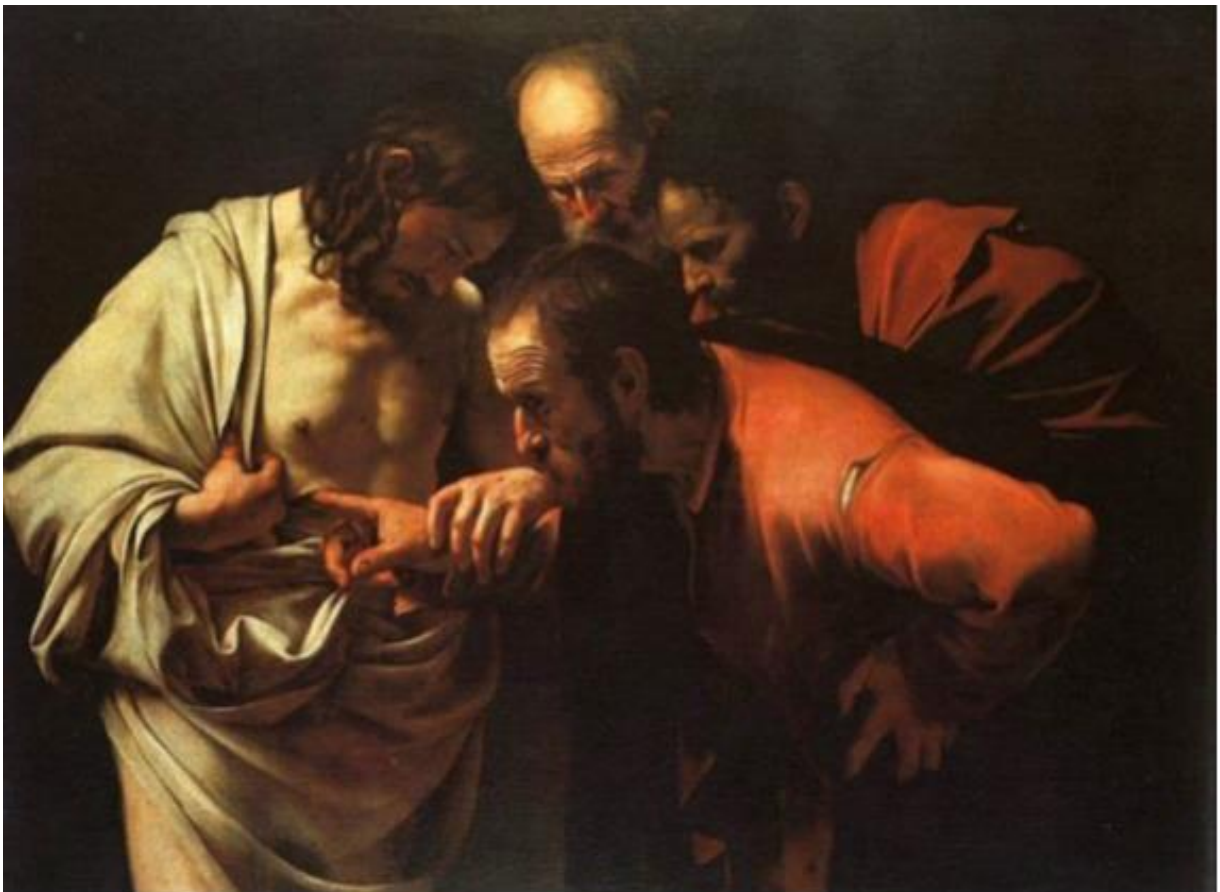


ORDER OF SERVICE

07 APRIL 2024



The Incredulity of St Thomas' Caravaggio, (c 1601-2)

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 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

Prelude, Fugue & Variation, Op 18

(C Franck 1822-1890)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are an Easter people and it lives on in each one of us

Be with us in our worship,

Come oh Holy One

Enter into our hearts and our time of worship together.

SILENCE

GATHERING

What do you do after a resurrection?

