

ORDER OF SERVICE

15th SEPTEMBER 2024

Te Petekoha 17
Season of Creation



ALL GOD'S CREATURES
Why wild animals and wild places
are critical to the living world

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 and Lynne Dovey

PRELUDE

**Air from Holberg Suite Op. 4, No. 4
(Grieg 1843-1907, arr. Christopher Eva)**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nau mai, haere mai, ki roto tenei whare karakia,

Come one, come all, two legged beings, four legged creatures, human, canine, feline and wool and feathered varieties.

Come with your owners to this place of worship that we might celebrate together the wonder of all creation.

If you are able to sit still, then may we be still and share through song and prayer the beauty of life in all its fullness.

Come let us worship the mystery whom we call God. Amen.

SILENCE

GATHERING

Creator God, we assemble with all your creatures in this circle of life.

We ask you to join our circle and celebrate with us.

Creator God, as we join in celebration with you and all creation,

We ask for your blessing, your shalom, on the creatures present here that we love and on all creatures celebrating in the wild.

In the name of God, who creates all life, In the name of Jesus Christ, who redeems all life, and the name of the Spirit, who renews all life, we cry with all in the circle of life:

Shalom! Shalom! Shalom!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

WOV 70 “All things bright and beautiful”

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1. All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.
2. Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings.
3. The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky:
4. He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.

WELCOME

Ko te wiki o te reo Māori tenei
This Maori language week.
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: TE INOI TATOU

(We hold the animal we love and place our hand on its body as we give thanks).

For all the animals in the whole wide world,

we thank you!

For all the fun and friendship we have with animals,

we thank you!

Lord, for all the times we have hurt or neglected animals,

we are sorry.

For all the times we have used poisons that have killed animals,

we are sorry.

Lord, for all the times we have destroyed the homes of animals in the forests, oceans, or fields,

we are sorry. God, our Creator, help us to love all creatures as our kin, all animals as our partners on Earth,

all birds as messengers of praise, all small beings as expressions of your mysterious design and all frogs as voices of hope.

Amen.

JESUS' PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase

Eternal Spirit

***Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker,
source of all that is and that shall be,***

Father and Mother of us all,

loving God, in whom is heaven:

the hallowing of your name

echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed

by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done

by all created beings!

***Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.***

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

***In times of temptation and test,
strengthen us.***

***From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory
of the power that is love, now and for ever.
Amen.***

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

We light the rainbow candle as a sign of our inclusivity and for our children.

FAMILY TIME

Frank Cook

PASSING THE PEACE: Say to one another “RANGIMARIE” Peace!

Our practice is to pass the peace, with or without shaking hands, and say “Peace be with you.”

HYMN

“I Am a Part of the Pulse of Creation”

Words and Music Colin Gibson © 2013 Hope Publishing Company

1. I am a part of the pulse of creation,
eternity caught in a moment of time,
part of the myst'ry, part of the beauty,
part of the wonderful gifting of God.
2. Mine is the world of the stars and the galaxies,
limitless energy, movement and mass,
mine the unfolding, mine the far-reaching,
gift of the infinite goodness of God.
3. I take my share in the act of creation,
finding new wonders, new worlds to explore;
faith's evolution, hope's resolution,
loving in tune with the music of God.
4. Born in the Spirit and waking to freedom,
seeking to grow to the measure of Christ,
part of the myst'ry, part of the beauty,
part of the wondrous creation of God.

Reading

Frank Hanson

Contemporary Reading

Sir David Attenborough

“The fact is that no species has ever had such wholesale control over everything on Earth, living or dead, as we now have. That lays upon us, whether we like it or not, an awesome responsibility. In our hands now lies not only our own future, but that of all other living creatures with whom we share the Earth”.

From the BBC documentary series Life on Earth, 1979

“If working apart we are a force powerful enough to destabilise our planet, surely working together we are powerful enough to save it...in my lifetime I've witnessed a terrible decline. In yours, you could and should witness a wonderful recovery.”

On the urgent need for greater collective climate action at the COP26 UN climate conference, Glasgow, 2021.

REFLECTION PART A

Hebrew Bible

Genesis 1: 1-31

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION PART B

including the reading from 1 Corinthians 12: 14-26

REFLECTIVE MUSIC AND PHOTOS

Photos of Botswana accompanied by the Circle of Life from The Lion King, performed by Elton John.

CIRCLE OF BLESSING

(All worshippers with animals now form another circle, each person placing a hand on the animal being held.)

The leader then moves to each animal, saying its name, holding a hand over the animal, and blessing it in the name of the Cosmic Christ who fills and heals creation.

BLESSING

[Pet's name], may the power of this blessing from Christ fill you with life, bind you to your human partners, and lead you to praise your Creator. Amen.

PRAYER FOR MY PET

In Your infinite wisdom, Creator God, when You created the Universe You blessed us with all living creatures. We especially thank You for giving us our pets who are our friends and who bring us so much joy in life. Their presence very often helps us get through trying times. Thank you for blessing my pet. May my pet continue giving me joy and love and companionship.

May we realize that as our pets trust us to take care of them, so we should trust You to take care of us, and in taking care of them we share in Your love for all Your creatures. Enlighten our minds to preserve all endangered species so that we may continue to appreciate all of Your creations.

Amen.

