and peace, into the world, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION IS SHARED

We share in:

*the bread of life;
the cup of blessing;
the light of the world.*



MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above the deep and dreamless
sleep the silent stars go by:
yet in the dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the
earth; Ye who sang creation's
story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:

To the weary comes
refreshment,
To the grieving, strength and
peace; To the anxious, sweet
contentment, To the captive
soul, release.

Refrain *Come and worship
Christ, the newborn King
Come and worship ,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!*

The first nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn king,
peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'

Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to live as one with earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hail the heaven-born prince of peace!
Hail the son of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.

Refrain: *Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn king.*



THE CALL TO SERVICE *(standing)*

Go as far as your courage takes you,
for we cannot go beyond the reach of God.

Give as extravagantly as you may,
for we cannot spend all the riches of God.

Care as lavishly as you are able,
for we cannot exhaust the love of God.

Keep journeying and searching,
for God will always travel with us.

BLESSING

And now may the blessings of life be upon us.
May the memories we gather here give us hope for the future.
May the love that we share bring
strength and joy to our hearts, as we
live into the just reign of God, and the
peace of Christ be with us until we
meet again.

PROCESSIONAL CAROL

WOV228 'O come all ye faithful'

Words & Melody: (poss) John Francis Wade

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him born the king of angels:
*O come let us adore him, o come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
'Glory to God, glory in the highest'
*O come let us adore him, o come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born for our salvation,
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
*O come let us adore him, o come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Peter Franklin, Bruce Corkill

our organists today

Pepe Becker, Kate Lineham

singers

Dan Poynton

pianist

Christmas Day Celebration Worship

St Andrew's on The Terrace

10.00 a.m. tomorrow

Everyone Welcome.



ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHRISTMAS BAKING FUNDRAISER

The current (close to final) total raised is \$1,240! Many thanks to bakers, creators, and buyers. Happy munching or gifting!

Maxine Cunningham.

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/>

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 toothbrushes.

(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

AWAKEN 17-19 MARCH 2023

Awaken is a gathering/conference for all queer/LGBT+ people of faith across Aotearoa. It is being held at Durham St Methodist Church in Christchurch.

All information is at diversechurch.co.nz/awaken2023/

Please make this known to anyone you think may be interested.

Tony Pears

PEACE MOVEMENT AOTEAROA

Kia ora, this message is to wish you a happy solstice, Christmas, new year and summer break, to thank you for your support during the past year, to provide an update on the annual survey of our work, information on what we'll be working on over the holiday season, some funding opportunities in the new year, and Peace Movement Aotearoa's holiday arrangements.

But first, an important anniversary for Peace Movement Aotearoa! On 22 December, it will be 40 years since we registered as an Incorporated Society, and we will be having a celebration to mark this milestone next year.

Thank you for your support: Our thanks to everyone who has supported Peace Movement Aotearoa, and the national humanitarian disarmament campaigns we coordinate, during 2022 - whether through your gifts of time, energy or donations, and for sharing with us the issues of concern to you and your thoughts on them. We really appreciate your generosity and input, which has contributed to another busy and productive year, especially with so many of our meetings, briefings and consultations now held online.

Public survey of our work: Our output this year is reflected in the initial response to the 2022 annual public survey of our work - 96% of respondents so far have said the analysis and information Peace Movement Aotearoa provides is extremely or very useful. We haven't had a chance yet to fully analyse the results of the 2022 survey, so there is still an opportunity to contribute to it at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022peace> if you wish.

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	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Cameron Smart
Offering	Bridget Martin, Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Jim and Maxine Cunningham, Lois Robertson
Family Time	Frank Cook
Readings	Gavin Watson
Prayers of the People	Pat Booth
Library	Trish McBride
Musician	Peter Franklin, Bruce Corkill

On duty Sunday 25 December

Welcoming	Pam Fuller, Pat McGivern
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Laptop	Sandra Kirby
Offering	TBA
Family Time	Dawn Cowdry
Readings	Tony Kirby
Prayers of the People	Johan van der Merwe
Musician	Peter Franklin

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Saturday 24 December 8pm Christmas Eve Communion Service led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

Sunday 25 December 10am Christmas Day service 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
Office Administrator	Amy de Bruin & Amy Harding
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