

ORDER OF SERVICE

24 SEPTEMBER 2023

Creation 4



“WORKER’S IN THE VINEYARD”

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

'See what comes to you'

by Mons Leidvin Takle (b1942)

CALL TO WORSHIP

In these unsettled times, as equinoxial winds blow
Spring whistles about our ears;

***shines on us with unexpected warmth,
douses us with intermittent showers;***

so we shift our thoughts to important things

in order to participate in the liminal space called spring;
gathering together today

in the presence we name God.

SILENCE

GATHERING

We gather grateful that we can gather,
that we can find companionship of hearts and minds seeking to speak the
truth in love.

We remember those who cannot gather.

We gather grateful for our heritage,
for the women and men before us
whose imagination, dedication and
prophetic words and deeds make possible
our dreams and our insight.

And we gather grateful for the gift of life itself,
mindful that to respect life means both to celebrate what life is
and to insist on what it can become.
May we always rejoice in life,
and work to cultivate a sense of its giftedness. (*Adapt. M S Milnor*)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA45 'Give thanks for life'

Words: © Shirley Murray Words: © Douglas C Mews
Tune: SINE NOMINE

1. Give thanks for life,
the measure of our days,
mortal, we pass through
beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope,
our love, our praise,
Alleluia!
2. Give thanks for those
who made their life a light
caught from the Christ-flame,
bursting through the night,
who touched the truth, who
burned for what is right,
Alleluia!
3. And for our own, our living
and our dead,
thanks for the love by
which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time
or death or dread,
Alleluia!
4. Give thanks for hope,
that like the wheat, the grain
lying in darkness
does its life retain,
in resurrection
to grow green again,
Alleluia!

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.

OPENING PRAYER

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,

help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,

that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty,
not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts

of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and
contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every
creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle. **Amen.**

JESUS' PRAYER

Dr Henry Horton, Author, Pastor (adapted)

*Our Mother, whose body is the Earth,
sacred is your being. Your gardens grow
your will be done in our cities, as it is in nature.
Thanks be this day for food and air, and water.
Forgive us our sins against Earth, as we are learning to
forgive one another.
And surrender us not unto extinction, but deliver us from our
folly.
For the beauty and the power, and all life, from birth to death,
is yours,
From beginning to end. Amen.
So be it forever.
Blessed be.*

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

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

FAMILY TIME

Dawn Cowdry

PASSING THE PEACE

Our practice is to pass the peace without shaking hands and say "peace be with you".

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Tony Kirby

Hebrew Bible

Exodus 16:2-15

New Testament

Matthew 20:1-16

Contemporary Reading

"Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert for our children."

Joint statement from Pope Francis, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

WOV 478 'Guide me, O thou great Jehovah'

Words: William Williams 1717-91

Tune: RHONDDA

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.
2. Open now the crystal fountain
whence the living waters flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises,
I will ever give to thee.

REFLECTION "WE ARE ALL EQUAL"

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

HYMN

FFS 67 'We are many we are one'

Words and Music: Colin Gibson

Tune: HAMILTON

1. We are many, we are one,
and the work of Christ is done
when we learn to live in true community,
as the stars that fill the night,
as a flock of birds in flight,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the branches of a tree,
as the waves upon the sea,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

2. All division is made whole
when we honour every soul,
find the life of God in every you and me,
as the fingers of a hand,
as the grains that form the sand,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the threads upon the loom,
as a field of flowers in bloom,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

3. We will join creation's song,
make a world where all belong,
build as one in peace and loving harmony,
as the voices of a choir,
as the flames within a fire,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the snowflakes in the snow,
as the colours of a bow,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

OFFERING MUSIC

'O Lord, hear my prayer'

(Taizé chant)

OFFERING HYMN

AA 36 'Every Day I will offer you'

Words: © Shirley Murray Music: Colin Gibson

Tune: LYNNEFRITH

Every day I will offer you,
loving God, my heart and mind,
every way I discover you
in the work your hand has signed;
help me see I'm your image, and
you have dreamed what I might be -
every day in your Spirit,
I'll find the love and energy!

