



ORDER OF SERVICE

7 JANUARY 2024

First Sunday in Epiphany



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 Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

PRELUDE

Polovtsian Dance

by A Borodin (1833-1887), arr Setchell

GATHERING

In a refugee child playing under a star ...

In an anonymous young person requesting baptism ...

In a wandering preacher refreshed by water from a woman's hand ...

***God was waiting to be recognised and known,
to transform seeing
and change the world.***

In the routine smallness of everyday life ...

In the jagged discomfort of struggle and transition ...

In the timeless grace of hospitality,

***God is waiting to be recognised and known,
to transform our seeing
and change our world.***

OPENING RESPONSES

God of proclamation and epiphany,
*Through the words of prophets and angels
you reveal the possibilities
of a different way for the world ...*

God of encounter and epiphany,
*Through the life and actions of Jesus
you reveal the passionate love
at the heart of your Realm*

God of epiphany and challenge,
as we hear your word now
in scripture, reflection and song,
*Open our knowing and understanding
to your patterns and their possibilities.*

God of epiphany and change,
as we encounter your Word now
*Open our patterns and possibilities
to the transforming power of your love
and send us on by a different way.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

WOV 478 'Great creator God, you call us'

Words: Jane Parker Huber

Tune: CWM RHONDDA

1. Great Creator God, you call us
through the church to do your will.
Stewards of both past and promise,
may we each our work fulfil,
building up in faith and nurture
Christ's own mission lively still,
Christ's own mission lively still.
2. Christ still calls to peace and justice,
health and wholeness, love and grace.
We are partners in that mission
for this time and in this place.
O God, grant us sense and courage
in the daily tasks we face,
in the daily tasks we face.

3. Without vision, people perish,
without challenge, drift and die.
Give us then the tools of daring
and the clarity of eye
for creating in the present,
visions far and wide and high,
visions far and wide and high.

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, la manuia le tausaga fou
Talofa lava, we too greet you in the name of Jesus Christ, Happy New Year

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

OPENING PRAYER

Epiphany God
waiting to be seen and known,
***forgive us for those times when submersion in unthinking routine
has dulled our perception of your Presence
and thwarted its life-changing possibilities.***
silence

Epiphany God
waiting to comfort and restore,
***forgive us for those moments when pride or fear
has restricted our openness to your Presence
and impeded its healing possibilities.***

silence

Epiphany God
waiting to challenge and transform,
***forgive us for those occasions
when preoccupation with comfort and familiarity
has stifled our response to your Presence
and subverted its radical possibilities.***

silence

*Epiphany God – bright Morning Star,
may we know your Presence with us now,
and, in opening ourselves to embrace its possibilities,
find different ways
by which to journey onwards.*

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

SONG

'Silver trumpet'

Words by Jimmie O'Neal & Dallas Turner

Well, I've never been to heaven, but I've been told,
hand me down my silver trumpet, Gabriel;
The gates are made of pearl and the streets are made of gold,
Hand me down my silver trumpet, Lord.

Women - *O hand me down,*

Men - *O hand me down,*

Women - *O hand me down,*

Men - *O hand me down,*

O hand me down my silver trumpet, Gabriel.

Send it down, hand it down,

Any ol' way, just get it down!

Hand me down my silver trumpet, Lord.

If religion were a thing that money could buy,
Hand me down my silver trumpet, Gabriel;
The rich would live and the poor would die,
Hand me down my silver trumpet, Lord.

Women - *O hand me down,*

Men - *O hand me down,*

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O hand me down my silver trumpet, Gabriel.

Send it down, hand it down,

Any ol' way, just get it down!

Hand me down my silver trumpet, Lord.

PASSING THE PEACE

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

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Rosemary Lawrence

Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 60:1-6

Contemporary Reading

The word epiphany etymologically comes from the Greek *epiphaneia*, meaning “manifestation.” It has come to refer to the feast celebrating the visit of the “wise men from the East” to the Christ Child, recounted in Matthew’s Gospel.