HYMN

AA 54 "Honour the Earth"

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1. God of the galaxies spinning in space,
God of the smallest seed, our living source,
yours is the gift of this beautiful place.
*Let us care for your garden
and honour the earth.*
2. Careless and covetous, gross are our greeds,
taking the riches the garden provides,
wasting its goodness, forgetting its needs.
*Let us care for your garden
and honour the earth.*

3. Forests and rivers are ravaged and die,
raped is the land till it bleeds in its clay,
silenced the birdsong and plundered the sea.
*Let us care for your garden
and honour the earth.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Creation's Hymn
Beethoven (1770-1827)

OFFERING HYMN

AA45 "Give thanks for life"

Words © Shirley Murray Tune: SINE NOMINE WOV 384

1. Give thanks for life,
the measure of our days,
mortal, we pass
through beauty that decays;
yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

OFFERING PRAYER

*God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share.
Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks for all the animals and
other creatures that have enriched our lives. 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

Jim Cunningham

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Kuwait and those working to find solutions to the problems posed by oil production in Kuwait, and throughout the world. 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 Tracey McLellan (List) and James Meager (Rangitata). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Dannevirke - Knox Presbyterian Church.

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 143 "Touch the earth lightly"
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1. Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

2. We who endanger,
who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who still foster
clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

3. Let there be greening,
birth from the burning,
water that blesses, and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden,
hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.

4. God of all living,
God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow, and the sun,
teach us, deflect us,
Christ, reconnect us,
using us gently and making us one.

PRAYER FOR PEACE, PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of Your Peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury -- pardon.

Where there is doubt -- faith.

Where there is despair -- hope.

Where there is sadness -- joy.

*Grant that I may
not so much seek to be
consoled, as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.*

MAORI BENEDICTION

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

**Norwegian Dance No. 2, Op. 35 No. 2
(Grieg, arr Christopher Eva)**

THANK YOU

Judy Dumbleton
our musician today

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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

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS



Wednesday 18 September 12:15pm – 1:00pm
NZSM Cello Ensemble



Wednesday 19 September 12:15pm – 1:00pm
Quang Hong Luu, solo piano, German Romantics

OCTOBER NOVEMBER ROSTER AVAILABILITY

Please let the office know of your availability for these months by Friday next September 20th at the latest.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR NATASHA TEMPLETON

Sadly Natasha Templeton, wife of Hugh Templeton, died last week. Her funeral will take place at St Paul's Cathedral, Molesworth St, on Tuesday 17 September at 2 pm. Some of you will remember Natasha and Hugh who attended St Andrew's on The Terrace for some years. Hugh was Session Clerk during John Murray's tenure. They both contributed greatly to St Andrew's during this time. I will bring a card this coming Sunday for people to sign.

CREATION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE – WASTE REDUCTION – SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER

Presented by Conrad Lendrum, expert on waste reduction. Sunday 22nd September 12-1pm in the St Andrews Centre 30 The Terrace Conference Room 3. Conrad will share from his work in funding waste reduction projects at the investment fund and what we as individuals and communities can do as a community exploring what it means to be an EcoChurch during the Season of Creation. <https://www.ecochurch.org.nz/>

UPCOMING SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

Belonging in this Land - Te Tiriti workshops - Wednesday 23rd and 30th October 7-9pm. Two weekday evening workshops on Te Tiriti o Waitangi and responding as people of faith in this land. More information to follow.

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.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY LIVING WAGE MEETING OUTCOME

A big step forward in our campaign for a Living Wage at Victoria University! In response to the University not including the Living Wage in its strategic plan, we filled the chamber with over 130 people for the second time this year. After over three hours of discussion on the Living Wage, the University Council passed a resolution requesting the Vice-Chancellor to develop and implement plans to enhance the manaakitanga of all staff, including paying the Living Wage. This applies to contracted workers (like the cleaners who were part of the delegation) and directly employed staff (like tutors). This is the biggest commitment we've received so far from the university, acknowledging and agreeing to pay the Living Wage. It also empowers the University Council to hold the senior leadership team accountable in ensuring these staff are paid a Living Wage.

UPCOMING CONCERT - SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

The Gale Force Gospel Choir invite you to their spring concert, 'Into the Light'. Sunday 15th September, 3.30pm, St Andrews on the Terrace. Door sales: \$20, Concession \$10, Kids free. Booking now at <https://www.galeforcegospel.org.nz>

UPCOMING WORKSHOP – 22 SEPTEMBER

Speak Peace - An Introduction to Nonviolent Communication

I highly recommend this workshop on 22 September which I will be attending.

Information at this link <https://nvc-now.lilregie.com/booking/attendees/new> Tony Pears

LUNCHTIME TALK - DIVISIVENESS AND DEMOCRACY

ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE, MONDAY OCTOBER 7TH, 12 NOON.

Dame Anne Salmond and Professor Jonathan Boston – two of our most respected public thinkers – will discuss divisiveness in our society and the threats our democracy faces. Please join us at St Andrew's on the Terrace for what promises to be a fascinating exchange of ideas. Entry free, but koha welcome.

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/**

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	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	Jenn and Barrie Keenan
Coffee/tea	Maxine Cunningham, Rosemary Lawrence and Marilyn Wallace
Family Time	Frank Cook (CG)
Readings	Frank Hanson
Prayers of the People	Jim Cunningham
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Pauline Patchett
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Service Leader	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty September 22nd

Welcoming	Pat Booth and Margaret Harper
Sound	Simon Miller
Laptop	Sandra Kirby
Offering	Lynette Burrell and Paul Franken
Coffee/tea	Katrina Harper, Michael Parker and Sally Gray
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Tony Kirby (CG)
Prayers of the People	David Douglas
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Mark Stamper
Service Leader	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 15th September: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Congregational Conversation and Younger members' (Y) group meets after morning tea.

Wednesday 18th September: 10:30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre
12:15pm – NZSM Cello Ensemble

Sunday 22nd September: 10am Sunday Gathering 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	Jemma Ballantyne
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