



ORDER OF SERVICE

11 FEBRUARY 2024

Sixth 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 Ross Scott

PRELUDE

Diapason Movement

by Maurice Green (1695 – 1755)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into this gathering place!
Come in and find peace and rest,
inspiration and aspiration,
fellowship and love.
Come in and find light for your darkness,
a friend's touch for your loneliness,
and music for your soul.

***Coming in we let our hearts sing
for all the blessings that are ours this day. (Rex Hunt)***

SILENCE

GATHERING

I invite you to enter with good will, openness to change and a desire to be people of The Way.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

1 SNS3 'Welcome'

(Adapt. George Stuart)

Tune: REGENT SQUARE, 87.87.47 extended

1. We are thankful for a greeting
and a welcome we all prize;
we are here for celebration,
searching for what satisfies;
with a welcome as we gather
we can feel our spirits rise.
2. 'Welcome' is the way of Jesus;
'Welcome' is his promised word;
'Welcome' is for saints and sinner;
All are welcome; all have erred;
Jesus speaks his word of welcome -
we respond for we have heard.
3. We all join in affirmation
of the 'Love' that we all know;
like the vastness of an ocean
love is here in constant flow;
I am welcome; you are welcome;
Jesus says, "Let it be so.

WELCOME

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

Kia ora tātou.

Talofa Lava

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 lunch in the hall after church.

OPENING PRAYER

Hope, land of hope and glory

Hope, all my hope on God is founded

Hope, without hope the people perish

Hope, in the end hope fades and we all must die

Hope, in the sure and certain hope

Hope, the strength we find that we hold lightly

Hope, such a fragile word.

Hope what does it mean, how do we hold it, how is it grounded, how do we set it free, can it be trusted?

Faith, hope and love and the greatest of this is love.

JESUS' PRAYER

© Rev Sherri Weinberg

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

Rosemary Lawrence

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

Anna Smith

Hebrew Bible

Lamentations 3: 19-24

New Testament

1 Corinthians 13:1-7 and 13

Contemporary Reading

Maori proverb:

Ki taku puawaitanga kua henea ki a koe.
My flourishing is bound up in you.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

‘Where Does Compassion Start?’

Words © 2009 Shirley Erena Murray
Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN by John Ireland WOV 257 (i)
(A response to the ‘Charter for Compassion’) 4 verses

1. Where does compassion start?
How does compassion grow?
Her seed is at the heart
of every faith we know:
compassion honours others' place,
dethroning self with willing grace.

2. How does compassion thrive
in worlds of greed and grief?
Her goodness stays alive
through those of strong belief:
compassion luminous and clear,
outshining wastes of war and fear.
3. Where is compassion's role
in cultures, or in creeds?
At centre, with the soul
who feels another's needs:
compassion brings the touch of friend,
a bandage that will bind and mend.
4. Dynamic is the power
that heals, restores and gives,
connecting at the core
with everyone who lives,
transcending culture, colour, race,
compassion builds the house of peace.

REFLECTION

"I'm not walking alone!"

Rev Ross Scott

REFLECTION MUSIC:

'When you walk through the storm'

HYMN

AA 113 'Our life has its seasons'

Words: Shirley Murray Music: Colin Gibson

Tune: KOTUKU

1. Our life has its seasons, and God has the reasons
why spring follows winter, and new leaves grow,
for there's a connection with our resurrection
that flowers will bud after frost and snow,
*so there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.*

2. There's a time to be planting, a time to be plucking,
a time to be laughing, a time to weep,
a time to be building, a time to be breaking,
a time to be waking, a time to sleep,

*but there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.*

3. There's a time to be hurting, a time to be healing,
a time to be saving, a time to spend,
a time to be grieving, a time to be dancing,
a time for beginning, a time to end.

*but there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.*

OFFERING MUSIC

Siciliano

by John Alcock jnr. (1740 – 1791)

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

*All that we are, and all that we have, and all that we may become,
comes from this planet, from God.*

For we are made from its dust.

*So we bring these offerings and ourselves
to bring restoration to all our relationships.*

*Relationships between the people of this world
and humanities relationship with the rest of creation.*

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

Pat Booth

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Estonia and Latvia. 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 Tom Rutherford (Bay of Plenty) and Hon Jenny Salesa (Panmure-Ōtāhuhu). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Presbyterian New Church, Palmerston North.

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

'Who is this man?'

Words: Mary Pearson
Tune: LONDONDERRY AIR

1. Who is this man who gave to women dignity
in partnership of worth and equal grace?
Who listened to the stories that they told him,
and honoured each, whatever was their place:
who let them choose to come and join his company
and learned with them God's love of every race,
who showed to each the courage of their nature
to care and tend each lonely and each suffering face.

