



ORDER OF SERVICE

1 January 2023

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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

Here we are together again, looking in both directions:
we look back to the year now gone and our Christmas.

How can we let that story shape our lives?

We look forward to the year that has just begun,
with hope, joyful anticipation and realistic concerns.

What stories will emerge that we become part of?

As we hold past and future together in our awareness,
let us celebrate all of life in the Presence we name God.

SILENCE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA26 'Come to our Land'

Music © Colin Gibson, Words © Shirley Murray

1. Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of peace, Spirit of truth,
bring in the spring, the hope and the green,
Spirit of growth and Spirit of youth.

Refrain

*And all our people will sing together:
Wairua Tapu, holy your name,
there's one great Spirit in all creation,
one great Spirit of God!*

2. Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of life, breath of new birth,
teach us to care for water and air,
nourish the seed and cherish the earth.

Refrain

3. Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of bush, Spirit of bird,
speak to the soul of Aotearoa
joy in your world, and joy in your Word.

Refrain

WELCOME

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

Kia ora tātou.

Talofa lava, ia manuia le tausaga fou.

Talofa lava, ia manuia le tausaga fou.

PRAYER

The seed of God is in us.

Now the seed of a pear tree grows into a pear tree,

and a hazel seed grows into a hazel tree,

a seed of God grows into God.

Of what use is Christmas if he be not born in me?

This is the fullness of time –

when the Divine Child is begotten in you.

This eternal birth... takes place in the being

and in the ground and core of the soul.

What might that mean?

What does singing 'You are born in us again' mean for me?

Like Mary, we wonder 'How can this be?'

Like Joseph, we are full of doubts.

I'm just a normal inadequate human being.

How could this possibly be real?

What will it mean for me in this New Year?

How might I continue the Christmas story in my day-to day life?

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 this candle to show we are an inclusive community and for our children.

FAMILY TIME

Blessing of Fergus Matariki Remi Aussenac

Pepeha sung by Georgia and Thomas Aussenac

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

Lynette Burrell

Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 63:7-9

Gospel The Escape to Egypt and return to Nazareth

Matthew 2:13-23

Contemporary reading

Someday Soon People Will by Norman Habel

Someday soon people will celebrate life every day.
But we would like to do it right now,
wet and wild and risen with our Lord.
Someday soon people will send up balloons in church.
Turn tired old cathedrals into cafeterias.
Paint gravestones as bright as the sun.
Know that they are beautiful, black, red or white.
Glimpse the face of God in their patient parents.
Use the eyes of friends in place of mirrors.
Bounce through the mountains on beach balls.
Write their Christian names in the sunset.
Become as free as the man called Jesus the Christ.
Sink their teeth in politics for peace.
Turn all bombs into boomerangs.
All bullets into blanks.
Slow down and listen to the Universe.
Slow down and wait for God.
Baptise their babies with love before birth.
Celebrate Easter as angels do below,
and hang Christmas banners on the moon.
Yes, someday soon people will live like that,
but we plan to start right now.
Right now, right now.
Amen, right now.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN:

WOV 561 'Kneels at the feet of his friends'

Words: Tom Colvin (c. 1965) and people of Ghana; Music: Ghana Folk Melody

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet:
master who acts as a slave to them.

*Refrain: Yesu, Yesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.*

2. Neighbours are rich folk and poor,
neighbours are black and are white,
neighbours are nearby and far away.

Refrain

3. These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love:
they are all neighbours to us and you.

Refrain

4. Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we were slaves:
this is the way we should live with you

Refrain

REFLECTION

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

HYMN

AA77 'Jesus comes to me as a springtime tree'

Words: Joy Cowley, Music: Londonderry Air

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.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

AA 8 Brother, Sister Let me Serve You v 1 & 2

Words and Music: Richard Gillard Tune: Servant Song

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are travellers on the road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile, and bear the load.

