

ORDER OF SERVICE

1st DECEMBER 2024

ST. ANDREW'S DAY 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



THE RESTLESS SEA

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

**Noël nouvelet opus 20, 1922, 1st variation Marcel Dupré
(1886 – 1971)**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Today the ancient journey begins again,
taking us into the future.

Let us keep watch together,
for in the darkness light is growing
and into the darkness signs are pointing....

***Advent is here, let us travel together
towards the new birth,
towards the new start,
following the signs which show us the way.***

SILENCE

GATHERING:

by Bronwyn White (abridged)

In the season of Advent and wonder
we celebrate our covenant to be inclusive.
We give thanks for the communities we've created
despite our varied backgrounds, cultures and beliefs.
We proudly fly our rainbow banners
and decorate our Christmas trees,
Extended, reconstituted, recreated
that there is room for us here
in our diversity and similarity.
May our lives be candles of peace;
May we light up our world and prepare the way.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

APATT 28b 'Now the Star of Christmas

Words © Shirley Murray Tune Noel Nouvelet v 1,2 and 4

1. Now the star of Christmas shines into our day,
points a new direction change is on the way -
there's another landscape to be travelled through,
there's a new born spirit broadening our view.
2. When the Christ of Christmas speaks to heart and mind,
clears the clouded vision hurting humankind,
kindred spirits gather, drawn toward the light,
sharing revelation, joyful at the sight.
3. Where the star enlightens, light is shared around.
God has drawn no borders, faith sees common ground.
Peace the hopeful journey, justice without bar,
God's illumination from the Christmas star.

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

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

OPENING PRAYER

We hear the call in the Gospel of Luke to watch and pray. And so we pay attention to nations in anguish,

We watch with those impacted by war in Ukraine, Sudan and the Middle East

We pray for those offering mercy

And those working to provide protection

And those seeking peace

We pay attention to nations in perplexity at the roaring of seas,

We watch with our neighbours in Oceania, concerned about rising sea levels and the impact on islands like the Solomons.

We pray for courage for those seeking hopeful climate solutions

We pray for persistence for those seeking global policy changes, including Pacific Islands Students Fighting Climate Change and the Pacific Conference of Churches In Jesus name we pray. **Amen**

JESUS' PRAYER

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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.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Today is the First Sunday in Advent. Advent is a time of waiting and preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It is a time to hope for peace between people, and to walk in the light God gives us.

Each week between now and Christmas we will light a candle in our Advent Wreath. The wreath is a circle to remind us of God's never-ending love. The branches are green to remind us of new life. The candles remind us of the light which came into the world with Jesus: light to brighten all of earth's dark places; light that grows stronger when we join in God's work of building and rebuilding lives.

One way we can do this is by supporting the work of Christian World Service.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

On this first Sunday of Advent
we remember God's gift of hope
and that we are called to be people of God's hope.

LIGHT THE CANDLE

PRAYER

God of hope and possibility:

*May we be people who shine the light of hope in your world through our words
and by our actions. Amen.*

FAMILY TIME

Dawn Cowdry

PASSING THE PEACE

*Our practice is to pass the peace the rangimarie, with or without shaking hands,
and say "Peace be with you."*

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Anna Smith

Hebrew Bible

Psalm 25:1-10

Gospel/New Testament

Luke 21:25-36

Contemporary Reading

St Andrew's Day

1. St Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland
We would like to say.
His blue and white cross is called a saltire
Wave your flag today.

*On the thirtieth of November, wave your flag today
On the thirtieth we remember, wave your flag today.*

2. St Andrew was a fisherman then Jesus said:
"Come follow me"
He helped the poor and the sick –
So a disciple he would be.

3. St Andrew, he was killed upon a cross.
Then buried out in Greece.
His life and his work made him a saint
He lived a life of peace.
4. A monk called Rule travelled overseas
And took St Andrew's bones.
He landed at Kilrymont –
Now as St Andrews it is known.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN:

Pasifika hymn
(Fei to play guitar)

1. Let all the islands rise and sing,
and to our God their praises bring.
On strings and drum God's might proclaim.
Shout the glory of God's name

Chorus:

Pasifika, Pasifika

***With throbbing reef and coral shore,
for fish and shell and mighty whale,
for all God's gifts our thanks we pour.***

2. And when we see the stars at night,
the many worlds which cross the sky,
the sun and moon which give us light,
we lift our hearts to God on high
3. The children playing on the shore,
the sounds of laughter which we hear,
their love increasing more and more,
remind us that our God is near.

