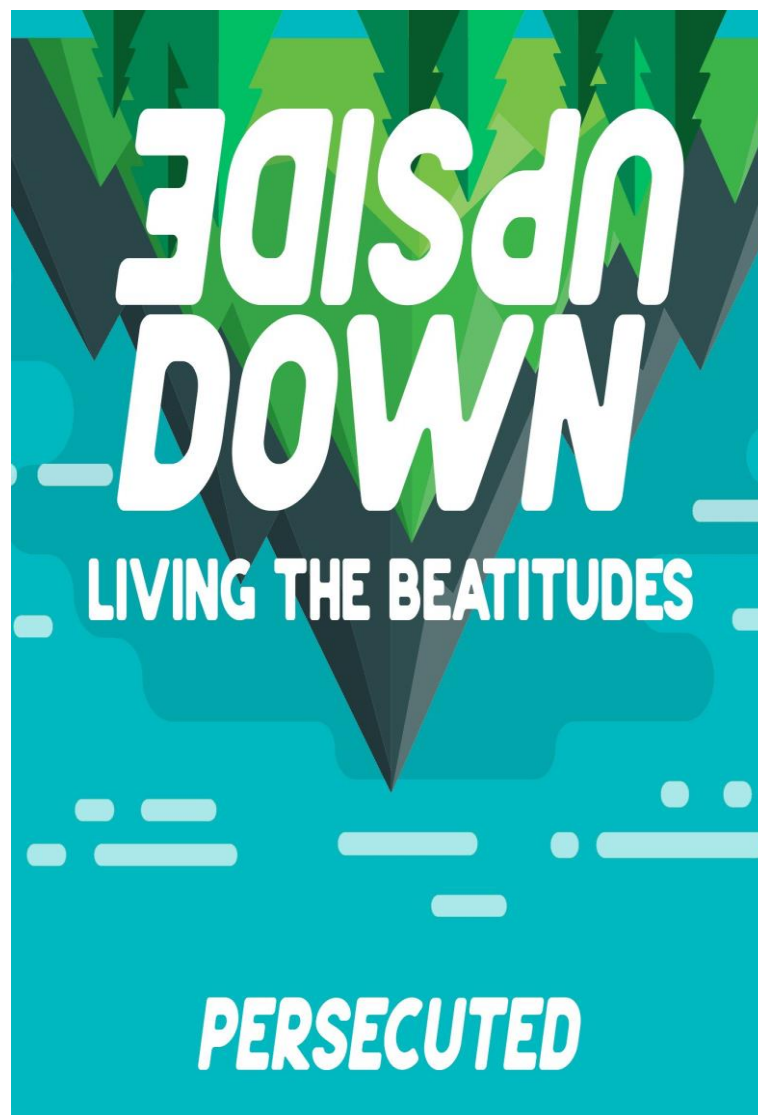




ORDER OF SERVICE

16TH FEBRUARY 2025

EPIPHANY 6



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

Come in. Come into this place
which we make special by our presence.

Come into this place
where the ordinary is sanctified,
the human is celebrated,
the compassionate is expected.

Together we make it a holy place
with our every act of worship.

Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life
in the presence of God.

SILENCE

GATHERING:

We have come into this place of hope
where our hearts and minds are opened to the future.

We have come into this place of justice
***where we set aside our fear
to name freely every oppression.***

We have come into this place of song
***where we unite our voices in the sombre
and the beautiful melodies of life.***

So let us celebrate this richness and diversity of life
(L D Stoddard adapt)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Our delight is in the broadness'

Words: © Susan Jones Music: Praise my Soul **WOV 68**

1. Our delight is in the broadness
of the world dawn brings to sight;
Harbour, beach, and islands' structure,
plain and hilltop, mountains' might;
Thanks be giv'n for nature's beauty,
celebrate each new day's light.
2. Our delight is in the living
of each moment every day
working, playing, walking, sleeping,
being family, every way;
Grace be giv'n for every minute,
wisdom for each interplay.
3. Our delight is in the creatures
sharing with us this our place,
moths and birds with stunning markings,
dolphins moving with sweet grace;
Thanks be giv'n for all creation,
celebrate each life, each space.
4. Our delight is in the loving
of each other as we may;
Searching, finding, liking, loving,
talking, list'ning on the way;
Thanks be giv'n for our affections,
celebrate them night and day

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 come with our abundance to share.