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

Barrie Keenan

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of the United States of America and the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America 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 Toni Severin (List) and David Seymour (Epsom). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Tawa Union 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

COC29 'Light of lights beholden'

Indigo II—Words & music by Jenny McLeod ©1983

1. Light of lights beholden
we from days of olden
sang this song
for to understand
that peace upon this planet
was pledged to come.
Each to other, sister, brother,
born for life and song,

2. Darkness all around us,
light has always found us,
light will come
where the dark is deepest,
greater light will keep us
safe from harm.
Troubled times will always find
a voice of trouble doom,

*(Chorus) Look towards the light and carry on:
let the simple heart and hope among us
keep our family strong,
let the simple heart and hope among us
keep our family strong.*

SUNG BLESSING

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.

John Murray

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Judy Dumbleton
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

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

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.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR

Tēnā koutou. Greetings to you.

Haere mai tatou, kia koropiko, kia tuohu; kia tukua nga turi ki te aroaro o Ihowa, to tatou Kaihanga. Ko ia hoki to tatou Atua; ko tatou tana iwi e hepara ai, nga hipi a tona ringa. Te Maungarongo, at Ohope Marae, stands on the hill overlooking Ohope and was first established there in 1947. The marae was the first Church-owned marae in Aotearoa New Zealand. Its creation was the dream of Very Rev John (Hoani) Laughton. He saw the need to establish a place for the bicultural partnership implicit in the relationship of the then Maori Synod Te Hinota, now Te Aka Puaho, and the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, as a whole.

The marae does not display itself flamboyantly, rather, it is ringed by native bush on the slope of the hills. I, like many who have gone before me and those who visit it today, find it a peaceful sanctuary; open to all, available to all, and a place of significance for all. Our Council of Assembly has a tradition of holding here one of its in-person meetings biennially. We are welcomed and reminded of our history, give thanks to God for those who have gone before us, and are challenged to continue to be people who are committed to work together within the mission of God.

At a recent Council of Assembly meeting, Te Aka Puaho advised Council of the need to undertake some earthworks to retain a slope to the side of Te Maungarongo at the marae. We also heard how for much of the previous two years, COVID restrictions required the marae to be closed. This meant that while the marae still had expenses, there was no income and no opportunity to build reserves to pay for this work. Council warmly and unanimously agreed on behalf to the wider Church to underwrite the cost of this work to enable it to proceed. Council believes that in giving thanks to those that have gone before, and acknowledging Te Maungarongo as a treasure, an icon, we should offer to the Church as a whole an opportunity to both continue to thank God for this place and to contribute financially to the cost of this work.

I am writing to you, and your church, your church council, and your presbytery, inviting you to consider this invitation to partner in this way.

Donations can be made to:

Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand bank account (if you do not have the details, please contact Katrina@presbyterian.org.nz or phone Katrina 04 381 8283) Please include on your deposit reference: Mod Appeal

Email for donor receipt: katrina@presbyterian.org.nz

Your gift will contribute directly to this project and continue to ensure this remains a place of welcome under the maihi – the sheltering arms of Christ and God's church.

Kia ora rawa atu

Right Reverend Hamish Galloway

Moderator Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

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

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| Welcoming | Trish McBride, Lois Robertson |
| Sound | Frank Cook |
| Laptop | Cameron Smart |
| Offering | Bridget Martin, Kath Kerr |
| Coffee/tea | David Douglas, Lois Robertson, Janet Horncy |
| Family Time | Blessing - Fei Taule'ale'ausumai |
| Readings | Lynette Burrell |
| Prayers of the People | Barrie Keenan |
| Library | Trish McBride |
| Musician | Peter Franklin |

On duty Sunday 8 January

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| Welcoming | Pam Fuller, Jeni Bryant |
| Sound and Laptop | Sue Hirst |
| Offering | Lynette Burrell, Kath Kerr |
| Coffee/tea | Vivienne Mountier, Simon Miller, TBC |
| Family Time | Frank Cook |
| Readings | Lynne Dovey |
| Prayers of the People | Hamish Dick |
| Library | TBC |
| Musician | Judy Dumbleton |

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 1 January 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai, followed by morning tea

Sunday 8 January 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

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| 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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