2. Who is this man, who spoke to men of gentleness
and showed them all the children at his side:
who taught of love and justice for all people,
and took a towel and washed away their pride?
In him they saw the strength of truth and mercy,
and how he trusted God to be his guide,
knew how he led them through misunderstanding,
and then forgave them when they ran away to hide.

3. Who is this man who gathered people to him
and touched their lives along each dusty way,
who spoke to all with passion and with peacefulness
and valued all their ordinary days.
Who is this man, who at the day's long ending,
would draw apart to wait on God and pray?
Who in the mystery that knows no ending,
would find God's wisdom
and would know God's words to say?

4. Who is this man who calls us now to follow,
a shadow presence asking us to be
companions on the way through this life journey,
to live in truth, to set our tired world free?
So, let us find each other now in partnership,
with ears to hear and eyes awake to see,
that we might grow in grace and understanding,
and walk beside that man who comes from Galilee.

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Fantasia in C Minor BWV562

by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THANK YOU

Peter Franklin
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

A CONVERSATION WITH A ROCHA FOUNDER PETER HARRIS



Peter Harris, eco-theologian and founder of A Rocha International will be speaking in Wellington here at St Andrew's on The Terrace (conference rooms 1&2) on **Monday 12 February at 7pm**. A Rocha International is an international Christian environmental organisation that has a branch here in Aotearoa/New Zealand and who run the eco church network that we are part of.

Seats are limited so RSVP is essential. Please

email new.zealand@arocha.org to register. More details at:

www.ecochurch.org.nz/events/peter-harris-wellington

If you are intending to come and could help me with serving tea and coffee please let me know (Sonia Groes-Petrie: 027-405-1302 or email: soniapetrie@gmail.com)

ORGAN RECITAL AT ST. ANDREW'S ON SATURDAY MARCH 2ND AT 3 PM

Hans U. Hielscher, an organist of international repute, is coming over from Germany to New Zealand this year to give a series of organ recitals. The Wellington Organists Association has arranged for Hans to perform at St. Andrew's on the Terrace on Saturday March 2nd at 3 p.m.. The event will be open to the public and free to attend, with a request for koha to be made to offset costs. You are warmly invited to come along to hear the organ being played by this award-winning organist.

ST ANDREW'S SUSTAINABILITY TIPS...

As part of our St Andrew's sustainability group activities we have a regular space in the enews to share events and resources.

KARORI REPAIR CAFE

A repair cafe is being held at Karori Community Centre this Sunday (11 February) from 10am to 1pm, so there's time to drop in after church! People will be on hand to mend whatever you have that's broken. This is a great way to keep things out of the landfill.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

PUBLIC LECTURE: "SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL FOR GOD: ART AND THE CHRISTIAN IN AN AGE OF MASS CULTURE"

What is a work of art? How has the significance of a work of art changed in our contemporary era of mechanically copied objects and mass digital access to images and sounds? This lecture will explore these questions from a Christian perspective, and will use as a springboard the idea that modern ways of reproducing art have changed art's significance, an idea made famous by the German social critic Walter Benjamin.

Tuesday Feb 20th.at 5.30pm

Loaves and Fishes Hall, Wellington Cathedral.

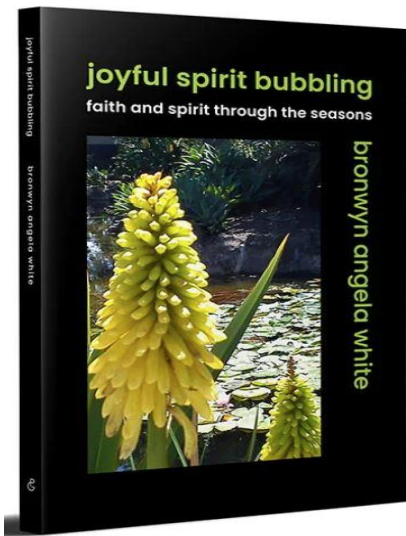
Refreshments provided.

Cost: Koha

Further info:

Ephraim Radner has been described as “one of the most profound and creative theologians of our day”.

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.

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	Maxine and Jim Cunningham
Sound	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	John Harper, Katrina Harper
Coffee/tea	Maxine and Jim Cunningham, Janet Horncy, Kath Kerr
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Anna Smith
Prayers of the People	Pat Booth
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Peter Franklin

On duty Sunday 18 February

Welcoming	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Sandra Kirby
Offering	Jenn and Barie Keenan
Coffee/tea	Katrina Harper, Sally Gray, TBA
Family Time	Dawn Cowdrey
Readings	Tony Kirby
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Pauline Patchett
Musician	Bruce Cash

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 11 February: 10am Sunday Gathering Service led by Rev Ross Scott followed by Congregational Brunch

Wednesday 14 February: 10:30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

Sunday 18 February: 10am Sunday Gathering Service led by Rev David Brown 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
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