***in large ways and in small ways
so your eternal community may come in every way.
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

Pat Booth

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Mongolia. We pray for the continued development of indigenous ways of life in a changing world in Mongolia, 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 are able to welcome 450 people from this group. 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 Adrian Rurawhe and Deborah Russell. Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Hastings - St John's 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.***

COMMUNION HYMN:

COC 48 'Where is the room'

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1. Where is the room,
where is the house of Christmas?
Where shall we welcome Jesus,
where are the signs of home?
2. Let Christ have space,
place at the heart of living,
centre for birth's new breathing,
cradle for hope and peace.
3. Let there be room,
room for the friend and stranger,
room without hurt or anger,
room for whoever come.
4. Let love be here,
love for the Christmas stable,
love at our open table,
love to be shared all year.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*St Andrew's is an open community and all are invited to Christ's table.
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 to participate in the communion. This is God's meal for all
people.*

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

At this Table we give thanks for justice, love, peace and freedom.
At this Table we give thanks for friends and strangers together
in community in this safe place.

For everyone born a place at the Table.

We are all invited.

THE STORY...

We remember the stories from our tradition....

How on many occasions Jesus would share a meal with friends.

Bread and wine, the very basics of life, shared in community.

How bread would be taken, a blessing offered, and then shared amongst them.

And all ate.

How some wine would be poured out, a blessing offered, and then passed
amongst them. All of them drank.

When they gathered in this way it was a time of concern,
conversation and celebration.

The bread and the wine symbolised

human lives interconnected

with other human lives,

and the power of giving and receiving.

We remember that on the night before his death

he shared the Passover Meal with his disciples

and gave the meal a new significance and purpose.

May the passion for life as seen in Jesus

and in the lives and struggles

of many other committed and faithful people then and now,

enable us to dream and to risk....

Together may we re-imagine the world.

Together may we work to make all things new.

***Together may we celebrate the possibilities and hope
we each have and are called to share.***

For everyone born, a place at the Table.

THE BREAD IS BROKEN

We break the bread for the broken Earth,
ravaged and plundered for greed.

May there be healing for our beautiful blue and green planet.

We break the bread for our broken humanity, for the powerful and the powerless
trapped by exploitation and oppression.

May there be healing for humanity.

We break the bread for those who follow other paths;
who travel on a different road from us;
those who think and act differently;
those whose belief system is different to ours;
those who see our world through different eyes
of ethnicity and culture.

May there be healing where there is pain and woundedness.

We break this bread for the unhealed hurts and wounds
that lie within us all.

May we, too, be healed.

THE WINE IS POURED

This is the cup of peace and of new life for all.
A sign of love for the community of hope.

A reminder of the call

***to live life fully,
to love wastefully,
and to be all that we can be.***

Come then, life-giving Spirit of our God,
brood over these bodily things,
and make us one body with Christ;
that we may no longer be in bondage
to the principalities and powers that enslave creation,
but may know your liberating peace
such as the world cannot give.

THE BREAD AND WINE ARE SHARED

(Please come forward to receive your bread and wine, those who are unable the minister will serve you)

COMMUNION CHANT

CH 661 'Eat this bread drink this cup'



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev-er be hun - gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

(by Bronwyn White, abridged)

As we await, once more, the birthing-day
of the one who brings good news,
who cares for careless and uncared for?
As we await the gift of family, lovers, friends,
the sacrament of food and wine set at our tables,
or shared around the barbecue
let us think forward to Easter and the Resurrection.

May our lives be candles of peace;

May we light up our world and prepare the way. Amen

CLOSING HYMN

COC 30(ii) "Look toward Christmas"

Words © Shirley Murray Music © Colin Gibson

1. Look toward Christmas! Advent is here:
welcome December, changing the year,
whistle up, shepherds! saddle up, kings!
chorus up, angels, flexing your wings,

Refrain:

sing, sing, sing alleluia!

sing, sing alleluia!

sing, sing, sing out the Story,

sing about hope and peace!



2. Set the world singing, make the world glad!
Now is the reason not to feel sad,
hear John the Baptist shout to prepare:
Good News is coming, earth, be aware.

Refrain:

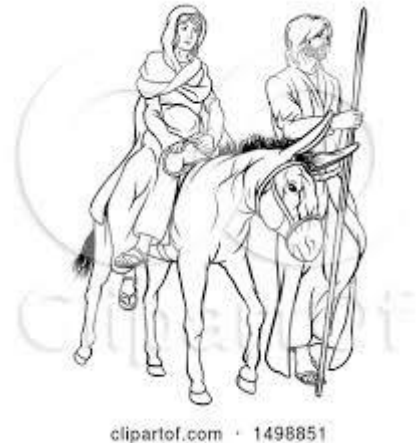
sing, sing, sing alleluia!
sing, sing alleluia!
sing, sing, sing out the Story,
sing about hope and peace!



3. Mary and Joseph soon is the day,
ready the donkey, start on your way:
you are the chosen, willing to trust,
joyful your burden carrying Christ.

Refrain:

sing, sing, sing alleluia!
sing, sing alleluia!
sing, sing, sing out the Story,
sing about hope and peace!



