



ORDER OF SERVICE

20 AUGUST 2023

Pentecost 12

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

Let there be joy in our coming together this morning.

***Let there be compassion heard in the words we speak,
and love in the songs we sing.***

Let there be silence for the voice within us and beyond us.

Let there be joy in our coming together.

May we awaken to the presence of God

here in this ordinary place.

May we awaken to the power of love,

here in this ordinary crowd.

May we build a community of justice for all

now in this ordinary time.

May we daily work to build a world at peace

now with these ordinary hands.

SILENCE

GATHERING

We are called as a community of faith,
a supportive community,
in which we love into being
new possibilities for one another,
calling out of each other the best we have to offer.
In doing so we follow the pattern of our God,
who constantly accepts us as we are,
while drawing us on to realize what we can be.
In worship we build the community

where such fostering of new possibilities
can take birth and grow.

***We will celebrate life,
past, present and future,
in the presence we name God***

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

IECS 11 'Come Celebrate the Women'

Words: Shirley Murray ©1992 Hope Publishing Company

Music: Gesangbuch der H. W. K. Hofkapelle

Tune: ELLACOMBE

1. Come, celebrate the women
who brought the Church to birth!
the gentle revolution
that shall transform the earth:
whose faith was salt and leaven,
whose hearts and minds were free,
and this was their direction –
to peace and unity.
2. The teachers, saints and mothers
who lived and died unsung
kept safe the gospel story
and taught it to the young;
the Christ child Mary cradled,
the living Word to be,
was crucified for pleading
this peace and unity.
3. Daughters of the disciples,
you weave the story still,
the fabric of the future
with warmth and love and skill,
you make the bread of wholeness,
the wine of harmony –
and all shall share your feasting
in peace and unity!

WELCOME

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

Kia ora tātou.

Ou te faatalofa atu I le Suafa o Iesu Keriso

Talofa lava, we too greet you in the name of Jesus Christ

A special welcome to those who are visiting us, please join us for fellowship in the hall after church.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

There are times when the journey seems too long
when the land of promise seems so far away from our reality
and we wish for things we'd gladly left behind.

There are times when we rejoice
in the destruction of those who bring evil into our lives and
take pleasure in the defeat of those
who, but for grace or circumstance –we might have become.

These times, in our past and present, we confess.

There are times when we search for images that fit,
and miss the wider view;
when we weed out old concepts,
but don't create new meaning;
when we worry about the lyrics, and forget to sing.

For these times, in past or present, we confess.

In small ways, in our busy lives, we confess that sometimes
we close our ears to the voices of the many,
close our eyes to the evidence of injustice all around us,
close our mouths when we should speak up, speak out!

There are times when we settle for being less than we can be,
when we live for the moment, not in it.

For these times, in past or present, we forgive ourselves.

We forgive each other.

JESUS' PRAYER

© Rev Sherri Weinberg

God - heart of the world:

revealed through every aspect of creation:

understood through our awareness.

May we honour the holiness of creation and act accordingly

so that your love is reflected in the way we live.

May we always be thankful for the food we eat

and the friends we have.

May we forgive those who transgress against us

and be forgiven for our wrong doings.

In the freedom of love may we live as your heartbeat

and not be compromised by hesitation.

Through our freedom, may your justice

be seen and heard and experienced

forever and ever.

Amen.

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

We light the rainbow candle as a sign of our inclusivity and for our children.

FAMILY TIME

Frank Cook

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

Genesis 45:1-15

New Testament

Matthew 15:21-28

Contemporary Reading

'The Caged Bird'

by Maya Angelou

The free bird leaps
on the back of the wind
and floats downstream
till the current ends

and dips his wing
in the orange sun rays
and dares to claim the sky.

But a bird that stalks
down his narrow cage
can seldom see through
his bars of rage
his wings are clipped and
his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings
with a fearful trill
of things unknown
but longed for still
and his tune is heard
on the distant hill
for the caged bird
sings of freedom

The free bird thinks of another breeze
and the trade winds soft through the sighing trees
and the fat worms waiting on a dawn-bright lawn
and he names the sky his own.

But a caged bird stands on the grave of dreams
his shadow shouts on a nightmare scream
his wings are clipped and his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing

The caged bird sings
with a fearful trill
of things unknown
but longed for still
and his tune is heard
on the distant hill
for the caged bird
sings of freedom.

RESPONSE

For the word of God in scripture and story
for the word of God among us
for the word of God within us
we give thanks.

