

ORDER OF SERVICE

26th JANUARY 2025

EPIPHANY 3



“A PROPHET IS NOT WELCOME IN THEIR HOMETOWN”

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God who called all life into being,

The earth, sea and sky are yours.

Your presence is all around us.

Every atom is full of your energy.

Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth,

With her we yearn for justice to be done.

For creation to be freed from bondage,

For the hungry to be fed,

For the captives to be released

For your commonwealth of peace to come on earth

SILENCE

GATHERING

We are here because we are welcome.

We come with open hearts to hear the voice of the sacred, singing through our songs

breathing the word into our silences

challenging us in our speaking and listening

and calling the people down the ages.

Let us celebrate life in the presence we name God.

Refrain:

*Let justice roll down like a river,
let justice flow down to the sea;
let justice roll down like a river
let justice begin through me.*

1. Justice for all who go hungry,
crying to God to be fed,
left in a world of abundance
to beg for a morsel of bread.

Refrain

2. Justice for those who are homeless,
victims of war or of need,
trapped on the borders of nowhere,
lost in the canyons of greed.

Refrain

3. Justice for all who are powerless,
yearning for freedom in vain,
plundered and robbed of their birth-right,
silently bearing their pain.

Refrain

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

Still us in this time that we may forget about all that is going on around us
That we may focus on this special time of worship, where we can let go and just be.

Remind us of your love that we too may share that love with others.

Be with us we pray. ***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

Rosemary Lawrence

PASSING THE PEACE

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

HYMN

AA 36 'Every day I will offer you'

Words © 1992 Shirley Murray Tune: © Colin Gibson 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!

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Gillian Feist

Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

My sadness comes often, sometimes it stays,
Outlives its welcome and goes on for days
Sometimes it briefly flickers then dies
Then it just leaves, no fond goodbyes
Weeks and months pass with no sign of it there
Then suddenly it comes out of nowhere
A song or a thought whilst lying in bed
Brings back the unwanted guest in my head
There's no getting away from this demon inside

No corners to turn, no cupboards to hide.
So I just let it come and go as it pleases
And endure the sadness and wait till it eases
Then when my visitor heads for the door
I'll bid it farewell and be contented once more.
Tuesday Grace

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION**"Have you ever felt unwelcome?"****Fei Taule'ale'ausumai****REFLECTIVE MUSIC****'I Dreamed a Dream' (instrumental)**

HYMN

FFS 57 'Song of faith that sings forever'

Words © Shirley Murray Music © Colin Gibson.

1. Song of faith that sings forever
through God's people, ages long,
Word that holds the world together
when our hearts take up the song,
always, always, somewhere sounding,
though the source we do not see,
counterpoint to all despairing,
it is hope that sets the key.
2. Song of faith in exaltation,
rising through the vaults of prayer,
tune of simple celebration
offered up in open air,
song in chapel and cathedral,
descant to our daily tone,
song from sickbed or in prison,
faith must often sing alone.
3. And when life would overwhelm us,
when there seems no song to sing,
hear the constant voice of courage
out of fear and suffering:
all who've loved and trusted Jesus,
all who lift us to be strong,
endless, endless are the voices
of the faith that makes the song.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

AA 127 'Take my gifts' verse 3

Words: © Shirley Murray Music: © Colin Gibson

Tune: TALAVERA TERRACE

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:

OFFERING PRAYER

Giver of abundant gifts,
we thank you for your bounty poured out like wine at a wedding feast,
for the gifts of the members of this community, and support
that we share with one another.

We give thanks for the life of all who work for peace,
as we seek to honour their commitment to justice for all people, regardless of
their differences.

Help us with the gifts you give, in service of 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 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

Lynne Dovey

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Norway. We pray for the the Christian Council of
Norway, here 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 some 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 Tanya Unkovich
(List) and Hon Louise Upston (Taupō). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for
the leaders and people of Karori St Ninian's Uniting 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 the 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

“Past and Present”

Words: © Bill Wallace Music: WOV 478 CWM RHONDDA

1. Past and present, with our dreaming,
join to make us what we are;
ancient wisdom, ancient follies
shape the way we love and care:
Give us reverence,
give us wisdom,
from the past for life today,
from the past for life today.
2. Make us mindful of each moment –
ev’ry force, each strength, each flaw;
free us from those empty longings
which consume us more and more:
Give us vision,
give us courage,
for this present age of change,
for this present age of change.

3. We must face the future's challenge
to create a better earth
hand in hand with all who labour
dream and suffer for its birth,
For through sharing
and through caring
we shall build community,
we shall build community.

MAORI BLESSING:

Kia tau ki a tātou katoa

Te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki, a Ihu Karaiti

Me te aroha o te Atua

Me te whiwhingatahitanga

Ki te wairua tapu

Ake, ake, ake

Amine

(English translation: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all now and forever. Amen)

SUNG BLESSING

May the God of new beginnings, start with you and me

May the God of continuing story, speak through you and me,

May the God of infinite wisdom shine through you and me

May the God of safe homecomings, welcome you and me.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

to our musician today
Bruce Corkill

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

NOTE FROM FRANK HANSON AND FRANK COOK

Two weeks ago, both Frank Hanson and Frank Cook showed the books of their memoirs which each had recently produced. They used an online app. called StoryWorth. They were sent a weekly question to which they could respond or not respond or change on their computers. After one year the answers were printed out into a book which is part of the fee. For anyone wishing to write their own story this provides an option for motivation.

CLIMATE ACTION INTERVIEW

Before Christmas I recorded an interview for a Climate Action slot on Wellington Access Radio, along with Paul Blaschke from Temple Sinai and the Centre for Religious Diversity. The focus was on why Paul and I, and others from our faith communities, take part in the Friday for Future vigil at Parliament each week. The programme aired on 29 December and I spoke quite a bit about what we're doing on climate action and sustainability at St Andrew's. Here's the link for anyone interested in listening. Just click on the link to the 29/12/24 recording:

<https://accessradio.org.nz/shows-podcasts/climate-crisis-action-aotearoa/> -

Anna Smith

PETITION: VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN THE COALITION GOVERNMENT

See the link below for a petition for a parliamentary vote of no confidence in the present government. <https://petitions.parliament.nz/6ec81b48-aeef-410e-9afb-08dc1a38f37b>

Tony Pears.

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>.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

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	Pam Fuller and 1 other
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Lynette Burrell and Paul Franken
Coffee/tea	Maxine and Jim Cunningham, Katrina Harper
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Gillian Feist
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Rainbow Room	On Holiday
Library	Closed
Musician	Bruce Corkill
Service Leader	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty February 2nd

Welcoming	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Simon Miller
Laptop	Sandra Kirby
Offering	Katrina Harper and Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Vivienne Mountier, Jim and Maxine Cunningham
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Tony Kirby
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Communion	Lynne Dovey, Laura and David Gehrenbeck, Doug Lendrum, Janet Horncy, Janet Martin
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leader	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 26th January: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

Sunday February 2nd: 10am Communion Service led by Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Community Brunch

STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE

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| 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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