And yet, what a mystery that the epiphany of God — God’s manifestation — is hidden behind the tiny fingers and toes of an infant, whose cries cause his mother’s milk to let down, just like any other infant in the world. From the beginnings of Christianity, saints and scholars have considered the richness of this mystery.

Here are three such reflections from some of the Church’s great saints:

1. What are you doing, O Magi? Do you adore a little Babe, in a wretched hovel, wrapped in miserable rags? Can this Child be truly God? ... Are you become foolish, O Wise Men ... Yes, these Wise Men have become fools that they may be wise.

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

2. Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain, now enclosed in a tiny body.

As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die.

Peter Chrysologus

3. Truth, by which the world is held together, has sprung from the earth, in order to be carried in a woman’s arms.

St Augustine

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

'We three kings of Orient are'

John H Hopkins Jr (1857) Public domain

1. We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts, we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

3. Frankincense to offer have I,
incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high.
over us all to reign.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

REFLECTION

"A Change in direction"

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Laudate omnes gentes (Sung Quickly)

Taizé · Jacques Berthier · Traditional

CAROL

CH3 278 'Now the star of Christmas'

Words © Shirley Murray

Music: NOEL NOUVELET

1. Now the star of Christmas shines into our day,
points a new direction: change is on the way –
there's another landscape to be travelled through,
there's a new-born spirit broadening our view.
2. When the Christ of Christmas speaks to hearts and minds,
clears the clouded vision hurting humankind,
kindred spirits gather, drawn towards the light,
sharing revelation, joyful at the sight.
3. If we choose to follow, we may yet be wise.
Where the three kings travel, three great faiths arise:
Jesus Christ for Christians, Jesus, Judah's son,
Prophet for the Muslim, wisdom in each one.
4. Where the star enlightens, light is shared around.
God has drawn no borders, faith sees common ground:
Peace the hopeful journey, justice without bar,
God's illumination from the Christmas star.

OFFERING MUSIC

The Banks O'Doon (Scottish folk melody)

arr John Bell (b1949)

OFFERING HYMN

AA 127 'Take my gifts' verse 3

Words: © Shirley Murray Music: © Colin Gibson

Tune: TALAVERA TERRACE

Take whatever I can offer -
gifts that I have yet to find,
skills that I am slow to sharpen,
talents of the hand and mind,
things made beautiful for others
in the place where I must be:
take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me.

OFFERING PRAYER

*God,
seed us with hope
and empower us to be
fuel,
light,
action,
and love
for the birth
of your Kin_dom. Amen.*

Matt & Laura Norvell

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

Pat Booth

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Timor Leste and the Christian World Service Partners in Timor Leste providing youth vocational training, sustainable agriculture, water supply and emergency relief. 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 Lan Pham (List) and Hon Tama Potaka (Hamilton West). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Opunake Co-operating Church.

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*

HYMN

CH4 530 'One more step along the world I go'

Words and Music by Sydney Carter,
Tune: SOUTHCOTE

1. One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go;
from the old things to the new
keep me travelling along with you:

Refrain:

*and it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

2. As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know:

Refrain:

*and it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

3. Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough;
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you:

Refrain:

*and it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

4. You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me;
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you:

Refrain:

*and it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

BLESSING

May the peace of the Epiphany God,
the joyful peace of finding,
the enlightening peace of seeing,
the challenging peace of understanding,
the radical peace of following a different route,
energise and encourage you
as you travel onwards.

The liturgy for the service today was adapted from "Enter with joy: a communion liturgy for Epiphany" by Pat Bennet, a Wild Goose Publication from the Iona Community

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Menuet Gothique
by L Boellmann (1862-1897)

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.

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



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

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.

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

Together we will make a difference. Thank you.

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	Pam Fuller, Pat Booth
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

On duty Sunday 14 January

Welcoming	Maxine and Jim Cunningham
Sound	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Sue Hirst (CG)
Offering	Paul Franken, Katrina Harper
Coffee/tea	Vivienne Mountier, Simon Miller, Kath Kerr
Family Time	Cam Smart
Readings	Gillian Feist
Prayers of the People	David Douglas
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Bruce Cash

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 7 January: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

Sunday 14 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
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