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

Hamish Dick

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Central African Republic and the Congo and the Ecumenical Council of Christian Churches of Congo. 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 Dr Anae Neru Leavasa (Takanini) and Melissa Lee (List). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Lower Hutt - Hutt City Uniting Congregations.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

*Bless your people, God
and renew our life in this place
Refresh us with a spirit of love and respect
for all who follow the Jesus Way,
for those whose pathways differ from our own,
and for care of the Earth and its creatures.*

*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

AA 59 'He came singing love'

Words and Music: Colin Gibson

Tune: SINGING LOVE

1. He came singing love
and he lived singing love;
he died singing love.
He arose in silence.
For the love to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.
2. He came singing faith
and he lived singing faith
he died singing faith.
He arose in silence.
For the faith to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.
3. He came singing hope
and he lived singing hope;
he died singing hope.
He arose in silence.
For the hope to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.
4. He came singing peace
and he lived singing peace;
he died singing peace.
He arose in silence.
For the peace to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.

BLESSING

As we leave this place to go into a new week,
let us nurture determination
to love the earth back to health
for future generations and ourselves.
Let us mingle as the diversity of God's people
in a combined effort to heal us and the land.

Let love be our motivation

Let love be our karakia

Let love be our tikanga

Let love be the miracle.

Archbishop Don Tamihere, Te Pihopa o Aotearoa (adapted)

SUNG BLESSING

FFS 49 'May the God of new beginnings'

Words © John Murray, Music © Colin Gibson

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 in you and me.
May the God of safe homecomings
welcome you and me.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Allegro, 3rd movement from Sonata 1 in Eb

by J S Bach (1685-1750)

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATION GROUP

The Social Justice Education Group will meet after church from 12-1pm in Conference Room 3 for a follow up discussion on Transgender and Christian Training.

EXPLORING FAITH GROUP

"The next Exploring Faith Group will be on Sunday 1 October, when we will continue our exploration of what it means to have chosen to be part of a progressive faith community here at St Andrew's. Our two speakers this month will be Joan Tyler and Paul Franken.

This will be our final session for 2023. Our sincere thanks to all those who volunteered to speak: Heather McFarlane, Trish McBride, Margaret Rushbrook, Frank Hanson, Sue Hirst, Jim Cunningham, Maxine Cunningham, Anna Smith, Tony Pears, Vivienne Mountier, Michael Parker, Joan Tyler and Paul Franken.
Pat Booth

TABLES & CHAIRS

If you've been in Conference Room 3 in the last week or so, you'll have noticed our lovely new tables. We now have 5 of the old ones available to anyone who would like one (or more). Melteca, 1600 x 800, legs fold away. Edges have seen better days. First come, first served. We also have some of the old red chairs available. We can't deliver them, so you need to be able to arrange to take them away. Contact the office if you're interested.

HELP NEEDED WITH SET-UP OF THE TABLES AND CHAIRS FOR MORNING TEA

If you are able to come to church a little earlier and could help with this please check in with the team in the kitchen to see if they need any assistance.

QUESTIONS FOR POLITICIANS

Arising from our Congregational Conversation last week, a small team came up with suggestions for useful questions we can put to political candidates or parties. The questions fall under 3 headings of interest to St Andrew's: the natural world, social justice, and waste management. Any of these can be asked at candidate meetings or street corner meetings, or wherever the opportunity arises.

1. The natural world:

What are the actions that you are proposing for New Zealand to adapt to Climate Change?

2. Social issues:

a. In a world of growing inequity what are you doing to ensure every New Zealander has what they need to live to their greatest potential?

b. Child poverty has been reducing over the past five years. What specific policies will your party implement that will continue to reduce child poverty?

c. Housing costs are high and for people on low incomes, most of whom are renting, too high a proportion of their income is taken up by rent or other housing costs. What policies will your party implement that can make housing more affordable for lower income earners?

d. Too many young people (around 70,000 11% of those aged 15-25 years) are not in employment, education or training. How will your party ensure that every young person can find a pathway to learning, skills and employment that fits their personal, social and cultural needs?