Each year we face the joy of living in a transformed world

longing to see that transformation be enacted

yearning to see people's lives enhanced

let us continue that journey today

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HIOS 8 'Autumn comes in all its fullness'

Words and Music: Bill Wallace

Tune: HYMN TO JOY WOV 62

1. Autumn comes in all its fullness
harvesting both land and hearts.
Autumn has its birth in winter
in the stillness where life starts.

REFRAIN

*Every death brings hope of birthing,
every birth enfolds life's end,
for the seasons of our living
mirror patterns nature penned.*

2. Autumn gives us time for choosing seeds which bear the richest fruits, fragile life which we can nurture into just or vain pursuits.

REFRAIN

*Every death brings hope of birthing,
every birth enfolds life's end,
for the seasons of our living
mirror patterns nature penned.*

3. Buried in autumnal endings lies the shoot that bursts the tomb, for the letting go in autumn sows the seed that births the bloom.

REFRAIN

*Every death brings hope of birthing,
every birth enfolds life's end,
for the seasons of our living
mirror patterns nature penned.*

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

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

I honour the Divinity within you
and I honour the Divinity within you.

Peace be with all living things and beings—now and always.

Peace be with us all.

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

OPENING PRAYER

By Jim Cotter

Fools to the world, we know the wisdom of God.

Unknown, we cannot be ignored. Dying, we still live on.

Disciplined by suffering, we are not beaten down.

Knowing sorrow, we have always cause for joy.

Poor ourselves, we make many rich. Penniless, we own the world.

Steadfastly we turn our wills towards God,

to meet hardships and afflictions,

hunger and weariness, illness and failure,

with sincerity, insight, patience, kindness,

speaking the truth in love,

resilient in the power of the Spirit.

We have wounded your love:

Binder of wounds, heal us.

We stumble in the darkness:

Light of the world, transfigure us.

We forget that we are your home:

Spirit of God, dwell in us.

O God of Joy, we rejoice in you ...

You run to meet us like a welcoming friend,

you laugh with us in the merriment of heaven,

you feast with us at the great banquet,

clown of clowns, fool of fools,

the only Entertainer of Jesters.

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

Mike Wespel-Rose

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

New Testament

Mark 16:1-8

The Acts of the Apostles

Acts 4:32-35

Contemporary Reading

An Interfaith Easter Reflection

by Molly Seah 2024

A FAITH WITH NO NAME

It is written in the Dao De Qin

That contains ancient Chinese wisdom teaching

"The Dao that can be named is not the Dao."

How then can you or I name Spirit?

Maybe the Creator Spirit, Pure Consciousness
Source of life
That forever renews itself
Or simply God?

Mostly, I think, through
Human learning and conditioning.
To think, feel and act, in line
With educational and cultural norms,
Environmental influences,
Beliefs and core values
We come to hold.

How then does our intellect and reasoning
Come to regard the philosophical belief
God is Love
The cornerstone of any faith
And trust in life on Earth,
And all above, below and beyond,
In the expanding universe?

The Dalai Lama reportedly once asked
A Christian missionary,
“What is the nature of the Father?”
(That Jesus revealed)

In my unscholarly mindset
Regarding scriptures
Ambiguity abounds when dogmas
Dictate what and how one must think
Act and be.

How does the 21st century seeker find
That gossamer fine point of balance
At which uncertainty and doubt may dissolve?
And arrive at the still centre
The portal to the heart
Of Creation Consciousness
Forever on the move mysteriously

That amid the world's suffering, sorrows and brokenness
Shines so resplendently?
Even if we choose to ignore or deny
The Divine Unfolding Design
And each person's dreams
Playing out
In the Theatre of Life.

Exploring questions, not dogmatic articles
Of faith help renew and sustain
Our trust in life.
I am at last learning to trust
In a faith with no name.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

'Faith of metaphor and mystery'

Words: Bronwyn White

Music: REGENT SQUARE - Henry Thomas Smart WOV 84

1. Faith of metaphor and mystery,
Christ of paradox and pun,
sure foundation, revelation,
many facets of the One.
Sacred found in the familiar:
phase of moon, and blazing sun.
2. God of living, dying, rising;
Goddess: maiden, mother, crone;
Word of sages, rock of ages,
Love transforming hearts of stone.
Meaning made in the familiar:
spirit, body, breath and bone.

