



ORDER OF SERVICE

1 OCTOBER 2023

Creation 5

World Communion Sunday

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 Doug Lendrum and Rosemary Lawrence

PRELUDE

CALL

We honour the mind as the journey toward wholeness with the creative life-changing recognition of the power of one's own choices.

We live the questions as the keys to an understanding of the freedom that enhances life.

We embrace the adventure of human living as the path toward a life of love.

SILENCE

We come to the table on this day of World Communion seeking through ritual and practice, the connection.

ALL SING

'Adoramus te Domine'

WELCOME

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

Ka whakaniho nga mea katoa o te whenua i konei
All things of the earth now sprout.

Fa'afeiloa'I le tautotogo
Welcome the Spring.

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

HYMN

AA 49 'God of all time' v3-5

Words: © Shirley Erena Murray

Music: HIGHWOOD WOV 553

3. God of all time,
 all seasons of our living,
source of our spark,
 protector of our flame,
blazing before our birth,
 beyond our dying,
God of all time,
 we come to sing your name.
4. Here in this place,
 where others have been building,
we come to claim
 the legacy of faith,
take, in our turn
 the telling of your story,
and though we tremble,
 speak your hope, your truth.

OPENING PRAYER

As the welcome flame of life breaks slowly on the brightening blue horizon of the spring day. The fresh green grass with dew laden leaves, thrust into view with birdsong anew. Whispering the divine presence assured.

Once more upon the journey of life another day begins, without effort or intrusion, through the peace and tranquillity of the sacred silent voice.

As the Hebrew people remembered their past moment of freedom so we remember ours. As they believed each time they met in the Passover meal, they were actually reliving that event in the life of the nation, so each time we participate in Holy Communion we too do more than remember a moment from the past.

We remember that the meal wrestled with the question of them and us in an effort to keep their identity. We remember the cost of allegiance to a way of living. Ours is an open and inclusive table by decision, as it was in the early Christian movement.

What we do in holy communion is not our intrinsic purpose, but rather to point toward the beauty of what it means to be a human being in our time and place. We are marvellously intertwined as essential gifts to each other and the cosmos. So we gather with open hearts, a desire for open and inclusive community, seeking harmony as a species within the ecosystem. We are as a speck of dust in the cosmos and the co-creators of our reality.

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

We are called to celebrate and worship, not just by words spoken, but also by miracles recalled. A baby's first cry, the petals of a rose, mist-covered hills, the restless tides of the seas, human love, human hope.

We light the rainbow candle as symbol of inclusion and openness with gratitude and joy at with wonder at of life's boundless possibilities, and the beauty of diversity and difference, that is our oneness.

We light the rainbow candle especially for our children.

FAMILY TIME

Frank Cook

PASSING THE PEACE

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

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Lois Robertson

Is the Lord Among Us?

Hebrew Bible

Exodus 17: 1-7

What is Communion?

Contemporary Reading

It is images of community of reconciliation in which all recognize that they are 'members one of another' in one body, that they 'are all one', with no discrimination among groups, classes, or sects – that can focus our attention and our lives on the sorts of commitments we must make and loyalties we must maintain, if we are to align ourselves with those cosmic and historical forces moving us toward a more humane world.

Gordon D. Kaufman (1925 – 2011)
Professor of Divinity, Harvard Divinity School

Who is Invited to Communion?

Gospel

Matthew 21: 28-32

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

FFS 14 'Faith has set us on a journey'

Words: Shirley Murray
Tune: MARCHING WOV 110

1. Faith has set us on a journey
past the landmarks that we know,
taking risks with no insurance
but the Word that tells us "Go!"
2. Friend or job or home or lover
we may need to leave behind,
outworn truths and ways of thinking,
baggage to the past consigned.
3. We are this unlikely people
in the Body knit as one,
company of clowns and cripples -
some are wise and some can run.
4. Prophets are our travel agents,
gospel-makers lay this road:
to the place of peace and promise
faith will take us into God.

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.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Chad and the organisations working for justice and development in Chad. 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 Steph Lewis (Whanganui), Anna Lorck (Tukituki). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Knox Presbyterian Church, Lower Hutt.

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.*

REFLECTION

**'A Dialogue/Conversation'
Doug Lendrum and Rosemary Lawrence**

HYMN

AA 49 'God of all time' v3-4

Words: © Shirley Erena Murray

Music: HIGHWOOD WOV 553

3. Spirit who draws
 our fragile selves together,
Spirit who turns
 a stranger to a friend,
be at this table
 where we greet each other,
be in the peace
 we pass from hand to hand.

4. Let us not die
 from poverty of caring,
let us not starve,
 where love is to be shared.
Come, break us
 open to receive your healing:
your broken body
 be our wine and bread.

OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

AA127 'Take my gifts and let me love you' v1

Words: Shirley Murray Music: Colin Gibson

Tune: TALAVERA TERRACE

Take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shelter,
gave me life and set me free.
Now, because your love has touched me,
I have love to give away;
now the bread of love is rising,
loaves of love to multiply!

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.

PRESENTATION

Wisdom has set her table. Our gifts for St Andrew's and the world are with the community. All are invited to share in this meal together and to eat of the bread and drink of the wine. Let us set aside our time, our location, our immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

At this table we give thanks for justice, love, peace and freedom.

At this table we give thanks for friends and strangers together in community in this safe place.

At this table we welcome the peoples of the world.

A place at the table. And all are invited.

THANKSGIVING

We give thanks for the unfolding of matter, mind, intelligence, and life that has brought us to this moment in time.

We celebrate our common origin with everything that exists.

We celebrate the mystery we experience and address as 'God', ground and sustainer of everything that exists, in whom we live and move and have our being.

We acknowledge this mystery embodied in every human person, aware that each one of us gives God unique and personal expression.

God is everywhere present in grace-filled moments of sharing, in carefully created communities of loving solidarity.

We are one with everything, living and nonliving, on this planet. Connected. Interrelated. Interdependent.

We are at home in the universe

The Story

We remember the various stories from our traditions. How on many occasions Jesus would share a meal with friends. Bread and wine shared in community.

For everyone born, a place at the table...

How the bread would be taken, a blessing offered, and then shared between them. And all of them ate. And how after conversation, some wine would be poured out, a blessing offered, and then passed between them. And all of them drank.

The bread and the wine symbolised human lives interconnected with other human lives, and the power of giving and receiving.

May the passion for life as seen in Jesus, and in the lives and struggles of many other committed and faithful people then and now, enable us to dare and to dream and to risk...

Together may we re-imagine the world.

Together may we work to make all things new.

Together may we celebrate the possibilities and hope we each have and are called to share.

For everyone born, a place at the table...

Bread and Wine

We break the bread for the broken earth, ravaged and plundered for greed.
May there be healing of our beautiful blue and green planet.

We break this bread for our broken humanity, for the powerful and the powerless trapped by exploitation and oppression.
May there be the healing of humanity.

We break this bread for those who follow other paths: for those who follow the noble path of the Buddha, the yogic path of the Hindus; the way of the Eternal Guru of the Sikhs; and the descendants of Abraham, children of Hagar and Sarah. For all who follow the Jesus Way.
May there be healing where there is pain and woundedness.

We break this bread for the unhealed hurts and wounds that lie within us all.
May we be healed.

Wine, fruit of the vine, nurtured, tended, harvested, and pressed out for us to drink.

Wine, liquid sunlight, prepared for our delight.

Wine, gift of nature, offering earth-bound humans hints of other worlds, other realities, other possibilities.

Pouring out this wine we remember people of all ages who searched new paths, advancing understanding, compassion, knowledge.

Pouring out this wine we are reminded of the call
to live fully, to love wastefully, and to be all that we can be.

SHARING

To eat and drink together reminds us of the deeper aspects of human solidarity, for from time immemorial among followers of the Jesus Way the sharing of bread and wine has been the most universal of all symbols of community.

‘The Bread of Life’

‘The Cup of Blessing’

After the Sharing

We give thanks that we have gathered together.

We rejoice in the giftedness of each person here. We are grateful for who we are for each other. May we continue to be truly thankful in all we do and in all we become.

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

Tread boldly for yours is a rewarding task:
connecting hearts rather than just minds,
discovering wisdom in embodied relational embrace
with nature, its reality and kinds,
its narrative enhanced and midwifed at last.
Tread boldly for yours is a rewarding task.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Bruce Corkill
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

EXPLORING FAITH GROUP

The next Exploring Faith Group will meet after church, where 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>

RECYCLING OF HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Household batteries can be dropped off for FREE at Karori Library, Kilbirnie Library, Manners Street Library near Willis (inward bus stop), Island Bay Community Centre, Newlands Community Centre, Tawa Community Centre, and the Southern Landfill Tip Shop.

FINISHED A LOAF OF BREAD OR BOTTLE OF MILK?

Please save the bread bag and the clip (plastic only) 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 since 1969 and one way we can offer our support is to FILL the food baskets at the back of the church each Sunday.

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)

For other ways to support the work of the DCM visit <https://www.dcm.org.nz>.

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

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

Wednesday 11 October 12:15pm – 1:00pm

Viola Extravaganza - NZ School of Music

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](#)

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.