BLESSING

(Rev. Judith Walker-Riggs, Unitarian Minister)

May the power and the mystery go before us, to show us the way,
shine above us to lighten our world,
lie beneath us to bear us up,
walk with us and give us companionship,
and glow and flow within us to bring us joy. **Amen**

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

**“Toccatà” Come now, Saviour of the nations BWV 661
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)**

THANK YOU

to our musician today
Bruce Cash

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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 LUNCHTIME CONCERTS



Wednesday December 4th , 12:15pm

Ethan Rawhiti-Hotter, Solo Piano



Wednesday December 11th , 12:15pm

Resonance Choir – A Carol Celebration

SUNDAYS SERVICE

This Sunday is St Andrew's Day and the first Sunday of Advent. It is also Communion Sunday and we welcome elders David and Laura Gehrenbeck who are from PCUSA and are working at the American Embassy here in Wellington. They have offered to be serving elders with us during their tenure and will be helping to serve communion this Sunday morning for the first time. There will also be envelopes available for our special St Andrew's Day offering.

Thanks, Fei.

HIKOI

The HikoI was stupendous - a creditable turnout from St Andrew's melted into a *huge* crowd (I've seen one estimate at 47,000) and a lovely atmosphere. Although no-one stayed overnight at the church, we had a good gathering for soup, tea and coffee in the church afterwards. Many thanks to all those who offered billets, bedding, soup and time.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE – DECEMBER 8TH 10AM-12PM –

Children's Christmas holiday service at St Andrew's on The Terrace. Reverend Fei and the Queen Margaret College Holiday programme combine for a special celebration for the whole family, regardless of any faith or no faith!

St Andrews on The Terrace, Sunday 8th December 10am-12pm. There is no charge, please book using this link.

<https://www.trybooking.com/nz/events/landing/14032?qr=true>

RECYCLING AT ST ANDREW'S

We are expanding the range of materials that we collect for recycling at St Andrew's. You can now bring plastic lids (including milk bottle caps), metal lids, beverage cartons (Tetra Pak) and used pens. There are containers for each sort of material in the North Vestry. A take-home information sheet, on the desk in the North Vestry, tells you all you need to know about what we do and don't collect.

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. For Hutt Valley and other members, Bunnings' stores have recycling bins where used batteries can be left. Happy recycling!

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 in the 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>.

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WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

NORTHERN CHORALE CONCERT THIS SUNDAY

On Sunday 1 December, 3pm, at Khandallah Town Hall the Northern Chorale will be performing Saint-Saëns' *Oratorio de Noël*, followed by afternoon tea and some Christmas carols.

Admission is by koha, with proceeds going to the Downtown Community Ministry.

WEST PAPUA SOLIDARITY GATHERING

As has happened for many years the Morning Star flag of West Papua (oppressed by Indonesia) will be flown at Parliament in solidarity with the people of West Papua at 1pm on Monday 2 December. During this gathering there will be a sharing circle where messages of solidarity and support for West Papua can be shared. Poetry, art or other creative work is welcome. Last year Fei was able to participate in this event and I am hoping others from St Andrews will be able to come this year. Background information can be found at converge.org.nz/pma/ by clicking on the date of the event. Tony Pears

UPCOMING CAROLS IN PARLIAMENT CONCERT - DECEMBER 8TH 7PM

Greg O'Connor, Assistant Speaker and Member of Parliament for Ōhāriu invites you to *Carols in Parliament*. Sunday 8 December 2024 at 7pm (please be seated by 6.50pm). A Christmas service in association with the Council of Wellington Churches.

UPCOMING CONCERT – SOS CONCERT FOR THE CHILDREN OF GAZA

December 10th 7.30pm – Alan Gibbs Centre – Wellington College

Musicians of Aotearoa supporting the children of Gaza. Performers include, Wellington City Orchestra, Taioro, Stringendo, Sinfonia for Hope, Palestinian Folk Songs. Recommended koha \$30-\$60, children free. Cash only at the door, no eftpos.

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.**

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	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Katrina Harper and Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Kath Kerr, Marilyn Wallace and David Douglas
Family Time	Dawn Cowdry
Readings	Anna Smith
Prayers of the People	Pat Booth
Communion	Vhari McWha, Laura Gehrenbeck, Cam Smart, David Gehrenbeck, Janet Horncy and Janet Martin
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Bruce Cash
Service Leader	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty December 8th

Welcoming	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Paul Franken and Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Vivienne Mountier, Sandra and Tony Kirby
Family Time	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Readings	Frank Hanson
Prayers of the People	Hamish Dick
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Pauline Patchett
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 1st December: 10am St Andrew's Day, First day of Advent and Communion Service led by Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

Wednesday 4th December: 10:30am – Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm – Ethan Rawhiti-Hotter, Solo Piano

Sunday 8th December: 10am Children's Christmas Holiday Service led by Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai and the QMC Holiday Programme.

STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE

1st Sunday	Communion service followed by Community Brunch on even months Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec.
2nd Sunday	Congregational service followed by Exploring Faith
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	Caroline Korybut
Roster Coordinator	Pam Fuller
Concert Coordinator	Kristina Zuelicke
Centre Manager	Adelina Reis
Office Administrator	Jemma Ballantyne
Centre Assistant	Germaine Ambray
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