We also come with what little we have.

Still us in this time that we may reflect on a man who loves justice, has mercy and walks humbly with his God, wanting us to do the same. ***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

Cam Smart

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

We send you to the Rainbow Room to hear stories, ask questions and have fun together. ***We bless you. Amen.***

PASSING THE PEACE

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

Hebrew Bible

Psalm 1

Gospel

Luke 6:17-26

Contemporary Reading

(author unknown)

In the dance of life, a twist of fate,
The last shall rise, the first will wait.
A humbling truth, a lesson clear,
The tables turn, the order's near.

Those who linger, deemed behind,
May find their place, their purpose kind.
While those in front, with pride so high,
May stumble down, and wonder why.

A parable whispered, a divine decree,
No earthly rank, no certainty.
For grace is given, not by might,
But by the heart, in purest light.

So let us strive, with open eyes,
To see beyond the worldly guise.
Embrace the change, the shifting tide,
Where "last" becomes "first," where hope resides.

This poem captures the essence of the biblical phrase
"the last will be first and the first will be last,"
highlighting the idea that those who might seem
insignificant can rise to prominence,
while those in positions of power can be humbled.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

FFS 10 (1) 'Let us reach down deep inside us'

Words © Susan Jones Music: Trad Gaelic, John Bell arr.

1. Let us reach down deep inside us
to the place where quiet reigns;
Find the Self who lives inside us
knows our joy and knows our pains:
Let our ego stand aside there,
shadow sharing space with light.
Let our inner selves rejoice at
how Love shines in darkest night.
2. Wind and fire and earthquake pass but
Spirit is not found in them
Still, small voice is hardly heard, but
brings Love which does not condemn.
In lives buffeted by windstorms,
rocked by quakes and scorched by fire
stillness brings surprising solace
As we find there, heart's desire.
3. Sacred calm means minds can settle,
hearts grow quiet, souls grow still;
Busy thinking slows its rhythm,
gives compassion chance to fill.
Even long-forgotten scars heal
as new balm brings a new way;
Every space and every crevice
warms as Love arrives to stay.

REFLECTION

"An Upside Down Jesus"

Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC *'Morgenglanz der Ewigkeit'* by Max Reger Ephraim Wilson

HYMN

AA 132 Tell my people I love them'

Words: Leonard Barlotti Music: arr. Jan Harrington and Guy Jansen

Refrain

*Tell my people I love them;
tell my people that I care.
When they feel far away from me,
tell my people I am there.*

1. Tell my people I came and died
to give them liberty;
as they abide in me
they will be really free!

Refrain

2. Tell my people where-e'er they go
to claim my risen power;
my peace and joy and love
is for them hour by hour.

Refrain

3. Tell my people to share their wealth
and fight the sin of greed;
care for the refugee;
the hungry they're to feed.

Refrain

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

AA 62 'Here we bring' verse 1

Words: © Shirley Murray Music: © Colin Gibson

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 hearts will always be
where your riches are, where your riches are".*

OFFERING PRAYER

We give because we were first gifted with love and this world. We give because this church needs to flourish. We give food because others have little. May these gifts find their purposes. So may it be, 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 Palestine. We pray for the Christian World Service Partner, the Middle East Council of Churches and their work in Palestine focusing on income generation, water access, vocational training, community participation and health services, in Palestine 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 Celia Wade-Brown (List) and Rawiri Waititi (Waiariki). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Lower Hutt - Hutt City Uniting Congregations.

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

Who is this man?