HYMN

‘She came to Jesus’

Words: Carolyn Gillette
TUNE : WOV 455 Slane 1

1. She came to Jesus from outside the fold —
Canaanite woman! Persistent and bold!
Looking to Jesus, she wanted to see
one who would help her and set her child free.
2. Claiming a blessing, a touch of God's grace,
she knew God's love was not bounded by place.
Jesus, you listened, debated — then healed —
for in her asking, her faith was revealed.
3. God, you still bless those who seek you in prayer.
You welcome dreamers who faithfully dare.
In Christ, now risen, your mercy extends:
those on the outside are welcomed as friends.

REFLECTION

‘Dogs before women’

Rev Dr Fei Taule’ale’ausumai

HYMN:

AA 158 ‘Who is my mother?’

Words: © Shirley Murray Music: © Ian Render
Tune: BRONWEN

1. Who is my mother?
Who is my brother?
All those who gather round Jesus Christ:
Spirit-blown people
born from the Gospel
sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.

2. Differently abled,
differently labelled,
widen the circle round Jesus Christ,
crutches and stigmas,
cultures' enigmas,
all come together round Jesus Christ.
3. Love will relate us –
colour or status
can't segregate us, round Jesus Christ:
family failings,
human derailings,
all are accepted, round Jesus Christ.
4. Bound by one vision,
met for one mission
we claim each other, round Jesus Christ:
Here is my mother,
here is my brother,
kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.

OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

AA 62 'Here we bring small or great' (verse 1&4)

Words: ©Shirley Murray Music:© Colin Gibson

Tune: ASHLEY

1. Here we bring, small or great,
gifts to offer on this plate,
what we've earned, what we own,
tithe or token, bread or stone.

*Jesus said, "Have a care -your hearts will always be
where your riches are, where your riches are".*

4. Wild flowers grow, birds find seed,
God attends to each one's need
as we share, all can live,
as we love, we learn to give.

*Jesus said, "Have a care -your hearts will always be
where your riches are, where your riches are".*

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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:

If you have a notice to share, please come forward. Thank you.

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

Wendy Matthews

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Burundi and the the National Council of Churches of Burundi. We hold all refugees in our hearts and pray in particular for those who are still detained in Australia. We give thanks for recent progress and pray that their calls for justice might yet be answered with compassion. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Shanan Halbert (Northcote) and Hon Peeni Henare (Tāmaki Makaurau). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of St Anselm's Union Church, Karori.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

***Renew your people, God,
and renew our life in this place.***

***Give us a spirit of ecological responsibility,
unity with all who follow the Way of Jesus
and new bonds of love
with people of other faiths.***

***Bless the cities in which we live
that they may be places
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***

CLOSING HYMN

FFS 57 'Song of faith that sings forever' v1-3

Words: Shirley Murray Music: Colin Gibson

Tune: ABBEYFIELD

1. Song of faith that sings forever
 through God's people, ages long,
 Word that holds the world together
 when our hearts take up the song,
always, always, somewhere sounding,
 though the source we do not see,
 counterpoint to all despairing,
 it is hope that sets the key.
2. Song of faith in exaltation,
 rising through the vaults of prayer,
 tune of simple celebration
 offered up in open air,
song in chapel and cathedral,
 descant to our daily tone,
 song from sickbed or in prison,
 faith must often sing alone.

3. And when life would overwhelm us,
when there seems no song to sing,
hear the constant voice of courage
out of fear and suffering:
all who've loved and trusted Jesus,
all who lift us to be strong,
endless, endless are the voices
of the faith that makes the song.

CALL TO SERVICE (*standing*)

Our worship is ending and the work of the world lies before us.
Many who work for change suffer resistance.

So make us strong.

Many who do new things feel afraid.

So make us brave.

Many who challenge the world as it is, arouse anger.

So grant us inner peace.

Many who live joyful lives are envied.

So make us generous.

Many who try to love encounter hate.

So we trust in you O God of gracious love. Amen.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Judy Dumbleton
our musician today

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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

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

There will be a Special General Meeting after the service today, to discuss permanent disability access.

CHURCH LIFE SURVEY

During the month of August, we hope parishioners will take the 15-20 minutes needed to participate in the Church Life Survey, which is being run by the Christian Research Association. It is particularly useful post-COVID, as it will provide some indication of the impact that the pandemic has had on church life in Aotearoa NZ. Here is the QR code for St Andrew's on the Terrace:



Or you can use the web link:

<https://clsnz.org/chis96Be2rldawic/01H5X084TXH2C8JZHMFC4SM9XZ/en>

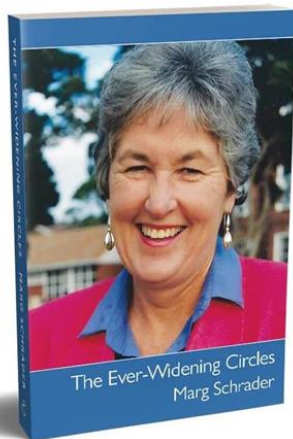
For those wishing to fill in the survey in print, copies will be available at St Andrew's from this Sunday. Once filled in, print copies should be handed into the office.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST - 12-1PM

Pressing Issues for 2023 Election. The general election takes place on 14th October so it is time to turn our minds to the pressing issues for this election. Paul Barber, senior social policy advisor, Social Policy and Parliamentary Unit of The Salvation Army will share some insights on pressing issues as part of the discussion.