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



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



*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 in Challenging Times

*5:30pm Drinks and Nibbles
Loaves & Fishes Hall*

*6pm Lecture with Q&A
Cathedral*

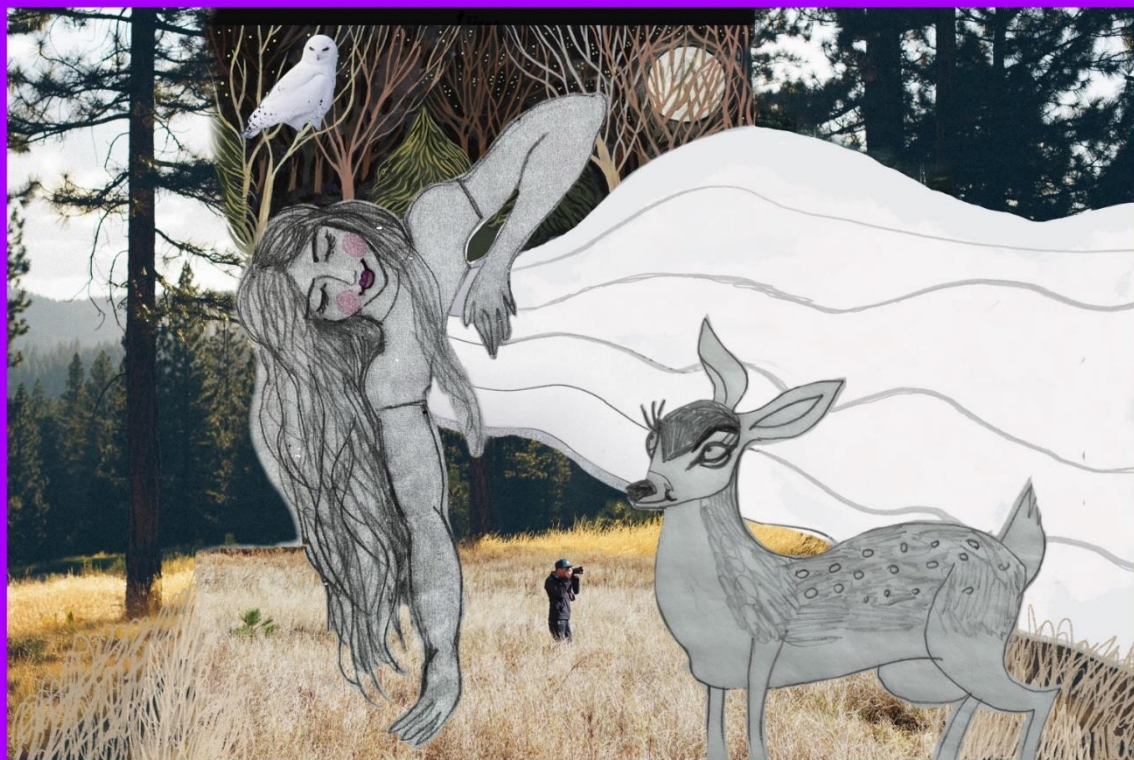
Jonathan Boston, ONZM

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



InterChurch Bioethics Council

CHRISTIAN CREATIVES



Christian Creatives Meetup Group

For Wellingtonians keen to inspire and be inspired



For more info, check out this group at [Meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com/Christian-Creatives-Wellington/)

My name is Sylvia Stump, and I am an administrator for ICHC, an organisation that supplies Christian Chaplains to public hospitals around NZ. In my spare time I like to create art and write stories, and I am very keen to meet like-minded people who are Christian and creative. I have been going to the Brooklyn Reformed Church for the past 20 years and have recently decided to form a club for Wellingtonians who are Christian and creative, as a way of providing a supportive, encouraging and inspiring environment for those of us that God has given a passion for the creative arts. There is no such club in my church, and there wasn't one I could see advertised in Wellington, so I have gone ahead and made one. It is called Christian Creatives and can be found on [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com/Christian-Creatives-Wellington/)

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	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	Pat Booth
Communion	Sandra and Tony Kirby, Sonia Groes-Petrie, Janet Horncy, Katrina Harper, Pam Fuller
Rainbow Room	In Recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Bruce Corkill

On duty Sunday 8 October

Welcoming	Pat Booth, Pam Fuller
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Katrina Harper, Lynette Burrell
Coffee/tea	Jim and Maxine Cunningham, Kath Kerr, Sally Gray
Family Time	Dawn Cowdry
Readings	Marilyn Wallace
Prayers of the People	Wendy Matthews
Rainbow Room	In Recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Bruce Corkill

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

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

Wednesday 4 October: 10:30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm - Lunchtime concert: Spitfires Wind Quintet from the RNZAF

Sunday 8 October: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Congregational Brunch

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
Facilities Assistant(s)	Maddie Fenn, Oscar Ruegg, Liam Oakley, Mattias Barber

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