3. Passover and visitation,
parable and playful jest,
seeking, finding; losing, binding,
exodus and hero's quest.
Sacrament of the familiar:
open door and welcome guest.

REFLECTION

“Doubting makes you stronger”

Fei Taule’ale’ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

HYMN

“The gospel writers tell the tale”

Words Fiona McDougal
Tune :TALLIS CANON WOV 357

1. The gospel writers tell the tale
of Jesus’ suffering and death,
each with a diff’rent emphasis
enhancing meaning, truth and depth.
2. For Matthew Jesus is Messiah,
fulfilment of the scriptures, come.
For Mark, he is self giving way,
the path he walks and leads us on.
3. In Luke he dies to end oppress’n,
unjustly killed, a martyrs' woe
and John sees Jesus lifted up,
his death a seed, new fruit to grow.
4. We’ve deconstructed, questioned, raged,
but theories mystery can't define.
So now we move beyond that place
with open hearts deep truths to find.

OFFERING MUSIC

Vruechten - This joyful Eastertide

(arr Charles Wood 1866-1926 on 17th century Dutch melody)

OFFERING HYMN

AA 62 "Here we bring small or great"

Words: Shirley Murray Music Colin Gibson

Tune: ASHLEY

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 heart will always be
Where your riches are, where your riches are."*

OFFERING PRAYER

May these offerings and our lives,
bring hope to those who have little,
and may these gifts be a symbol of our commitment
to justice in our world. 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

People share notices. 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. Thank you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Anna Smith

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Ghana and the Christian Council of Ghana. We hold all refugees in our hearts and pray in particular for those who are still detained in Australia. We give thanks that we in New Zealand have at last secured the chance to welcome 450 of this group over the next 3 years. We pray that more will have the opportunity to be resettled in the near future. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Hon Jan Tinetti (List) and Laura Trask (List). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Stratford.

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 36 "Every day I will offer you"

Words © 1992 Shirley Murray Music by Colin Gibson
Tune LYNNEFRITH

1. Every day I will offer you,
 loving God, my heart and mind,
 every way I discover you
 in the work your hand has signed;
 help me see I'm your image, and
 you have dreamed what I might be,
 every day in your Spirit,
 I'll find the love and energy!

2. Every day I will look to Christ,
and give thanks for wine and bread,
through the pain and the emptiness
where your world cries to be fed;
help me see I can work for change,
and wherever I might be,
every day in your Spirit,
I'll find the love and energy!
3. Every day I will take your word,
answer your compassion's claim,
celebrate every sign of hope,
every deed done in your name;
help me see you are always there,
and your light can shine through me,
every day in your Spirit,
I'll find the love and energy!

BLESSING

Go in joy
knowing Love surrounds you
every moment of each day
***We go out with joy
to serve our world***

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Carillon, Op 16, No 5
(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

"EXPLORING FAITH"

After our service and morning tea this morning you are welcome to gather in Conference Room 1 – 2 for our monthly "Exploring Faith" session.. These 1st Sundays of the month sessions, in previous years, have been both absorbing, interesting and thought-provoking. Sometimes it is some of our members simply sharing their faith journey, what faith has meant to them and to the extent that it has changed during their lifetime. Also, we might pick a particular topic and agree to explore that and see to what extent we think the same, or quite differently about the same thing. This Sunday it will be the former listening to a "faith journey". For any questions about this, or if you would be interested in sharing your faith story sometime in the future, please contact Barrie Keenan at barrie@keenan.co.nz or 027 285 7275.

LLOYD'S WAKE

Kia ora koutou e te whanau,

This is a warm invite to a wake for Lloyd Jobson at the congregational lunch following church gathering on Sunday 14th April.

It will be an informal, table fellowship way of remembering Lloyd.

There will be a stall display at the back of the hall of a sample of books from Lloyd's large collection of them. They reflect his longstanding love of learning and vision of education for self and societal empowerment, especially in the cause of social justice and change for betterment in society and the world.

His love of the arts is also reflected by his book collection. Further, his small collection of vinyl records and CDs tells a story of how music had always been his companion Muse.

In the spirit of table fellowship, please feel free to share a few words of how you remember Lloyd at his wake.

