



ORDER OF SERVICE

31 DECEMBER 2023



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.

We seek to be a community that is safe and welcoming for everyone regardless of sexual orientation, relationship status, gender identity or expression, sex characteristics, age, mental and physical abilities, mental health, neurotype, economic power, ethnicity, faith or belief.

We recognise that being inclusive is an ongoing journey and we are continuing to learn. We are committed to challenging discrimination within the church and wider society.

Please join in the congregational responses printed in ***bold italics***.

Please stand if you are able, for the hymns and the offering prayer.

We usually sing the hymns without announcement.

*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 Ian Harris

PRELUDE

Interlude on the Coventry Carol

by W S Lloyd Webber (1914-82)

CALL TO WORSHIP

The light of the old year is fading,
a new year stands on our doorstep:
something in me welcomes this visitor,
something in me makes me wary.

A new year stands on our doorstep:
in worship let us bid the visitor enter,
to celebrate with us who we are,
and who we are yet to be.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

WOV 58 'Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him'

Anon., *Foundling Hospital Collection* 1796 based on Psalm 148

Tune: AUSTRIA (WOV 374 (i))

1. Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him;
praise him angels, in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him,
praise him, all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he has spoken,
worlds his mighty voice obeyed:
laws, which never shall be broken,
for their guidance he has made.
2. Praise the Lord, for he is glorious;
never shall his promise fail:
God has made his saints victorious;
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
hosts on high his power proclaim:
heaven and earth, and all creation,
laud and magnify his name!

WELCOME

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

Kia ora tātou.

In the embrace of the family of Christ,
wherever you are on your faith journey,
wherever you come from and wherever you are going,
whatever you believe, whatever you don't believe,
a loving welcome to you all.

Kia ora tatou.

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

PASSING THE PEACE

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

PRAYER

Be still, and know that I am God, says the psalmist.

Be still. Focus for a moment the thoughts you bring with you, any memory that gives you thankfulness and joy, any burden that weighs on you, and as far as you are able, quietly set them to one side.

Feel the release, enter the stillness, and sense the divine mystery touching you and those around you.

Be still, says the psalmist, and know that I am God.

(Silence)

We come into one another's presence,
knowing that we do not live alone,
knowing that we cannot live fully
if we live for ourselves alone.

We come as ordinary people,
each with strengths and each with weaknesses,
aware of our shortcomings.

Our lives set before us many tasks.
We are not always equal to them.
Too often we fall short of what, at our best, we expect of ourselves.

And yet, here we are,
never perfect,
not always wise,
but always wondrous, always mysterious in the humanity that defines us in
the amazing miracle of life.

May the songs we sing lift our spirits.

May the stories we share refresh our courage.

May our time together renew our hope.

(Silence)

On this mid-summer day heralding the dawning of a new year, safe in our homes and secure in our community,

we bring to mind the calls for peace that ring out in our world, calls to which we join ourselves in compassion and concern.

For we live in a divided world.
Our thinking is often muddled.
Our emotions are mixed,
our actions inconsistent.

May we move from confusion to being a people of clarity.

May we move from preoccupation with self to being a people of generosity.

May we move from impatience and intolerance to being agents of peace and reconciliation.

We share the spirit of Jesus as we long for shalom,
as we long for justice,
as we long for healing and wholeness.

May we find in Christ the wisdom, the hope and the love to persevere when all else fails.

And together we pray the prayer of Jesus:

JESUS' PRAYER

***Eternal Spirit, Source of all that is and ever shall be,
may knowledge of your holiness inspire us and all peoples.***

***May your commonwealth of peace and freedom flourish on earth,
until all of humankind heeds your call to justice and compassion.***

May we find the bread that we need for today.

For the hurts we cause one another may we be forgiven, in the same measure that we forgive.

In times of trial and temptation, help us to be strong.

When life seems overwhelming, help us to endure.

May you reign in the power of love, now and forever.

Amen.

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

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

FAMILY TIME

Dawn Cowdry

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Jenn Keenan

Hebrew Bible

Exodus 3: 1-15

New Testament

Acts 17: 16-34

Contemporary Reading

"The Gate of the Year"

Minnie Louise Haskins

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."
And he replied:
"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

AA 132 'Tell my people I love them' (v1,2,4 and 5)

Words: Leonard Barlotti vv 3,4 & 5 Guy Jansen

Music: arr. Jan Harrington and Guy Jansen

*Tell my people I love them;
tell my people that I care.
When they feel far away from me,
tell my people I am there.*

1. Tell my people I came and died
to give them liberty;
as they abide in me
they will be really free!
2. Tell my people where-e'er they go
to claim my risen power;
my peace and joy and love
is for them hour by hour.

3. Tell my people to share their wealth
and fight the sin of greed;
care for the refugee;
the hungry they're to feed.
4. Tell my people throughout the world
to strive for peace today,
show love for enemies,
be servants of the Way.

REFLECTION

Riding the Winds of Change

Ian Harris

During which we shall sing:

AA 120 'Sing of the saints' (v1,2,4 and 5)

Words: Marnie Barrell, Music: Colin Gibson

1. Sing of the saints, who were loved
and made beautiful,
chosen to show us
the richness of grace,
gentle, disturbing,
determined and dutiful,
calling us onwards and setting the pace.
2. Sisters and brothers
in endless variety,
each with a marvellous story to share,
reach their full stature
in heaven's society,
grown from the seed
by God's infinite care.
3. See how they followed
with joy and tenacity,
Christ was their vision,
all else cast aside;
giving their lives
in transparent simplicity,
ready to suffer and stand at his side.

4. Long may their stories, alive in our history,
fill us with hope by their failings and powers,
pointing the way to the heart of the mystery,
drawing us closer to their God and ours.

