



ORDER OF SERVICE

14 JANUARY 2024

Second Sunday in Epiphany

We are being called to not turn away from our discomfort and fear but to advance into the challenges of the world, learn from them, and be transformed by them.

–The Rev. Laura Randall, *UU World*



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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

Elevation (Convent Mass)

by Francois Couperin

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to be present, to listen, to follow.

Still us this morning that we may reflect on where our lives are at today. Some of us are sick, some of us are dying, some of us are grieving. Embrace us; surround us with your love and peace that our spirits may be uplifted in our worship this morning.

SILENCE

GATHERING

We have come from our homes to this place wherever home is for us.

Right outside there are those who have no homes, no families, no friends.

Right here there are those who seek justice, a voice.

Jesus calls us today to "Come and See".

What is it that we are to go and see?

What is it that we are challenged to do?

Who is it that we are called to be the face of Christ to?

Come let us worship together.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

CH4 533 'Will you come and follow me'

Words: John L Bell and Graham Maule

Tune: KELVINGROVE Trad Scottish arr John L Bell

1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known?
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?
3. Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

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 morning tea in the hall after church.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy mystery whom we call God,
give us ears to hear one another,
to listen to your still small voice,
to discern who we need to pray for today.

***Be our guide,
lead us to places where we dare not go,
encourage us to step out,
stand up and speak for those who have no voice or who are broken.
Be the Christ in our midst. Amen.***

JESUS' PRAYER

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***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

Cam Smart

PASSING THE PEACE

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

Hebrew Bible

1 Samuel 3:1-20

New Testament

John 1: 43-50

Contemporary Reading

'Language'

By Joy Cowley from Aotearoa Psalms – Prayers of a New People

I know that God exists beyond words
but all the same, I believe
that words can take us a long way
to the discovery of God in our lives.
Language can bring us unexpectedly
to the edge of God-awareness.
Parable, mantra, canticle or chant,
the fresh naming of things by children,
words of love from a friend,
they can all turn locks in our hearts
so that the unnameable Presence,
the Word beyond all words,
can pour itself into our lives.

I also know that generally,
the language we use describes
our system of values on this earth,
and the things we say about God
come out of our own experience
of those values.

I ask my loving Creator
for the grace to use words wisely.
May I not try to own or contain God
in language limited to suit me.
May I not try to make God small,
in my own image.
May I not divide God and God's world
according to human ideas.

And may I keep the full shining meaning
of those words which really do
open me to God's presence,
words like Eucharist and Mystery,
Transcendence and Love
and Christ Jesus.

RESPONSE

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

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.

REFLECTION *“What does God sound like?”* Rev Dr Fei Taule’ale’ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

‘Ubi Caritas’

From Taizé – Instrumental Album

HYMN

WOV 667 ‘The love of God is broad like beach and mountain’

Words: Anders Frostenson (1968), tr. Fred Kaan 1929-*alt.*

Tune: GUDS KARLEK

1. The love of God is broad like beach and mountain,
wide as the wind, and our eternal home.
God leaves us free to seek love or reject it;
We’re given room to answer ‘yes’ or ‘no’.

Refrain:

*The love of God is broad like beach and mountain,
wide as the wind, and our eternal home.*

2. We long for freedom, where our truest being
is given hope and courage to unfold.
We seek in freedom space and scope for dreaming,
and look for ground where trees and plants may grow.

Refrain:

*The love of God is broad like beach and mountain,
wide as the wind, and our eternal home.*

3. But there are walls that keep us all divided;
we fence each other in with hate and war.
Fear is the bricks and mortar of our prison;
our pride of self the prison coat we wear.

Refrain:

*The love of God is broad like beach and mountain,
wide as the wind, and our eternal home.*

4. O, judge us, Lord, and in your judgment free us,
and set our feet in freedom's open space;
take us as far as your compassion wanders
among the children of the human race.

Refrain:

*The love of God is broad like beach and mountain,
wide as the wind, and our eternal home.*

OFFERING MUSIC

Adoration

by Florence Price

OFFERING HYMN

AA 62 'Here we bring, small or great'

Music © Colin Gibson Words © Shirley Murray

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.

Refrain

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

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord God we bring these gifts of money, food and our time and talents.
We acknowledge the earth does not belong to us.

We belong to the earth.

All things are connected and interdependent.

Like the blood that unites our families.

We did not weave the web of life.

we are however important strands in it.

Whatever we do to that web which is our community,

we do to ourselves and those who travel with us at this time.

So we give thanks for God's gift of creation and all its goodness.

We give thanks that all things are held together in Christ.

So may it be 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

David Douglas

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Ecuador and the organisations working towards trade justice in the Americas. 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 Willow-Jean Prime (List) and Maureen Pugh (West Coast-Tasman). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Otaki Waikanae Presbyterian Parish.

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

FFS 57 'Song of faith that sings forever'

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.

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.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Offertoire (Convent Mass)

by Francois Couperin

THANK YOU

Dianne Halliday
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)

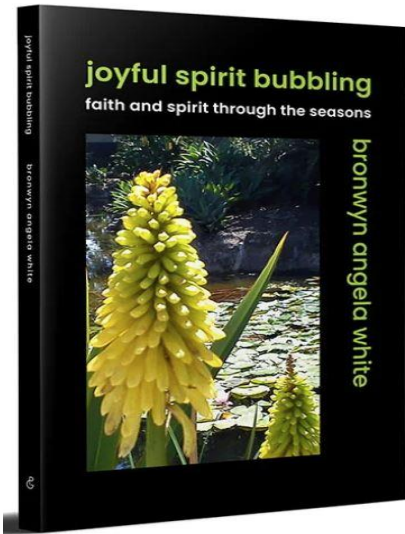
We are grateful for the many services provided by the DCM since 1969 and one way we can offer our support is to FILL the food baskets at the back of the church each Sunday.

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

BOOK: JOYFUL SPIRIT BUBBLING by Bronwyn White



Kapiti Coast writer Bronwyn Angela White's new book — **Joyful Spirit Bubbling: Faith and Spirit Through the Seasons** is now available to purchase.

This poetic exploration of Aotearoa New Zealand's seasons, infused with Māori elements, invites readers to engage in worship through poems and prayers. It celebrates diverse talents, acknowledges cultural contributions, and urges a pursuit of peace and justice, creating a vibrant tapestry of gratitude for life's sacred moments.

Joyful Spirit Bubbling journeys through the seasons in Aotearoa New Zealand, capturing the essence of summer – December, January, February – and moving through Autumn and Winter to end with the revival and hope of Spring.

We invite you to also check out Bronwyn's earlier book:

Something New to Say: Words of Spirit, Faith and Celebration for Advent and Christmas - 2nd edition

Both of Bronwyn's titles are available as print books and eBooks and can be purchased from Philip Garside Books Bronwyn's website:

<https://spiritandfaithwords.com/>

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

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	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	Dianne Halliday

On duty Sunday 21 January

Welcoming	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Simon Miller
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Bridget Martin, Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Sally Gray, Janet Horncy (CG), David Douglas
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Tony Kirby
Prayers of the People	Sandra Kirby
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Peter Franklin

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 14 January: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

Wednesday 17 January: 10:30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

Sunday 21 January: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Congregational Conversation and Younger Members (Y) group meets after morning tea.

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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