Paul

BOOK LAUNCH – REMINDER AND REQUEST FOR HELP



A reminder that St Andrews is hosting a Launch of Marg Shrader's biography "Ever Widening Circles" on Sunday August 27th at 2pm and help is needed with the provision and serving of the afternoon tea.

If you are planning on attending and / or can help in any way please let the office know by Friday August 25th, Office @ St Andrew's office@standrews.org.nz; phone 472 9211

Copies of the book \$35 will be available to buy.

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Upcoming concerts are:

Wednesday 23 August 12:15pm – 1:00pm

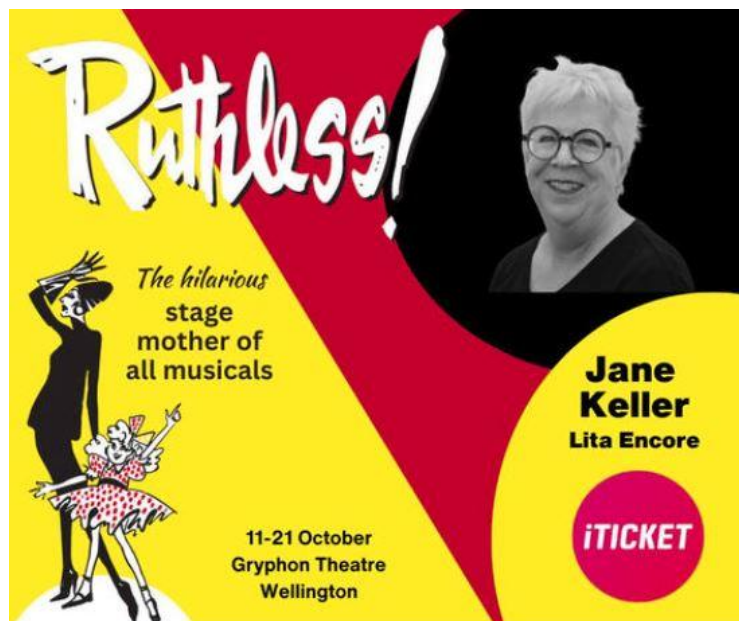
NZ School of Music – Wind/Brass

Wednesday 30 August 12:15pm – 1:00pm

Duo Enharmonics – Beth Chen and Nicole Chao

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

UPCOMING SHOW - RUTHLESS WITH JANE KELLER



Our very own Jane Keller is putting on her one woman musical show "Ruthless" from 11-21 October at the Gryphon Theatre in Wellington. I'm really keen on going. It would be good if we could get a group from church to go together. Let me know if you are interested and we can organise tickets or we can choose a date and everyone purchase their own tickets for that date. Fei

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	Pam Fuller, Pat Booth
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Tony Pears, John Harper
Coffee/tea	David Douglas, Lois Robertson, Rosemary Lawrence
Family Time	Frank Cook
Readings	Anna Smith
Prayers of the People	Wendy Matthews
Rainbow Room	In Recess
Library	Anna Smith
Musician	Judy Dumbleton

On duty Sunday 27 August

Welcoming	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Sandra Kirby
Offering	Paul Franken, Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Sally Gray, Vivienne Mountier, Simon Miller
Family Time	Dawn Cowdry
Readings	Jennifer Bush
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Rainbow Room	In Recess
Library	Pauline Patchett
Musician	Judy Dumbleton

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 20 August: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai, followed by Congregational Conversation.

Wednesday 23 August: 10:30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm - Lunchtime concert: NZ School of Music – Wind/Brass

Sunday 27 August: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai, followed by Younger Members (Y) group.

2:00pm - "Ever Widening Circles" Book Launch.

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.
3rd Sunday	Congregational Conversation and Younger members' (Y) group meets after morning tea/brunch
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
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Lois Robertson
Church Music Coordinator	Vacant
Eco Church Coordinator	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Faith in Action Coordinator	Paul Barber
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Vacant
Roster Coordinator	Pam Fuller
Concert Coordinator	Kristina Zuelicke
Centre Manager	Adelina Reis
Office Administrator	Christine Wilkinson
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