Words: Mary Pearson

Tune: LONDONDERRY AIR **CH4 729**

1. Who is this man who gave to women dignity
in partnership of worth and equal grace?
Who listened to the stories that they told him,
and honoured each, whatever was their place:
who let them choose to come and join his company
and learned with them God's love of every race,
who showed to each the courage of their nature
to care and tend each lonely and each suffering face.
2. Who is this man, who spoke to men of gentleness
and showed them all the children at his side:
who taught of love and justice for all people,
and took a towel and washed away their pride?
In him they saw the strength of truth and mercy,
and how he trusted God to be his guide,
knew how he led them through misunderstanding,
and then forgave them when they ran away to hide.

3. Who is this man who gathered people to him
and touched their lives along each dusty way,
who spoke to all with passion and with peacefulness
and valued all their ordinary days.
Who is this man, who at the day's long ending,
would draw apart to wait on God and pray?
Who in the mystery that knows no ending,
would find God's wisdom
and would know God's words to say?
4. Who is this man who calls us now to follow,
a shadow presence asking us to be
companions on the way through this life journey,
to live in truth, to set our tired world free?
So, let us find each other now in partnership,
with ears to hear and eyes awake to see,
that we might grow in grace and understanding,
and walk beside that man who comes from Galilee.

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

***“Nun last uns Gott dem Herrn”* by Vincent von Lübeck**

THANK YOU

to our musician today
Ephraim Wilson

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

FUNDRAISING EVENTS SERIES 2025: CONCERT 2 MARCH, 3PM

We will hold an afternoon tea following the concert on 2 March for people to meet the two young musicians, Joshua and Oscar Han from Sydney. Jack Richards, our generous sponsor, will also be there.

We would love you to bring a plate - a cake, biscuits or sandwiches or anything you feel like putting together would be great. If you can offer to help in the kitchen that would be great. Please contact Pam on pjfler@gmail.com. Don't forget to share our poster or some flyers with family and friends. These are available at the back of the church or from the office. If you want an electronic copy of the poster please let Jemma or Germaine know at office@standrews.org.nz and one of them will send it for passing on.

NOTICE FROM HEATHER-ROSE

Many people in conversation have asked me about InterPlay and Dances of Universal Peace, two community bodymindspirit practices I facilitate/cofacilitate, this month (and next) there will be opportunity to explore in Wellington:

Saturday February 22nd 1-4pm Welcome to InterPlay

Venue is the Wellington Wellness Collective Studio, Unit 5 Kilbirnie Plaza, 22 Bay Road Kilbirnie. There is onsite patrolled parking - a small fee for over 90 mins, and many buses nearby.

Comfy clothes for movement for both practices; maybe bring a cushion.

Koha welcomed.

Ngā mihi, Heather-Rose

RECYCLING AT ST ANDREW'S

Great news! We are now able to accept ALL types of plastic lids for recycling regardless of their number or lack of number. That means we now collect plastic and metal lids, Tetra Pak beverage cartons and used pens. There are containers for each sort of material in the North Vestry. I have updated the take-home information sheet about what we do and don't collect. You can pick up a new one from the desk in the North Vestry. Please make sure everything you drop off is clean and dry. Thanks for all your recycling efforts. It's really making a difference to what goes into landfill. - Anna Smith, Sustainability Group

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.**

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 Pat McGiven
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Lynette Burrell and Paul Franken
Coffee/tea	Janet Horncy, Kath Kerr and Michael Parker
Family Time	Cam Smart
Readings	Frank Hanson
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Ephraim Wilson
Service Leader	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty February 23rd

Welcoming	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Kath Kerr and Mike Wespel-Rose
Coffee/tea	Sandra and Tony Kirby, Marilyn Wallace (CG)
Family Time	Lesley Aitken
Readings	John Harper
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Service Leader	Rev. Mervyn Aitken

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday February 16th: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Congregational Conversation and Younger members' (Y) group

Sunday February 23rd: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Mervyn Aitken followed by Social Justice Education Group.

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
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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
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