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

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*

OFFERING MUSIC

Mary's Boy Child

by Jester Hairston, arr Kevin Norbury (b 1956)

OFFERING HYMN

'Build a longer table'

Words: © David Bjorlin

Tune: NOEL NOUVELET (HFTC 166)

1. Build a longer table, not a higher wall.
feeding those who hunger, making room for all.
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.

OFFERING PRAYER

*These our gifts are fruit of our life and work.
We give them gladly
in thankfulness for our church, our community, and our world.
May they be wisely used in the service of all,
In Christ's name. 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

Sonia Groes-Petrie

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of the Dominican Republic and Haiti and the Christian World Service partner organisations working in Haiti to support income generation, community education, training and strengthening of local organisations to fully engage in civil society and democracy. 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 Hon Chris Penk (Kaipara ki Mahurangi) and Rt Hon Winston Peters (List). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Ngaio Union Church.

CLOSING HYMN

AA156 'Where the road runs out'

Words and Music: Colin Gibson

Tune: COLUMBUS

1. Where the road runs out and the signposts end,
where we come to the edge of today,
be the God of Abraham for us,
send us out upon our way.

Refrain

*Lord, you were our beginning,
the faith that gave us birth.
We look to you, our ending,
our hope for heaven and earth.*

2. When the coast is left and we journey on
to the rim of the sky and the sea,
be the sailor's friend, be the dolphin Christ,
lead us on to eternity.

Refrain

*Lord, you were our beginning,
the faith that gave us birth.
We look to you, our ending,
our hope for heaven and earth.*

3. When the clouds are low and the wind is strong,
when tomorrow's storm draws near,
be the spirit bird hovering overhead
who will take away our fear.

Refrain

*Lord, you were our beginning,
the faith that gave us birth.
We look to you, our ending,
our hope for heaven and earth.*

SENDING OUT

Our worship here has ended.

We have opened ourselves to the presence of the mystery we call God.

We have prayed our prayers of thanksgiving and of longing.

We have sung of the saints.

We have engaged with scripture and with the world today.

We have blessed one another.

We go into the new year with confidence,

refreshed in the Spirit to love and serve the world. Amen.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Postlude on Mendelssohn (*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*)

by David Willcocks (1919-2015)

THANK YOU

Judy Dumbleton
our musician today

ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE WELCOMES ALL VISITORS

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

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ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

WHO OWNS THE HOLY LAND?

We still have available some copies of Lloyd Geering's 2001 book *Who owns the Holy Land?*, based on his lecture series delivered in that year and published by the St Andrew's Trust for the Study of Religion and Society. If you would like to obtain a copy, please contact the office, either in person or by e-mail (Office@standrews.org.nz). A contribution in the range of \$5-\$10 would be much appreciated.

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>.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE GAZA PALESTINE EMERGENCY APPEAL



Christian World Service has launched an **emergency appeal** to assist people who have been affected by the current conflict in the Middle East, particularly Gaza. “The people of Gaza are living in harrowing conditions with limited resources, and we cannot stand idly by while they suffer... Our collective efforts can make a significant difference in the lives of those trapped in this nightmarish situation,” DSPR.

Funds raised will meet some of the urgent needs of people through our long term partner the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR). In Gaza, DSPR is providing shelter, food and support to people who have fled the north and who have lost homes. DSPR is an integral part of the local community. It is preparing to help many more people as soon as it practically can with:

- Food
- hygiene kits
- shelter
- medications and medical treatment
- psychosocial support

Donations can be made through CWS:

- **Online and by direct deposit to the Gaza Palestine Emergency Appeal**
- **By Phone with a credit card: 0800 74 73 72**
- **By Post to: CWS, PO Box 22652, Christchurch 8140**

NB: CWS is a member of ACT Alliance a coalition of over 140 churches working together on humanitarian, development in over 120 countries.

RELIEFAID APPEAL FOR GAZA



ReliefAid is on the ground delivering humanitarian aid in Gaza , where families face unprecedented horror.

The situation in Gaza has reached crisis point, the death toll rises daily and families have nowhere to flee. Compounding the distress, Gaza's closed borders have made humanitarian access all but impossible, leaving families lost, abandoned and without the basics needed to survive.

Despite these monumental challenges ReliefAid is **NOW** delivering aid in Gaza.

As we have done in other conflicts, ReliefAid is once again bringing help where it is needed most. Leveraging our established networks on the ground, we have deployed a team within Gaza to deliver life-saving aid directly to families.

We held back from asking for your support until we knew we could get emergency aid on the ground. We have solved this problem, now we need your help to get aid to families who have nowhere to run.

Please stand with us in this critical moment. Your support will have an immediate impact in saving lives and alleviating the suffering of families in Gaza.

Please also share our message of hope with your friends, family and colleagues.

Together we will make a difference. Thank you.

Donations can be made here: www.reliefaid.org.nz/gaza-appeal/

Mike Seawright

Founder and Chief Executive

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	Sonia Groes-Petrie (CG)
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Barrie and Jenn Keenan
Coffee/tea	Vivienne Mountier, Simon Miller, Pam Fuller
Family Time	Dawn Cowdry
Readings	Jenn Keenan
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Judy Dumbleton

On duty Sunday 7 January

Welcoming	Sandra and Tony Kirby (CG)
Sound	Simon Miller
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Mike Wespel-Rose, Lynette Burrell
Coffee/tea	Kath Kerr, Sally Gray, Vivienne Mountier (CG)
Family Time	Mike Wespel-Rose
Readings	Rosemary Lawrence
Prayers of the People	Pat Booth
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Judy Dumbleton

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 31 December: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Ian Harris

Sunday 7 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.

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	David Douglas
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)	H. Wilkinson, O. Ruegg, L. Oakley, M. Barber

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