3. What are you proposing to do to incorporate circular principles into our capitalist economic model?

For more information about the principles of a circular economy, have a look at the Ellen MacArthur Foundation web page:

<https://ellenmacarthurfoundation.org>

A fuller version including follow-up questions will be made available via the website. Just give us a couple of days to put it up.

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Wednesday 27 September 12:15pm – 1:00pm

NZ School of Music String Ensemble

Wednesday 4 October 12:15pm – 1:00pm

Spitfires Wind Quintet from the RNZAF

Thursday 5 October 12:15pm – 1:00pm

NZ School of Music Piano Showcase

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

ELECTION SOCIAL POLICY ANALYSIS

1. **NZ Council of Christian Social Services** election webpage <https://nzccss.org.nz/election-2023/> is highlighting policies, promises and perspectives relating to Tamariki | Children, Kaumātua | Older People, Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Our Sector (health, community and social services).
2. **The Salvation Army** is highlighting the Pressing Issues affecting 'our people' the people and communities where they are working [2023 General Election | The Salvation Army](#)

ELECTION FORUMS COMING UP

Living Wage Election Forum Friday 29th September 6.30 - 8pm St Peters on Willis St <https://www.facebook.com/events/819416942956217/?ref=newsfeed>

Uniting Our Voices Green Party Disability Community Korero with Neelu Jennings and Jan Logie, 24th September 1.40pm Kelson Community Centre Lower Hutt <https://www.facebook.com/events/1445285456251581>

Porirua Candidates Meeting Tuesday 26th September 7-9pm hosted by The Salvation Army Porirua, 89 Warspite Avenue, Porirua <https://www.facebook.com/PoriruaSalvationArmy>

ILLUSTRATED TALK: “REGER – THE ROMANTIC BACH?”

This Tuesday evening, 26th September, one of our organists, Bruce Cash (who played the last two Sundays) is giving an Illustrated Talk on Max Reger: *“Reger - the Romantic Bach?”* to commemorate the 150th Birthday.

Reger composed a large amount of organ, choral, vocal, and instrumental music in the decades around 1900, and was quite a character...

All are welcome and it is free for all.

It is being run by the Goethe Society (i.e. the German Society).

It is in one of the university lecture theatres:

easy to find, and most of the university parking is free at that time.

Starting with nibbles at **6pm, then the Talk from about 6.15 to 7.15.**

It is in HMLT 002, downstairs in the Hugh Mackenzie Building, which is on the left going down Kelburn Parade, just by the 2nd pedestrian traffic light. (Between the Murphy and von Zedlitz buildings).

Bruce has a special connection with the Reger tradition, described in this official invitation: <https://goethesociety.com/max-reger/>

SEASON OF CREATION EVENTS

The Season of Creation is an annual ecumenical celebration – starting on 1 September 1 with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and finishing on October 4th, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Two events next month (October) linked to the Season of Creation that might be of interest to you and your broader networks/contacts.

In God we trust?: Coming to terms with the shift to the “Anthropocene”

Public Lecture on Wednesday October 4th by Reformed theologian, Professor Ernst Conradie (University of Western Cape, South Africa) is a prolific and well-respected scholar who researches and writes extensively around eco-theology themes.

PUBLIC LECTURE



In God we trust?

Coming to terms with the shift to the “Anthropocene”

According to the Anthropocene Working Group of the International Commission on Stratigraphy, we have moved from the Holocene to the Anthropocene. How does this conception, which emphasises the significant impact of humanity on Earth’s geology and ecosystems, shape our understanding of ourselves? And how does it shape our understanding of God?

One of the core Christian convictions is that God cares for humanity and for the whole of God’s creation. To what extent can we trust in God’s providence? And specifically in God’s just governance in history, while also affirming this geological insight of humanity as the primary agent of current earth-history?

