



ORDER OF SERVICE

18 FEBRUARY 2024

1st Sunday in Lent

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 David Brown

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come in. Come into this place
which we make special by our presence.

Come into this place
where the ordinary is sanctified,
the human is celebrated,
the compassionate is expected.

Together we make it a holy place
with our every act of worship.

SILENCE

GATHERING

This first Sunday in Lent we are led from the Jordan to the wilderness.

In the wilderness we will meet our greatest fears.

In this wilderness we will be tempted to turn and walk away.

But God has placed us here for a reason.

Discover the powerful presence of God in your lives.

God, help us to find the courage to be in the wilderness and then on the journey.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

IECS 36 'Great God of Earth and Heaven'

Words: Shirley Erena Murray

Tune: KING'S LYNN

1. Great God of earth and heaven
whose Spirit is our breath,
at Christmastime born human,
at Easter shared our death:
all-generous, all-loving,
in whom all beauty thrives –
forgive your sons and daughters
the comfort of our lives!
2. While refugees go homeless
and die before they live,
while children have no future –
our apathy forgive!
where hope fades to depression,
despair erodes the soul,
restore in us a passion
to make the broken, whole.

3. Where hunger kills your people,
 injustice cries aloud,
 while weapons grow more lethal
 and only power stands proud –
 God of our flesh and fibre,
 whose mercy does not cease,
 implant your mind within us,
 create a world for peace!

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 morning tea in the hall after church.

OPENING PRAYER

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

Dawn Cowdrey

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

Tony Kirby

Non-lectionary texts

Isaiah 42:1-4/Isaiah 64:1-5

Lectionary Text

Mark 1:9-15

Contemporary Reading *A counter-cultural vision and an eagerness to celebrate*

by Norman Shanks

An Iona Community Publication

The Church vocation in each and every locality
is to be a worshipping, healing, learning,
serving community,
faithfully living by the values of the kingdom,
modelling and embodying
a counter-cultural vision,
looking and reaching out beyond itself
with a wider vision,
to discover the light and love of God
in engagement with the life of the world,
standing up and speaking out against
all that diminishes and disempowers humanity.

In so doing it will dream and explore;
it will be open, flexible and ready to take risks;
it will be generous, hospitable
and ready to celebrate;
it will not be a ghetto but keen
to co-operate and engage;
it will be a transforming community –
influencing others for good,

and being transformed itself in the process;
it will be resilient and persistent,
however hard the way,
and it will be marked by joy
and an eagerness to celebrate.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

‘Called as Partners in Christ’s service’

Words: © 1981 Jane Parker-Huber

Music: Blaenwern (4 verses) WOV 165ii

1. Called as partners in Christ’s service,
called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring
to fulfil Love’s chosen end.
2. Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring,
Christ’s clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering,
reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer,
all God’s people, young and old,
blending human skills together
gracious gifts from God unfold.

3. Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,
in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens,
breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
words of challenge said with care,
bring new power and strength for action,
make us colleagues, free and fair.

REFLECTION

"The Subversive Mission"

Rev David Brown

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

"Will you come and follow me"

John Bell, Iona Community

HYMN

ICES 16 'Community of Christ'

Words: © Shirley Murray 1992 Hope Publishing co.

Tune: LEONIE WOV 53

1. Community of Christ,
who make the Cross your own,
live out your creed and risk your life for God alone:
the God who wears your face,
to whom all worlds belong,
whose children are of every race
and every song.
2. Community of Christ,
look past the Church's door
and see the refugee, the hungry,
and the poor.
Take hands with the oppressed,
the jobless in your street,
take towel and water, that you wash
your neighbour's feet.

3. Community of Christ,
through whom the word must sound --
cry out for justice and for peace
the whole world round:
disarm the powers that war
and all that can destroy,
turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish
into joy.
4. When menace melts away,
so shall God's will be done,
the climate of the world be peace
and Christ its Sun;
our currency be love
and kindness our law,
our food and faith be shared as one
forevermore.

OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

AA 62 'Here we bring' verse 1

Words: ©Shirley Murray Music:© Colin Gibson

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.

