

ORDER OF SERVICE

18 December 2022

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.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

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!***

SILENCE

GATHERING

We gather to announce that love is about to be born.
We hear the ancient word looking forward to this announcement.
We proclaim that light is about to overcome darkness.
Peace and justice shall be possible for all humanity.
The heralding is for us.
We prepare so we can participate in this rebirth of Love.
Our worship together separates the wilderness from the wasteland.
We affirm the hand of God in the movement of life.
Let us celebrate life in the presence of God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

CHC 403 'It came upon the midnight clear'

Words: Hope Publishing Co, Music: Public Domain

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 come the time foretold;
when peace shall over 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
Talofa

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE *(Invite the most senior person)*

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we remember the love we find in God, and the gifts of love we offer to others.

Partner Story: In September Luqman was marooned by the flood waters that covered one third of Pakistan. When the water rose too high, he sought safety with his mother in his great grandmother's house which was only partially flooded. The weather was hot and the water polluted. They could not cook their food properly. There was no school, no friends to play with and nowhere to go. Luqman's grandmother carefully rationed the fresh drinking water her brother delivered to the household. In this climate crisis, we can support partners like Community World Service Asia with our gifts and prayers so they can help families recover. Together we share love with families facing the long-term effects of flooding.

*SING: A candle is burning a candle 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*

*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.*

Tune: *Away in a manger* alternative tune.

Together: *God of love and surprises; may we love one another, embracing your generous spirit and ways of justice. Give us perseverance to bring love to the world in word and in action.*

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 recognized;
***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.*

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

We light the rainbow candle as an inclusive community and also for our children.

FAMILY TIME

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

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

Valerie Rhodes

Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 7:10-16

Gospel/New Testament

Matthew 1:18-25

Contemporary reading

"The Advent"

Wellsprings - a book of spiritual experiences by Anthony de Mello, S.J

The events of history were controlled
for my coming to this world
no less than for the coming of the Saviour.
The time had to be ripe...
the place just right...
the circumstances ready...
before I could be born.

God chose the parents of his Son
and endowed them with the personality they needed

for the Child that would be born.
I speak to God about the man and woman that he chose
to be my parents...
until I see that they had to be
the kind of human beings they were
if I was to become
what God meant me to be.

The Christ child comes, like every other child,
to give the world a message.
What message have I come to give?
I see guidance from the Lord to express it
in a word...
or image...

Christ comes into this world
to walk a certain path,
fulfil a certain destiny.
He consciously fulfilled what had been "written" for him.
As I look back I see in wonder what was "written"
and has thus far been fulfilled
in my own life...
and for each part of that script,
however small;
I say, "Thanks"...
to make it holy with my gratitude.

I look with expectation
and surrender
at all that is to come...
and, like the Christ,
I say, "Yes. Let it be done."...

Finally I recall the song the angels sang
when Christ was born.
They sang of the peace and joy
that give God glory.

Have I ever heard the song the angels sang when I was born?

I see with joy what has been done through me
to make the world a better place...
and I join those angels
in the song they sang
to celebrate my birth.

RESPONSE

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

CAROL

WOV 228 'O come all ye faithful'

Music: John Francis Wade Words C. Frederick Oakeley (alt)words

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!*

See how the shepherds summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with holy fear;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:
*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

Lo, star led chieftains, wise men, Christ adoring,
offer him incense, gold and myrrh;
we to the Christ child, bring our hearts' oblations:
*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!*

HYMN

COC52 'You are born in us again'

Words © 1996 Mark Wilson. Music arr. Shona Murray, descant Colin Gibson

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, *(repeat last line)*
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 summer rain you come, *(repeat last line)*
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, *(repeat last line)*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

HYMN OF DEDICATION

Words© Shirley Murray; Music© David Dell COC 48

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.

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

Barrie Keenan

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Ukraine and the Eastern Orthodox Church in Ukraine and throughout the world. We hold all refugees in our hearts. We pray in particular for the 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 Deborah Russell (New Lynn) and Eugenie Sage (List). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Takapau Norsewood-Ormondville Presbyterian Church.

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

CH314 'Child in the manger'

Words: Mary Macdonald, Music: David Evans, Tune: Bunessan

1. Child in the manger,
infant of Mary;
outcast and stranger,
Lord of all!
Child who inherits
all our transgressions,
all our demerits
on him fall.
2. Once the most holy
child of salvation
gently and lowly
lived below;
now, as our glorious
mighty Redeemer,
see him victorious
o'er each foe.
3. Prophets foretold him,
infant of wonder;
angels behold him
on his throne;
worthy our Saviour
of all their praises;
happy for ever
are his own.

THE SENDING OUT (*standing*) (Poem by Joy Cowley)

This year, this year, who comes

in form of God's befriending?
What voice to cry for peace?
A child with human face will plead compassions case,
entreat our conflicts' ending –

Bless this child, O bless this child!

Make way, make way for signs of angel visitation!
What daughter or what son may be the coming One,
new Christ, in love begun, new light of revelation?