This paper emerges from a 12-year-long international collaborative project entitled “An Earthed Faith”, exploring what Christian eco-theology might offer to the multi-disciplinary conversation regarding how we come to terms with living in the Anthropocene.

Professor Ernst M. Conradie

Senior Professor in the Department of Religion and Theology
at the University of the Western Cape in South Africa.

Professor Ernst Conradie is a reformed theologian working in the intersection between Christian ecotheology, systematic theology and ecumenical theology.

Wednesday 4 October

5:30pm

Wellington Cathedral of Saint Paul

Te Wharekarakianui o Paora Tapu ki te Whanganui-a-Tara

2 Hill Street, Wellington



Keeping Hope Alive in Challenging Times: Confronting the Climate Crisis

And continuing with the Eco-Theology theme, you might also be interested in the Interchurch Bioethics Council Lecture being given by Professor Jonathan Boston on Friday October 6th

*Commemorating the work
and 21st Anniversary of the
InterChurch Bioethics Council*

Friday 6 October 2023
St Paul's Cathedral Wellington

**Confronting the
Climate Crisis**
**Keeping Hope Alive
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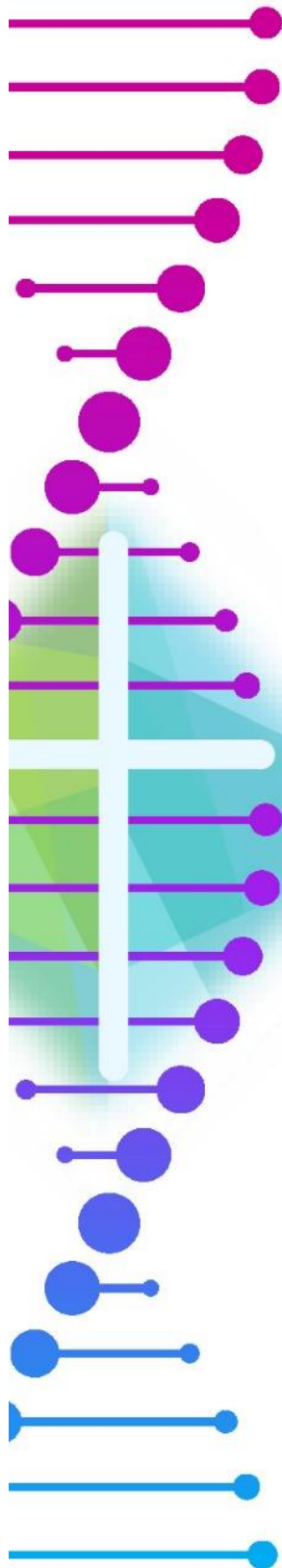
*5:30pm Drinks and Nibbles
Loaves & Fishes Hall*
*6pm Lecture with Q&A
Cathedral*

Jonathan Boston, ONZM

*Emeritus Professor of Public Policy
School of Government
Victoria University Wellington*



InterChurch Bioethics Council



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	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Frank Cook
Laptop	Sandra Kirby
Offering	Tony Pears, Lynette Burrell
Coffee/tea	Janet Horncy, David Douglas, Kath Kerr
Family Time	Dawn Cowdry
Readings	Tony Kirby
Prayers of the People	Hamish Dick
Rainbow Room	In Recess
Library	Pauline Patchett
Musician	Judy Dumbleton

On duty Sunday 1 October

Welcoming	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Simon Miller
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Paul Franken, Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Andrew and Wendy Matthews, Vivienne Mountier (CG)
Family Time	Frank Cook
Readings	Lois Robertson
Prayers of the People	Ellen Murray
Communion	Sandra and Tony Kirby, Sonia Groes-Petrie, Janet Horncy, Sue McRae, Katrina Harper
Rainbow Room	In Recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Bruce Corkill

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 24 September: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Social Justice Education Group

Wednesday 27 September: 10:30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm - Lunchtime concert: NZSM String Ensemble

Sunday 1 October: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Doug Lendrum and Rosemary Lawrence followed by Exploring Faith

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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