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

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*We give thanks to God for our life
and the courage we are given to live it.
Let our gratitude for life be expressed in our generosity.
Let our faith be expressed in engagement with the world
for the purpose of transformation,
for peace and love and justice.
Let our hope for our world find full expression
in our daily attitude of mind. 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 Ethiopia and the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church. 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 Carmel Sepuloni (Kelston) and Hon David Seymour (Epsom). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of St Luke's Co-operating Church, Patea.

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

AA 127 'Take my gifts'

Words: © Shirley Murray Music: © Colin Gibson

Tune: TALAVERA TERRACE

1. 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!
2. Take the fruit that I have gathered
from the tree your Spirit sowed,
harvest of your own compassion,
juice that makes the wine of God;
spiced with humour, laced with laughter –
flavour of the Jesus life,
tang of risk, and new adventure,
taste and zest beyond belief.

3. 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.

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Bruce Cash
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?

With the current situation in Gaza, we have had numerous expressions of interest in the St Andrew's Trust publication of Professor Sir Lloyd Geering's 2001 lecture series *Who owns the Holy Land?* For those who do not have access to a print copy, it is reproduced on the church website under news & blogs.

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.

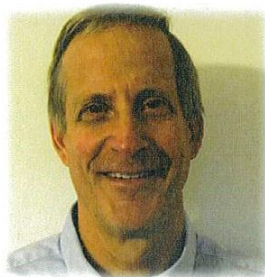
Refreshments provided.

Cost: Koha

Further info:

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

Is peace possible?



Join Dr. John Reuwer

**Veteran of Peace Action in Palestine/Israel, Ukraine, Haiti,
Columbia, Central America and inner US Cities**

With panel members:

Maty Nikkhau-O'Brien – Diplosphere

Mike Smith – Fabian Society

Karim Dickie – United Nations Association of New Zealand

Liz Remmerswaal (moderator) World Beyond War

Wednesday, February 21st 5.30-7pm

St Andrews on the Terrace,

30 The Terrace, Wellington Central

Register here admission is free: <https://events.humanitix.com/is-peace-possible>

Event will also be livestreamed: <https://youtube.com/live/2AVFRvJih2Y?feature=share>

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NEW ZEALAND
Te Hahi Tuhautiri



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



ORGAN RECITAL

3 P.M. SATURDAY MARCH 2nd

St. Andrew's on the Terrace

Featuring **Hans Hielscher**, an international organist from Germany, playing the newly restored Croft Pipe Organ.

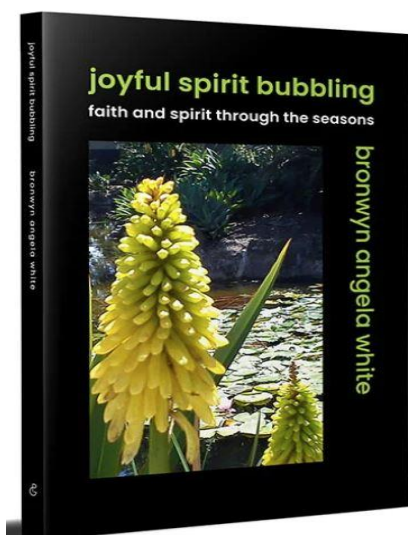
"A dazzling sound journey through the world of romantic organ music"

Free Admission

Everyone welcome

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.

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.

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
Laptop	Sandra Kirby
Offering	Jenn and Barie Keenan
Coffee/tea	Katrina Harper, Janet Horncy, Kath Kerr
Family Time	Dawn Cowdrey
Readings	Tony Kirby
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Pauline Patchett
Musician	Bruce Cash

On duty Sunday 25 February

Welcoming	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	Bridget Martin, Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Kath Kerr, Marilyn Wallace, David Douglas
Family Time	Cam Smart
Readings	John Harper
Prayers of the People	Hamish Dick
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Judy Dumbleton

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

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.

Wednesday 21 February: 10:30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

Sunday 25 February: 10am Sunday Gathering Service led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Social Justice Education Group.

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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