

ORDER OF SERVICE

14 APRIL 2024

Easter 3

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK

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 come again during this season of Easter and we hear stories of Jesus appearing to the disciples. Here there and everywhere. Have you seen Jesus in the community, in the faces of those who are hurting and vulnerable, the homeless the scared, the sick? Jesus be our presence in the people we are called to love?

SILENCE

GATHERING (*Walls, Gates and Tables*) by Bronwyn White

When we would protect ourselves with walls
Against others, and our own vulnerability.
When we would close our gates
To new possibilities and challenges in our lives.
When we would limit the numbers at our table
To those we know best, and are comfortable with –

***Instead let us open ourselves to the wonder of all creation:
Welcome the gift of faith,
Relax in the grace of rest,
Lay down whatever burdens us.***

***Let us water the seedings of wonder and possibility
For our own selves' healing
And the transformation of our world.
Amen***

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'We sing a love that sets all people free'

Words: Joyce Boyce-Tillman © 1993 Stainer & Bell Ltd
Tune: WOODLANDS - WOV 109 v.1-3:

1. We sing a love that sets all people free,
that blows like wind, that burns like scorching flame,
enfolds the earth, springs up like water clear:
come, living love, live in our hearts today.
2. We sing a love that seeks another's good,
that longs to serve and not to count the cost,
a love that, yielding, finds itself made new:
come, caring love, live in our hearts today.

3. We sing a love, unflinching, unafraid
to be itself, despite another's wrath,
a love that stands alone and undismayed:
come, strengthening love, live in our hearts today.

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

Easter God, be with us in our worship this morning.

Be with us in our uncertainty and our knowing.

May this time be an opportunity to open our hearts and minds to new possibilities and surprises.

Come Spirit of Easter into this sacred space and time. Amen.

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

Rev. Dr. Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

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 reading:

Psalm 133

The Acts of the Apostles:

Acts 3:12-19

Contemporary Reading

A.A. Milne & E.H. Shepherd
(see picture on front cover)

It occurred to Pooh and Piglet that they hadn't heard from Eeyore for several days, so they put on their hats and coats and trotted across the Hundred Acre Wood to Eeyore's stick house. Inside the house was Eeyore.

"Hello Eeyore," said Pooh.

"Hello Pooh. Hello Piglet," said Eeyore, in a Glum Sounding Voice.

"We just thought we'd check in on you," said Piglet, "because we hadn't heard from you, and so we wanted to know if you were okay."

Eeyore was silent for a moment. "Am I okay?" he asked, eventually. "Well, I don't know, to be honest. Are any of us really okay? That's what I ask myself. All I can tell you, Pooh and Piglet, is that right now I feel really rather Sad, and Alone, and Not Much Fun To Be Around At All. Which is why I haven't bothered you.

Because you wouldn't want to waste your time hanging out with someone who is Sad, and Alone, and Not Much Fun To Be Around At All, would you now."

Pooh glanced at Piglet, and Piglet glanced at Pooh, and they both settled, one on each side of Eeyore in his twig abode.

Eeyore looked at them in surprise. "What are you doing?"

"We're sitting here with you," said Pooh, "because we are your friends. And true friends don't care if someone is feeling Sad, or Alone, or Not Much Fun To Be Around At All. True friends are there for you anyway. And so here we are."

"Oh," said Eeyore. "Oh." And the three of them sat there in silence, and while Pooh and Piglet said nothing at all; somehow, almost imperceptibly, Eeyore started to feel a very tiny little bit better.

Because Pooh and Piglet were There.

No more; no less.

This is National Suicide Prevention Week.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

IECS 59 'Sing a song for peace and justice'

Words: © Shirley Murray, Hope Publishing Co.

Music: John Hughes

Tune: Cwm Rhondda WOV 478

1. Sing a song for peace and justice,
speak for those who cannot speak!
claim the world for peace and justice:
let the strong support the weak.

Refrain

*Light a candle in the darkness,
hope and freedom must not die!
hope and freedom must not die!*

2. You who live in happy places,
who can laugh and speak and sing,
listen for the other voices
mute with fear and suffering.

Refrain

3. Thousands cry in nameless prisons --
plead with powers that hold the key:
plead that human rights be honored,
that the innocent go free.

Refrain

REFLECTION “Seeing Jesus in the faces of the downtrodden”

Rev Dr Fei Taule’ale’ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Nimrod (Elgar)

HYMN

AA8 ‘Brother sister let me serve you’

Words and Music: Richard Gallard © 1977

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are travellers on the road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile, and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you,
in the night-time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I’ll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we’ve seen this journey through.
5. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

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

***Compassionate God,
who calls all people to be one family,
teach us to share your gifts with each other, strengthen us to make peace by
working together, and challenge us with a vision of the feast
where all are welcome. 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

Soni Groes-Petrie

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Greece and the Church of Greece. 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 Teanau Tuiono (List) and Hon Phil Twyford (Te Atatū). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Taihape-Waimarino 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*

CLOSING HYMN

AA 59 "He came singing Love"

Words and Music: Colin Gibson © 1994 Hope Publishing Co.

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.

BLESSING (by Bronwyn White) Autumn Benediction

As the trees release their leaves
So we let go of those things we need carry no longer.

Go in peace –
into the green and gold, ochre and amber
and crunch of leaves under foot,
your journey bright and pure.

May you find grace in the love of friends, family and community
surprises amid the commonplace
and songs of thanks to fill your heart
this day and always,
Amen.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Bruce Corkill
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

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 today.

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?

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. Please ask the office if you would like a copy.

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

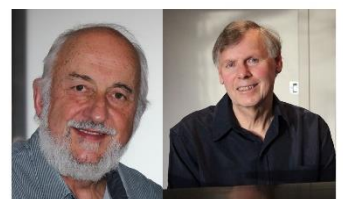


Wednesday 17 April 12:15pm – 1:00pm

Rolf Gjelsten (cello), Helene Pohl (violin), Beth Chen (piano) and Nicole Chao (piano) – Beethoven and Rachmaninov

Wednesday 24 April 12:15pm – 1:00pm

Roger Wilson and Guy Donaldson, voice and piano



WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

MARY POTTER HOSPICE STREET APPEAL

The Mary Potter Hospice is seeking volunteers to spend an hour or two collecting during their street appeals, Thursday 16th and Saturday 18th of May. You can register online at <https://marypotter.org.nz/events/street-appeal-volunteers-2024>

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 via <https://cws.org.nz/donate-to-the-gaza-palestine-appeal/>
- By Phone with a credit card: 0800 74 73 72

NB: CWS is a member of <https://actalliance.org>, 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	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

On duty Sunday 21 April

Welcoming	Jim & Maxine Cunningham
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Bridget Martin, Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Sandra & Tony Kirby, Marilyn Wallace
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Lynne Dovey
Prayers of the People	Hamish Dick
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Peter Franklin

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 14 April: 10am Sunday gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by lunch remembering Lloyd Jobson

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

12:15pm – Lunchtime concert: Rolf Gjelsten (cello), Helene Pohl (violin), Beth Chen (piano), Nicole Chao (piano)

Sunday 21 April: 10am Sunday gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Congregational Conversation

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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