Bless this child, O bless this child.

Make room, make room!
The time is near to be awaking,
for in creation's womb the Word has made a home –
the seed for summer bloom within the earth is breaking.

Bless this child, O bless this child.

BLESSING

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.**

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Mark Stamper
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**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

We have raised \$750 so far, but there are still some goodies to sell, so I am putting them on a sales table again this week. If you missed out last week or sampled some treats and want more, come and buy. Lots of biscuits, and some GF goodies. Many thanks to all the bakers who contributed. Maxine Cunningham

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

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

JANUARY 2023 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME - NORTHLAND KIDZ CLUB

We'll be having a Puppet Workshop, treasure & scavenger hunts, a Wheels Day, a Music Day, and creating more unique art.

We'll be going to lots of play areas, exploring Tinakori/Te Ahu Mairangi Hill, splashing in the Albemarle Stream, and doing the Kids' Garden Trail at the Botanic Gardens. Our favourite Time Cinema will be putting together another selection of early films & cartoons, which we'll see after stopping at Lyall Bay Beach for morning tea. \$45 per child per day (third child onwards, \$20), 8.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. For details, check our website (www.nkc.org.nz) or contact Jan on cell phone (022-140-2612), e-mail (nkc.jan@gmail.com)

PEACE MOVEMENT AOTEAROA

Statement of solidarity against Tokyo Electric Power Company's plans to discharge radioactive wastewater into the Pacific Ocean

We're very pleased to have been part of the team working on this solidarity statement opposing release of Fukushima radioactive wastewater into the Pacific, please scroll down for more information and the link to add your name.

On 26 November 2022, the Nuclear Connections Across Oceania Conference convened a panel and a working group to address the urgent need to stop the discharge of radioactive wastewater at Tokyo Electric Power Company's (TEPCO's) Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant. The Japanese government has approved TEPCO's plan to discharge over 1.3 million tonnes of radioactive wastewater beginning in 2023. The radioactive wastewater will be discharged for approximately 30 years (from 2023 to at least 2050).

The signatories of this statement are in solidarity against the planned discharge and support the following resolutions:

1. We call on TEPCO and the Japanese Government to immediately end its plan to discharge radioactive wastewater from Fukushima Daiichi into the Pacific Ocean.
2. We call on the New Zealand government to stay true to its commitment to a nuclear free Pacific, and to support other concerned Pacific governments by playing a leading role in taking a case to the International Tribunal for the Law of

the Sea against Japan concerning the proposed radioactive wastewater release from TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi.

3. We seek clarity from the Japanese Government, the International Atomic Energy Agency, Henry Puna (the Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and Pacific Ocean Commissioner), and the Pacific Panel of Independent Global Experts on Nuclear Issues on the outcome of numerous meetings they had about the radioactive wastewater discharge.

4. We call for a transparent and accountable consultation process as called for by Japanese civil society groups, Pacific leaders, and regional organisations. This consultation would be between the Japanese government and its neighbours throughout the Pacific. These processes must be directed by impacted communities within Japan and throughout the Pacific to facilitate fair and open public deliberations and rigorous scientific debate.

- Read the full statement, <https://nuclear-connections.mailchimpsites.com/statement>
- Add your name, <https://forms.gle/YKy8KUcuVgdcQrFz6>
- Read the media release, <https://www.otago.ac.nz/news/news/otago0238315.html>

SUNDAY ROSTERS

A folder with an outline of each duty is now kept on the back table. If you are unable to do your rostered duty please arrange a swap/substitute and inform the office. Thank you.

Thanks to this week's volunteers

Welcoming	Jim and Maxine Cunningham
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Kath Kerr, Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Jenny and Gavin Watson, David Douglas
Family Time	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Readings	Valerie Rhodes
Prayers of the People	Barrie Keenan
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Mark Stamper

On duty Saturday 24 December

Welcoming	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Cameron Smart
Offering	Bridget Martin, Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	(Sherry & Cake at 7pm) Jim and Maxine Cunningham, Lois Robertson
Family Time	Frank Cook
Readings	Gavin Watson
Prayers of the People	Pat Booth
Communion	Lynne Dovey, Kath Kerr, Ross Scott, David Douglas, Janet Horncy, Vhari McWha
Musician	Peter Franklin

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
<p>Sunday 18 December 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai</p> <p>Wednesday 21 December:</p> <p>10.30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre</p> <p>Saturday 24 December 8pm – Christmas Eve Communion Service led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai</p> <p>Sunday 25 December 10am Christmas Day Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai</p> <p>STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE</p> <p>1st Sunday Communion service followed by Exploring Faith.</p> <p>2nd Sunday Congregational Brunch on even months Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec and Younger members' (Y) group meets after morning tea/brunch.</p> <p>3rd Sunday Congregational Conversation</p> <p>4th Sunday Social Justice Education Group</p> <p>5th Sunday if there is one - nothing planned</p>

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
Roster Coordinator	Pam Fuller

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