Nga mihi nui, Molly Seah

THANK YOU

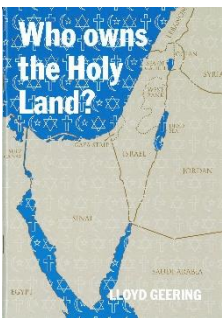


Thank you so much for helping me raise valuable funds for the Cancer Society. The Relay (an overnight event at Trentham Racecourse), was fun and very moving in so many ways. Our small team raised nearly \$4,000, a tribute to you and the support of friends and families.

The most recent email from the Cancer Society reports a total of more than \$695,000, a truly staggering amount

enabling the Society (entirely community-funded) to continue its amazing work. With many thanks, Sally Gray

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 here: <https://www.standrews.org.nz/archives/41423>

CHURCH LIFE SURVEY

The results of the Church Life Survey are now available. We have an overview of the results from St Andrew's on The Terrace (29 responses), as well as comparisons with Central Presbytery, other PCANZ churches and all churches who responded. A few printed copies will be available at the back of the church, or you can ask the office for a copy to be e-mailed to you.

Sue Hirst, Parish Council Convenor

RECYCLING OF HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Household batteries can be dropped off for FREE at Karori Library, Kilbirnie Library, Te Awe Library (Brandon St), 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 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>.

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS



Wednesday 10 April 12:15pm – 1:00pm

Uriele, solo piano compositions



Wednesday 17 April 12:15pm – 1:00pm

Uriele, solo piano compositions

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

ALL OUT FOR PALESTINE

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7 APRIL 2024

PŌNEKE

Meet Civic Square at 11am.
March to Parliament 11:30am.

As our march is during Ramadan, we will aim to get to Parliament for midday prayer at 12:23pm. If fasting, you can meet us at Midland Park at 11:45am, or at Parliament, if you don't feel you can march the whole way.

Ends 1pm.

BRING FLAGS, BANNERS, POTS, PANS, INSTRUMENTS, YOUR VOICE, FRIENDS, WHĀNAU, AROHA.

STAND UP TO HATE - COURT OF APPEAL TUESDAY 9 APRIL FROM 10AM

An important case for Aotearoa will be heard by the Court of Appeal at 54 Molesworth St this Tuesday.

The case seeks to introduce change to protect our Rainbow communities in relation to hate speech.

Your presence would be valued as a sign of solidarity with Rainbow people and their need for safety.

Tony Pears

OPENING TO CONVERSATIONS ABOUT DEATH

This is a 75min facilitated session via zoom video Tuesday 9 April 11.30am - 12.45pm, free or koha.

The facilitators are Valerie Wycoff and Majida Jean McElhaney who are Certified Trainers through the

Center for Nonviolent Communication. It is a taster for a six-week course "Talking Towards Death".

See www.bodyvoicealive.nz/opening-to-conversations-about-death/

I know both these NZ based women and recommend accordingly.

Tony Pears

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.

Nearly 85% of the population – 1.9 million people have been displaced in Gaza. They are in urgent need of food, water,

shelter and safety.

“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.

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 emergency aid to families

The situation in Gaza is catastrophic, 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. 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	Pat Booth, Margaret Harper
Sound	Simon Miller
Laptop	Sandra Kirby
Offering	Katrina Harper, Mike Wespel-Rose
Coffee/tea	Marilyn Wallace, Jim and Maxine Cunningham
Family Time	Mike Wespel-Rose
Readings	Tony Kirby
Prayers of the People	Anna Smith (CG)
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Judy Dumbleton

On duty Sunday 14 April

Welcoming	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Jenn and Barrie Keenan
Coffee/tea	David Douglas, Janet Horncy (CG), Kath Kerr, Katrina Harper
Family Time	Dawn Cowdry
Readings	Anna Smith
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Bruce Corkill

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 7 April: 10am Sunday gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Exploring Faith

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

12:15pm – Lunchtime concert: Uriele, solo piano compositions

Sunday 14 April: 10am Sunday gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Congregational Brunch

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	Jemma Ballantyne
Facilities Assistant(s)	R. MacConghie, O. Ruegg, M. Barber, L. Oakley, F. Neeley-Grant

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